

SPOTLIGHT

Send & Bulkington



Send Faulty Players' 37th annual village pantomime

THE GOLDEN GOOSE

Thurs & Fri 18th & 19th Feb at 7.30pm
Sat 20th Feb at 7pm
in Send Community Centre

Tickets £5 (£3 Seniors & Children)
From Send Shop, Brewery Inn & Community Centre
Proceeds to West Wilts Child Contact Centre

February 2016

DIARY DATES FOR LATE JANUARY

- 26th Seend Parish Council meeting, upstairs in Community Centre, 7.30pm
- 27th Brewery Inn Quiz, 8pm
- 30th Ladies & Gents Singles Skittles Competition, Community Centre, 8pm

DIARY DATES FOR FEBRUARY

- 3rd Shuttle Shopping Trip to Salisbury. Call 01225 706526 by Monday 1st to book
- 3rd Village lunch, The Well, Bulkington (call 828145)
- 3rd Seend & District Theatre Club AGM, Pavilion, 7.30pm
- 3rd Lent Course, 4 Northfields, Bulkington, 4pm (+ three more dates in March & April)
- 5th Open Evening about changes to church, 6.30-8pm
- 5th FoSS Quiz, School Hall, 7pm
- 8th Mobile Library: 9.40am Seend The Lye; 10.05am Seend Cleeve phone box; 11.05am Well Inn Car Park, Bulkington (new timetable and monthly instead of fortnightly)
- 11th Historic Houses Club AGM, Pavilion 7.30pm
- 12th Bad Hair Day for GOSH, Community Centre Lounge Bar, from 6pm
- 18th Seend WI Craft Afternoon, Pavilion, 2-4pm
- 18th 'The Golden Goose' village panto, Community Centre, 7.30pm
- 19th 'The Golden Goose' village panto, Community Centre, 7.30pm
- 20th 'The Golden Goose' village panto, Community Centre, 7pm
- 20th LAST DAY FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO MARCH SPOTLIGHT
- 21st Seend Ramblers meet 9.30am in Rusty Lane
- 24th Nosh & Natter Lunch Club, Community Centre, 12 for 12.30pm
- 24th Brewery Inn Quiz, 8pm
- 26th Journey up the Amazon, Pavilion, 7 for 7.15pm
- 28th Seend Cricket Club AGM, Community Centre, 7.45pm

DIARY DATES FOR MARCH

- 6th Café Church, Holy Cross, Seend, 11am
- 11th 'Becoming Hatty', Rural Arts Touring production, Pavilion,
- 12th Mixed Pairs Skittles competition, Community Centre, 8pm
- 12th Slide & music show for Queen's 90th birthday, Pavilion, 7.30pm
- 18th Seend School Disco, 6-8pm
- 20th Seend Ramblers walk followed by AGM c.11am
- 28th Great Bulkington Railway, 1-4.30pm

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 and remember that we now have a **facebook** page:
www.facebook.com/seendspotlight

Welcome to February 2016 Spotlight

We're not going to try to predict what the weather will be doing by the time you read this, given the wide range of meteorological conditions we've experienced so far this year! But we do predict you'll find something to interest you in the pages of this magazine.



We have news of the **Neighbourhood Plan**, **police funding**, **council bus policy**, changes to **the Good Neighbours scheme** and a chance to learn about the changes planned for **Seend Church**. For the first time, we include **Bulkington Parish Council** minutes as well as Seend PC's. **Seend Link** has been saved – now we need you to step forward to save **Seend Fete** and our membership of the **Rural Arts** scheme. Even the **cricket team** is struggling to find players – and they admit they're not fussy! See pages 3, 4 & 22. (Jo makes some very relevant points about the future of our lively villages.)

February has been **panto time** in Seend for the last 37 years; don't miss Fawltig Players' latest offering on 18th-20th in the Community Centre, with proceeds going to West Wilts Child Contact Centre. You can also enjoy **lunches and teas**, **a trip up the Amazon**, **a pub quiz**, ride the **Seend Shuttle**, show off your **catastrophic hair-do** and go for a **ramble**. And, of course, it's Valentine's Day on 14th – but these unromantic villages don't seem to be doing anything special for that. Maybe the pubs will. There are, of course, also all the usual meetings of clubs and organisations from Poetry Group to Gardening Club (not by any means mutually exclusive!). See reports in the magazine or the inside back cover for contact details.

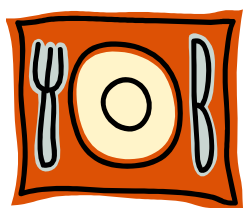
Last but not least, congratulations to **Seend School** for being in the top 10 in the country – see the school report on p.16.

Spotlight Contacts: Contributions for the March 2016 edition (copy by Saturday February 20th) can be mailed to spotlight@seend.org.uk or delivered to Seend Post Office. Editors: Tessa Doe (01380 828617) and Sue Isaac (828461). Joanna Goddard (828488) organises printing Mondays (more volunteers welcome). Juli Wilfort types up the items left at Seend PO. Fiona Johnson is the contact for delivery (828401) and Chris Brooker (828047) for advertising.

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PDFs: We cannot normally use PDF files of posters etc as they require a specific shape and space. Word documents give us the flexibility to adapt your wording and pictures to fit the space available. Thanks.

Village events in February and beyond



Nosh and Natter Lunch Club

in Seend Community Centre

Only £5 for two courses!

Wednesday 24th February - 12 for 12.30pm

Please call 01380 828638 to book your place.

Bad Hair Day!

Wear your most catastrophic hair to the Members' Lounge in the Community Centre and raise money for Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children. Prize for best!

Suggested entry donation: £2

Friday 12th February from 6pm



Annual Skittles Competitions in Seend Community Centre

Singles - (ladies and gents) - Saturday 30th January

Mixed Pairs – Saturday 12th March

from 8pm. All welcome! Call Paul on 07486 447604 to book.

Entry fee goes toward PRIZES!



JOURNEY up the AMAZON

A delicious South American style supper and illustrated tales of an Amazon Adventure by Rev'd Maureen Allchin

The Pavilion, Rusty Lane, Seend

Friday 26th February 2016, 7:00 pm for 7:15 pm

Tickets £12:50 in advance please from

Tina 827139 Angela 828609 and Seend Post Office

Licensed Bar

In aid of Church Funds



Seend Fawltly Players' 37th annual village pantomime

'The Golden Goose'

Thursday 18th & Friday 19th February at 7.30pm & Saturday 20th February at 7pm

in Seend Community Centre

Tickets £5 (£3 Seniors and Children) from Seend Shop/PO, The Brewery Inn and Seend Community Centre



**The Award winning Proteus Theatre Company presents
"BECOMING HATTIE"**

**at the Irene Usher Pavilion, Rusty Lane, Seend SN12 6NN on
7.30pm Friday 11th March 2016 Tickets - £8/Concessions £7**

Suitable for 15+

It's 1974 and 8-year-old Jo is snuggled up on the settee in her flammable polyester nightie, watching the family's first colour TV. Sykes is on, and there, on the screen is woman unlike anyone Jo has ever seen. That woman is Hattie Jacques!

Forty years on and Jo has followed in Hattie's footsteps. But why is she cast as the nurse, never the surgeon? And why is she too fat to play Lady Macbeth?

Thoughtful, funny, warm and nostalgic, this one-woman show takes an affectionate look at the life and career of a remarkable woman, and a witty caustic look at modern day show business. The audience will be seated "café style", so please feel free to bring your own nibbles and wine and make up a party! This event is provided by Rural Arts Wiltshire.

**Contact for tickets – Seend Post Office 01380 828250
or Penny England 01380 828949**



Brewery Inn Fun Quiz

Wednesday February 24th at 8pm – all welcome.

**Change of date: The Community Centre Grand Spring Quiz will be on April 2nd,
not March 19th as previously advertised**



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

THANK YOU

I should like to thank all my many friends and acquaintances for their kindness following the death of my Daughter, Bryony. The volume of sympathy, good wishes and offers of help have been quite overwhelming and have been a lifeline to keep me going during this very difficult time. I am truly grateful to you all. Thank you again.

Roger Brind

For information about traffic arrangements at **Baldham Bridge**, please see on the village website: www.seend.org.uk

Rural Arts - Message from Penny England and Jo Waldeck

Penny and Jo have been organising **Rural Arts** events in Seend for number of years. Perhaps the most successful being "Buffalo Gals" last year with an very appreciative audience of over 150 people. However, due to other commitments, this year's show will be the last performance that Penny and Jo will promote. So, if we would like these events to continue, we need someone else to take over as the village promoter. If you are interested, or know someone who might be, please contact Penny 01380828949 or Jo 01380828946 to find out more about it.

NEWS from the SEEND PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

We start 2016 with a lot of work ahead of us. The first Committee meeting of the year took place on 13th January when our responses to Wiltshire Council's various questions as to our preparedness for the job were finalised: we hope they will be satisfied and will proceed to appoint a Link Officer who is charged with helping us manage the process, which is likely to take two years to complete.

Seend Parish Neighbourhood Plan Group (formerly Seend Parish Plan Steering Group) seeks to produce a plan, which will address specific issues in our parish relating to:

- Community Buildings
- Business and Employment
- Environment and conservation areas
- Traffic
- Green living and wellbeing
- Housing and land use.

Delivering the Rural Housing Needs Survey to all households will be the next task, whilst simultaneously a sub-group will work up a more general survey covering various aspects of life in this village. We already have a group working on aspects of road safety, and further groups will form as they are needed.

Please do take a look at the website www.seendparishplan.org where you will find the names of the Committee members and links to further information about this process.

Carola Thorpe on behalf of the S.P.N.P.G.

SEEND FETE, VOLUNTEERING AND VILLAGE LIFE

As it currently stands, this year will be the first year in decades when there will be no Seend Fete. But it's not too late. We need one or more people to come forward to organise it, but there is loads of help and support already in place so it's not a mammoth task and you can make the event whatever you want it to be, big or small. Please give me a call on 07866 516020 if you'd like to find out more. I'm really happy to chat and I promise I won't apply any pressure!

I've been heavily involved in organising the fete for the last five years (chair for the last two) and this, as well as helping with other village events, has highlighted to me the incredible effort that a group of community-minded people put in to make this village the lively place it is. Some people have put this effort in over decades. The thing is, unless more residents come forward to help continue the old village traditions then they'll stop happening. So if you'd like our village to remain the fabulous place it is then how about doing a bit of volunteering. It really is incredibly rewarding and good fun.

Many thanks and best wishes, Jo McManus

Important Changes Affecting Your Church

You will recall from earlier items in Spotlight that the PCC has plans to make changes in Seend Church - the most significant historical building in our local community. These are the first major changes to the building in the last 100 years.

Please come along to the

Open Evening on 5th February between 6.30pm and 8pm

to find out more over some light refreshments. When the Seend appraisal was carried out a few years ago over 80% of respondents said the church was important or very important to them so please come along and show your interest and support.

There is a leaflet inside this issue of Spotlight that has some further information, or check out the page in the Seend website under Church Plans.

Churchwardens

SEEND LINK SCHEME

The Seend Link is a team of volunteers who help the community by offering transport and good neighbour services to people in need, by providing access to essential services and social activities that enable them to maintain an independent and enjoyable life style. The scheme is run by volunteers from within the community who carry out transport tasks at the request of the Link Scheme Coordinator.

With effect the 26th November 2015 a new committee was put in place comprising:

Chairman	Mr Chris Gosling
Secretary	Mrs Jean Gosling
Coordinator	Mr David Hawkins
Treasurer	Mr Jo Hardstaff
	Mrs Lynette Thornton with effect 1 st April 2016
Recruiting Officer	Mrs Jill Owen

The Seend Link Scheme is still desperate for more volunteers to provide transport (expenses provided) and good neighbour services to our local community. Currently we are only able to provide transport service however; with the assistance of more volunteers we hope to be able to provide other basic services to our community in the future. If you are able to give some of your time to support the Seend Link Scheme you would be most welcome.

For more information or to volunteer please contact the Secretary on 07505186095

To request transport support services please contact the Coordinator on 07532055560.

Thank you and regards, Chris Gosling, Chairman Seend Link

SEEND LINK ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

**The Seend Link AGM will take place in the Seend Pavilion
on the 14th April at 7 pm. All are welcome to attend.**

MORE THANK YOUs

A HUGE thank you to all of you who supported the **Christmas bingo** this year, a great night was had, some big prizes and a busy night too! We raised a total of £290.45 for Seend Community Centre. I must also thank Kevin Waylen and Wayne Sainsbury for their help throughout the evening, much appreciated. I am also very grateful to all those who kindly donated raffle prizes, Jackie Hamblin, Seend Community Centre, Jenny Dalton, Jeanette Von Berg, Strike A Pose Photography, JF Chimney Sweeping Services, Forever living with Charlotte, Beechfield Beauty, Christie Miller, Melksham Blue Pool, Whitehall Garden Centre, Curves Gym and Chapel Vets. Hope to see you on Saturday 10th December for this year's bingo!

Jay Shellard.

Thank you to all who attended the **carols concert on 17th December at Cleeve House** in aid of Wiltshire Young Carers and for your generosity to this excellent and local charity. Your donations amounted to £155– a very good result indeed.

Bob

A big thank you to everyone who came to and/or supported the **County Fair in Market Lavington Community Hall** on 14th November. The Fair raised an excellent total of £854 for ABF The Soldiers' Charity. This money will help a lot of serving and former soldiers and their families who are in need.

Sue Bonney

CHURCH AND CHAPEL NEWS

The View from My Window.....

.....seems to have been wet, wet, wet, or is that the name of a pop group? We have a stream that runs through our garden, and so every day I have been anxiously viewing its rise and fall. So far so good.

It's hard to remember that the amount of water is finite. Looking at the weather map has been like looking at a drowning country, more blue than anything else with splashes of yellow, however its always dangerous to write about the weather, for by the time you read this we will probably be basking in glorious sunshine, with all the rain forgotten.

It's amazing how much we do forget after the event, particularly things to be thankful for, as we just get on with our daily routine. Think of all those people who cry out to Almighty God when they are in extreme distress, maybe on a ship, or on a mountain, and their lives are in danger. It's common knowledge that most people do cry out, and so I wonder is that a deep seated cry from the heart to their creator, or is it just a natural instinct or is that the same thing? Whichever, nearly everyone does just that, and yet, when safety is returned to, I think most people just carry on with their lives. (I would love to be proved wrong by the way, so do let me know). When I take services in church I often wonder - where is everyone? We have lovely faithful, enthusiastic, thoughtful members in our congregations, and I think we all take our faith out into the world. But I think surely we all need help, whether church goes or

not. Surely we all need time to think, and to be inspired and to ponder the big questions in life. Surely we all need the comfort and friendship, fellowship if you like, of other people.

I nearly threw a book at the radio the other day, because there was a programme about loneliness and how to handle it (so many people are lonely for one reason or another) and there was not one response about the value of meeting people in church. Even if I didn't believe anything, I think I would still go to church, because it's so nice to be surrounded by people who are friendly and willing to talk. (Again, if you disagree, let me know!) The people are friendly because they come to church to hear good news, not bad. Maybe that's the problem; newspapers only sell bad news. I wonder why we don't seem to be interested in good news. Well I am. And every week I preach about good news - and it really is the best news ever, and the antidote to loneliness - that Almighty God, who you cried out to in your distress, is there for you to cry out to in your happiness, and the reason we don't need to be lonely is that God loves us, all of us. Come and find out for yourselves.....

The Revd. Jane Knowles, retired priest

THE BENEFICE OF SEEND, BULKINGTON AND POULSHOT CHURCH SERVICES IN FEBRUARY 2016

You are welcome to worship at any of the services in any of the churches in the Benefice. There is something for everyone!



Sunday 7th February.

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| 8.00am | Holy Communion (Traditional) at Seend.
<i>A short and reflective traditional service</i> |
| 9.15am | Parish Eucharist (Common Worship) at Poulshot
<i>A modern language communion service</i> |
| 11.00am | Morning Praise at Seend
<i>A lively service, without communion, for all the family</i> |
| 6.00pm | Evening Prayer at Bulkington (Traditional)
<i>A gentle, reflective, traditional evening service</i> |

ASH WEDNESDAY 10th February 2016: 7.30pm at St. Matthew's Church, Rowde
A service where all the Cluster of churches will meet to begin their Lenten journey.

Sunday 14th February.

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| 9.15am | Parish Eucharist (Common Worship) at Seend |
| 11.00am | Parish Eucharist (Common Worship) at Bulkington |
| 6.00pm | Evensong (Traditional) at Poulshot |

Sunday 21st February.

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| 8.00am | Holy Communion (Traditional) at Seend |
| 9.15am | Morning Praise at Bulkington. |
| 11.00am | Parish Eucharist (Traditional) at Poulshot
<i>A traditional service of Holy Communion</i> |
| 6.00pm | Evensong (Traditional) at Seend
<i>A gentle, reflective, traditional evening service.</i> |

Sunday 28th February.

9.15am Matins (Traditional) at Poulshot
A traditional service of Morning Prayer
11.00am Parish Eucharist at Seend.
6.00pm Parish Eucharist at Bulkington

Every Tuesday at 9.00am

a short Benefice service of Matins (Trad.) at Poulshot church

Every Thursday at 9.00am

Morning Prayer at 4 Northfields, Bulkington.

From the Registers

Baptisms – we welcome:

Rufus Crossman on 27th December at Holy Cross, Seend

Funerals – we pray for the families of:

Ivor Parrock on 7th January at Christ Church Bulkington

**The church hosted Bulkington Village Lunch Club takes place
on Wednesday, 3rd February 2016 at The Well.**

This is a wonderful 2 or 3 course meal (with menu choices), for a good price with great company! Contact Jane Coles in advance for the menu (828145). New people are always welcome to join us from Seend, Bulkington and Poulshot + friends



THE BENEFICE LENT COURSE 2016

The 2016 LENT COURSE for all the Benefice will be held at 4 Northfields, Bulkington (SN10 1SE) from 4.00-5.30pm.

The theme will be based on the poems of T.S. Eliot
Wednesdays February 3rd, March 2nd, March 16th and April 6th
Each session will end with Compline and all are welcome.



Café Church for Mothering Sunday

on Sunday 6th March 2016 at 11am at Seend

Singing, stories and activities for all the families in the villages of Seend, Bulkington and Poulshot.

On Tuesday, 23rd February at 7pm the Venerable Sue Groom will be licensed as the new Archdeacon for our area. The service will be held at St. John's Church, Devizes and all are welcome.

Seend Bell Ringers WW1 Remembrance



Seend Bell Ringers will ring quarterly through until early 2019, to commemorate those who fell during WW1 from within the benefice of Seend, Bulkington and Poulshot. A list is on display at the entrance to the vestry in the Church of the Holy Cross in Seend showing all 67 names, military service detail, cemetery and where possible, information on local family connections.

This quarter they will ring on **Sunday 14th FEB at 6.30pm** in remembrance of:-

LESLIE, Hugh	Corporal, 2nd Battalion, Wiltshire Regiment	Age 24
SEWARD, Harry	Private, 2nd Battalion, Rhodesia Regiment	Age 33

SEEND METHODIST CHURCH

Services for February 2016

14 th Feb	10a.m.	Rev Wendy Tucker
28 th Feb	10a.m.	To be arranged – please see noticeboard

Everyone welcome at any service.

Thank you , Anne Salter

BULKINGTON NEWS

THANK YOU

Ann and Jo would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their support during Ivor's long illness with cancer, and for all the beautiful cards, flowers and messages of Sympathy you have sent us.

We would also like to thank The Revd. Maureen Allchin for the two beautiful services.

Heartfelt thanks, Ann and Jo (Parrock)

The Mobile Library will be visiting the car-park of The Well in Bulkington on Monday, 8th February 2016 from 11.05-11.30 at The Well. Please support this.

THE TEA AND CHAT SOCIAL GROUP

will meet on the Monday, 1st February 2016 at 46a Bulkington (Phyl Yarde – 828116) from 2.00 – 4.00. Bring your own craft item or leave it at home and just come and chat!



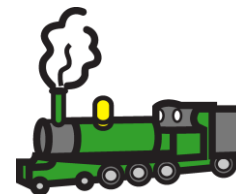
ROYAL BRITISH LEGION BULKINGTON

The 2015 Poppy Appeal was the most successful ever in the Village. The House-to-house collection, the Hall, the Remembrance Sunday Church collection and the Parish Council donation for their wreath produced a grand total of £447

A wonderful effort, grateful thanks to all who contributed.

David Raby-Cox

GREAT BULKINGTON RAILWAY



Train Lovers – The next scheduled Open Days on the GBR will be Easter Monday 28th March and August Bank Holiday Monday 29th August from 1300 hrs to 1630 hrs. Don't forget to bring Grandad! All rides cost a pound - all profits to Wiltshire Air Ambulance. Bulkington Village Hall can be hired for children's parties together with two hours of train rides for only £110.

We are presently looking to recruit a couple of responsible volunteer signalman (M or F) minimum age 15 years to join our team for occasional weekend duties. (Full training will be given).

Contact Nev Boulton 01380 828 101

BULKINGTON 100+ CLUB – GRAND CHRISTMAS DRAW

Bulkington 100+ Club GRAND CHRISTMAS DRAW took-place on Wednesday 2nd December at the Bulkington Lunch at The Well.

Our winners for this draw were:

£75:	08: Simon Oliphant
£50:	09: Felicity Price
£30:	57: Steve Kerlake
£20:	52: Gina Grainger.



Congratulations to our winners and our thanks to all members for their continued support. Our next draw will take-place in early February.

We wish all our members – and everyone else – a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

David Whiteley, Bulkington 100+ Club

BULKINGTON VILLAGE HALL

Our little Hall reflects the season: the New Year welcomes beginnings and endings. The latter, sadly, was the celebration of Ivor Parrock's life following his funeral at Christ Church. Beginnings included the start of the final stage of the Hall's refurbishments and repairs. After the major project to reduce the levels of humidity which were slowly destroying the building, the walls have dried out well. Our painter, Mr Grist, has begun to put the final touches to the main hall. No more peeling paint, we hope, and an altogether better, healthier venue for our renters. Once the painting is finished, we look forward to seeing more events taking place in our Hall. All that remains is for me to wish YOU a Happy, Healthy New Year! Thank you for your help and a Happy New Year to you both.

Angela Read, Chairman.

LONG MAY SHE REIGN OVER US!

Come to the Pavilion in Seend on Saturday 12th March at 7.30pm. Michael Gamble will be giving a brilliant presentation in slides and music celebrating the Queen's life, in time for her 90th birthday.

Price £8 to include a Ploughman's Supper. There will be a raffle and bar. All profits to Bulkington Church to go towards their recent ceiling repairs.



BULKINGTON LADIES GROUP

Our festive meal in the Village Hall was a great success, with a fine selection of cold meats, paté, baked potatoes and salads, followed by delicious puddings. Thanks to everyone who came bearing gifts and to Marion who brought a table quiz for our amusement.

It was decided that as Anne Saywell is away for our January meeting, she will ask her friend Jo Fawcett to come with her pat dog in February instead. The meeting will be on Thursday 25th February at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. There will be the usual raffle and light refreshments. All are welcome. Please encourage your friends and neighbours to come along. The meeting on 28th January will be a planning meeting.

Liz Futter 828485

Angela Read 828925

BULKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

These notes are from the draft minutes of the Parish Council (PC) meeting of 25th November 2015, which may not yet have been ratified.

Present Cllr Mrs S Oliphant (Chair), Cllrs S Barratt, O Coles, Mrs C Crawford, G Elliott and C Ogilvie , Cllr J Seed (Wiltshire Council) part, 1 member of the public – Mr Bennett.

OPEN FORUM

Fracking: Cllr Seed summarised Wiltshire Council's response to consultation. Chairman asked for a copy which will be published on the Village Website when available. PC will arrange a Village meeting so that Villagers can make up their own minds about this important issue.

Area Board Grants: Are still available

Letter from Mr Bennett: There followed a long discussion of blocking of footpaths and the correct specification of stiles. The Chairman agreed with the suggestion that the Parish Council should write to all landowners with footpaths and remind them of their obligations.

Mr Bennett was keen to ensure that the matter is escalated to Wiltshire Council. Mr Bennett clarified his complaint about the PC's failures in integrity and clarity - the PC is not objective because it does not always insist that non-financial interests be declared. He wants land ownership in relation to footpaths clearly stated; he will inform the Chairman of the exact details. Regarding the matter of the casual vacancies, the Chairman will respond in writing to Mr Bennett.

AGENDA

For Agenda items 1-5 please see the full minutes.

4. Reports, Correspondence

* **Police:** No crimes reported in Bulkington, but general watchfulness advised.

* **Speeding In Bulkington:** Chairman is working with other Villages to gain a share of a SID to monitor traffic speed as Wiltshire Council will no longer operate “speed indicators” in villages. She has also asked the Area Board for a Metro Count. Speed limit stickers for domestic refuse bins have arrived and will need to be distributed to individual houses.

* **C20 safety improvement initiative:** No update on progress from Worton.

* **Additional bins near footpaths:** Wiltshire Council have confirmed that they are unable to provide additional bins, that if the PC purchases one they will have to fund the emptying themselves and further that any damaged bins will be removed and not replaced.

Cllr Coles offered to replace the post supporting the bin by BULK 8.

Cllr Coles volunteered his skip for refuse collection.

Meeting agreed with Cllr Mrs Crawford to wait until summer to see if the situation improves.

* **Spotlight:** SPOTLIGHT are happy to carry a summary of PC Minutes.

* **LINK Scheme:** Seend scheme does cover Bulkington. There is 1 volunteer driver in Bulkington. Seend LINK has no requests from Bulkington.

Cllr Ogilvie will put details including the coordinator's telephone number on the website.

* **Highways changes:** Newsletter expected in December, Cllr Ogilvie will put information and the "App" for reporting problems on the website.

5. S.137 Local Government Act 1972

No new Application received.

6. Finance: Progress against Budget as expected.

Please see full minutes for details of Parish Council expenditure and budget.

7. William Breach Centenary Playing Field:

* RoSPA – a committee of two does not provide enough resource to deal with outstanding issues from the recent report and there has been a lack of volunteers at maintenance events.

Serious consideration must now be given to increasing the precept to cover the cost of a maintenance contractor. In the short term this could be funded by the Playing Field who have £1,500.

Cllr Barratt volunteered to do minor jobs himself, and to ask around for someone for bigger repairs – Cllr Mrs Crawford said that any repair needing a professional could be paid for out of PF funds. Cllr Ogilvie suggested an Area Board grants. Meeting agreed to review once essential maintenance has been undertaken.

* Cllr Mrs Crawford reported a successful Fireworks evening – 392 attended, a profit of £570 and lots of new volunteers for the event.

8. Planning: No Application or Wiltshire Council decision received.

9. Any Other Business:

* Cllr Mrs Crawford shared complaints about low-flying helicopters and will refer complainants to the Brize Norton Website..

* Cllr Ogilvie will attend a Melksham Emergency Planning Workshop on 3rd December, 5.30-7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 9.25pm.

Full copies of the minutes can be found on the PC notice board as well as www.bulkington.org.uk

SEEND CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS



AT THE HEART OF
OUR COMMUNITY

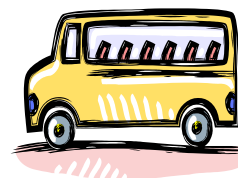
SEEND COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

www.seendcommunitycentre.com – bookings 07703 814111

See the enclosed copy of ‘Happenings!’ for all our news of past and future events – including a special offer on Seend Club membership.

SEEND SHUTTLE COMMUNITY BUS

During the time the Seend Cleeve canal bridge is closed, the drivers will do their best to stick to the timetable but they will obviously have to go the long way round.



Seend Shuttle Shopping Trip to Salisbury on Wednesday, 3rd February

Names please to Rex or Jan Gudge on 01225 706526 to book seat on the first shopping trip of the year by Monday, 1st Feb

100+ CLUB DRAW

The results of the Lye Field 100+ Club draw for November are as follows:-

£35.00	No. 125	Mr M Manser
£30.00	No. 202	Mrs S Ewin
£25.00	No. 120	Mr D Park
£20.00	No. 119	Mr H Prolze
£15.00	No. 043	Lady C Thorpe
£10.00	No. 036	Mr L Warren



The 100+ Club Draw for December took place in the Pavilion on the 16th December 2015. The results were as follows:

Miss J Salter	No. 057	£35
Mr A McMillan	No. 003	£30
Mrs J Hawkins	No. 005	£25
Mrs E Briggs	No. 143	£20
Mr M Manser	No. 125	£15
Mrs J Field	No. 179	£10

Congratulations to all the winners.

Karen Cubberley, Seend Lye Field Committee



SEEND HISTORIC HOUSES CLUB

A reminder to all members that our AGM is on **Thursday 11th February**, in the Pavilion at 7-30pm. The talk is by Tony Fivash of the Melksham Historical Association; the subject the history of Melksham. This should be very interesting indeed - we shall at last know something about the town we all so often visit. There will be liquid refreshment, and the enjoyable evening as usual. Subs will be payable for this year. I look forward to seeing you all on the night.

Tony Ewin



SEEND AND DISTRICT THEATRE CLUB

The Theatre Cub AGM will take place in the Pavilion, Rusty Lane on Wednesday 3rd February at 7.30pm. There will be a report on last year's activities, and the chance to join this very popular club for the year, so please bring along cash to pay your sub (less than £5)– a snip for all the benefits of theatre tickets at reduced prices and none of the hassle of booking seats, driving and parking, often in the dark. You also get entertainment by a popular local artiste and a free glass of wine or two to enjoy with convivial friends. Please do come along and bring anyone else who would like to join us.

Sylvia Ewin

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

This month we publish another poem written by pupils of the 2014 Sycamore Class at Seend School. This one is called **5,4,3,2,1, Attack** and was written by **Thomas Smith**.

5 minutes to go, before we had to charge at the enemy line,
5 minutes to go, before we had to face certain death,
5 minutes to go, until we had to go over the top.

4 minutes to go, the blood was rushing to my head,
4 minutes to go, heart pounding, short of breath,
4 minutes to go until we had to go over the top.

3 minutes to go, scared to the bone,
3 minutes to go, terror of death,
3 minutes to go, until we had to go over the top.

2 minutes to go, paralysed,
2 minutes to go, rooted to the ground with fear,
2 minutes to go, until we had to go over the top.

1 minute to go, stone dead,
1 minute to go, frozen in time,
1 minute to go, until we went over the top,

0 minutes to go, no one can save me now,
0 minutes to go, already dead,
0 minutes to go, time to go over the top.



Date to Remember

The next Committee meeting will be held in the Kennet Room in the Community Centre on Thursday 12th April 2016 commencing at 1930 hours.

Roger Brind

SEEND WI

The speaker at our January meeting was Anne Ewing, with a very interesting illustrated talk entitled '10 things you may not know about Seend'. We will all be looking more closely at the many fascinating old buildings in the village.

On Wednesday 10th February our speaker will be John Girvan who will be talking about 'Doing Time in Wiltshire', with information about county prisons, lock ups and executions in Wiltshire!

The next Craft Afternoon is on Thursday 18th February, 2-4pm in the Pavilion. You don't need to be a member of the WI to take part.

Our meetings take place in the Pavilion, Rusty Lane, Seend at 7.30pm on the second Wednesday of the month unless otherwise notified. For information please contact Gill Acornley on 01225 707218 or check the website www.seendwi.weebly.com

SEEND AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

Happy New Year, gardeners and non-gardeners, which should include most of you. I did suggest to the Chairman that we might do well to hold the Spring Bulb competition in January this year. Very strange! I'm also taking bets for the date of the next hosepipe ban...



Our January meeting featured a talk by Tom Hartley of the Soil Association - did you know that 2015 was the International Year of the Soil? You may have missed it. Tom talked very enthusiastically on his subject 'Who's Living in Your Soil?' and introduced us to the vast range of activity going on in the world that we take for granted beneath our feet in the garden, all of which manages to maintain a well-balanced environment despite our best efforts to mess it up. Among his many photographs was one of a fungus defending itself against a terrifying marauding nematode worm by means of a lasso-like trap, which then enabled it to extract all the delicious nutrients from its potential invader. This was utterly alarming for those of a nervous disposition until the scale revealed that the nematode pictured was less than one twentieth of a millimetre in length - or, in old money, jolly small. The competition - 'Nature in Your Garden' - was won by Sue Johns with her photo of an Elephant Hawk Moth caterpillar.

Tuesday, 9th February, is our next meeting - **7.30 p.m.**, in the **Irene Usher Pavilion, Rusty Lane**, as usual - when Marcel Floyd comes to talk to us about 'Climbers' - not mountaineering, you understand. The competition subject is 'Winter Flowers' - if there are any left.

If you're interested there's still time to join us on our trips - 14th June for an evening garden visit in Devizes, followed by a pub supper at The Crown, and also 9th July for our day trip to Hestercombe House and Gardens in Somerset - call Carole or me on **01380 871259** if you're interested.

Tim



SEEND & DISTRICT RAMBLERS

On **Sunday 13th December**, 16 ramblers completed a six-mile circular walk commencing from Bradford-on-Avon Station car park, taking in the K&A Canal and River Avon, with woods and fields around the area and some fascinating industrial archaeology. What excitement to see a kingfisher on the canal bank and in no great hurry to fly off! Our thanks to Geraldine and Brian who led this walk.

On rather a dank **Sunday morning, 17th January**, 19 ramblers met for the 3.75 mile walk. Starting from Neston Lodge, we proceeded on muddy tracks through fields and woods to the hamlet of Gastard, passing Boyd's Farm and Monks Park. Despite the damp, we were all in good spirits. Thanks to Colin Waldeck for his leadership.

The next walk is Sunday 21st February. Meet in Rusty Lane for a 9.30am departure. Details are incomplete at the time of writing. Ring leaders Reg Cox and Wendy Miller on 01249 652422 nearer the time.

The Annual Meeting is on Sunday 20th March in the Irene Usher Pavilion, preceded by a local walk. More details in March 'Spotlight'.

Lin Salter - 01225 706451

SEEND SCHOOL NEWS



Happy New Year from Seend Primary School! Everyone has returned well rested from the holidays and are keen to start learning about their new topics.

The new topic in Holly Class is 'Winter.' The children will be learning all the about the different animals that live in colder countries as well as observing what happens in winter and how to stay safe. In Oak Class, the children will be learning all about cities and what features cities have.

Chestnut Class will be learning all about their local area by going out and about around the village. The children will also be looking at maps, and thinking about the facilities around Seend which are available. In Sycamore Class the children will be journeying across Europe to try and understand 'What makes Greece an ideal holiday destination?' and 'Which was better: Athenian brain or Spartan brawn?'

During the first week of term, all children were set the challenge of learning a new skill! This follows on from our learning on what it means to have a growth mindset – now it's time to see who has a growth mindset! There's a range of new skills being learnt, from knot tying to magic tricks! Children are being encouraged to record their learning journey, particularly if they've had to bounce back after some setbacks. We can't wait to see some of these new skills at the end of term!

An amazing amount of money - a little short of £1500 - was raised at the Christmas Fair which beat the previous year's total. Huge thanks must go to all of the members of FoSS and all those parents and supporters who helped by sending stuff in, attending the event

and clearing up afterwards. Already we have ordered some outside resources for Oak Class to brighten up their learning environment.

We must also thank FoSS and a large group of skilled and generous parents for their hard work in putting up a covered area outside of Holly Class. Now the reception children have yearlong access to the outside, whatever the weather.

Lastly, we were delighted to hear the news that we were listed in the Daily Telegraph as being in the top 10 performing schools in the country, based on last year's Yr 6 SATs results. Whilst there is so much more to Seend School than tests results, it is still great news to hear that the hard work of the children and staff has resulted in these outstanding results!

Nicola Coleman, Deputy Headteacher



Christmas Fayre

A HUGE thank you to everyone who was involved in the School Christmas Fayre – Jenna the Chairman and all her helpers, the FoSS Committee, the members of staff, the stall holders, the sponsors, and all who supported us on the night. We made a fantastic, record-breaking profit of nearly £1500. Thank you very much indeed.

This money will be used to pay for the new covered area outside Holly Class, an activity day in Marc for the entire School, plus updating the area outside Oak Class. Any money left over will be put towards the big project of 2016 – an all-weather path around the School playing field.

Date for your diary: the 2016 Christmas Fayre will be held on Friday 2nd December.

School Quiz Night – Friday 5th February

Next event in the calendar is the return of the ever-popular quiz night on Friday 5th February, at 7pm in the School Hall. Our Quiz Master Catherine Cooper will provide 10 rounds of questions with something for all! There will be a licensed bar plus cheese, pate and nibbles on your table, and prizes for the winning team, the runner-up, and the Best Team Name. It promises to be a fun evening. Tickets, £5 per person, are available from the School Office or Victoria Bowes. Maximum of eight people per team. Tickets are limited so don't delay in buying your tickets.

School Disco – Friday 18th March

The next event for the children is the Spring Disco on Friday 18th March, 6-8pm. More details for parents nearer the time.

Seend Pantomime Raffle – Friday 18th February

We will be organising the raffle at the Friday performance of the pantomime. If you have any unwanted Christmas presents, or any raffle prizes, please do drop them into School. Thank you.

Street Party to celebrate the Queen's Birthday – Sunday 12th June



It is still months away but we are beginning to plan for our “Street Party” which will be on the School Playground (no road closures involved). More details in due course but those of us who are organising it are drawing on our memories of the 1977 Silver Jubilee celebrations for our inspiration. Think - red, white and blue, the National Anthem, bunting, sandwiches, cakes and big pots of tea, and a party for the children.

Thank you, Mel Steel & Victoria Bowes

SEEND PLAYGROUP NEWS

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Christmas activities and made them such happy occasions for our children and families.

This term we are learning about colours and having fun with board games, musical mats and messing about with paints. We have made red post boxes, written ourselves a letter, and walked to the local Post Office to post our letters with a blue stamp on them. Fortunately it was not raining that day.

Our half term holiday is the week beginning 15th February. On Saturday 20th February the Playgroup is organizing the raffle at the local pantomime in the Community Centre. If you have anything suitable for a raffle prize, please bring it to Playgroup the week before half term. It will be much appreciated. The pantomime is always good fun and very good value for money. It starts at 7pm on the Saturday evening and there are special seats for children at the front, so please bring the whole family and have a good time.

Liz Futter (Playleader) 828485

SEEND PARISH COUNCIL

N.B. These notes are from the draft minutes of Parish Council meetings, and may not yet have been ratified.

The meeting held on **Tuesday 24th November 2015** was attended by ten Councillors with Mr J Padfield in the chair. Apologies received from Cllr J Seed; also present members of the public.

Co-option of new Parish Councillor: There were four candidates for one vacancy for co-option to the Parish Council – Dr Pamela Akerman, Mrs Anita Heatley, Mrs Yvette Rowe and Mrs Carola Thorpe. All candidates had supplied a short CV which had been circulated to Parish Councillors prior to the meeting and gave a short presentation to Councillors. Candidates then left the room whilst a discussion took place. Votes were then cast by paper ballot, and Mrs Heatley was declared duly elected. The Chairman thanked all four candidates for standing for co-option.

Cllr Seed was unable to attend the meeting, but had emailed the Clerk to advise the outcome of the **Parish Boundary Review** meeting held earlier in the day at County Hall. The vote had gone in favour of Seend retaining the land and area of Giles Wood

within the parish of Seend. Councillors expressed their gratitude for the advice and assistance afforded by Cllr Seed in dealing with this issue.

The Chairman thanked Mr Murch and Mr Rigg for their work on the PC response for the review meeting. The question of the emptying of litter bins at the picnic site by Melksham Without PC was discussed. It was agreed to contact Melksham WO to find out how they empty the bins, and the cost; this matter to then come back to the next meeting in January.

The **traffic diversion** in place in Seend Cleeve, because of the works to the canal bridge, was discussed. There have been complaints about the signage, and also vehicles accessing Pelch Lane, despite No Entry signs at the top of the lane. The Clerk to contact Paul Kelly, C&RT, to ask that the sign referring to The Barge Inn being open is replaced with one detailing all businesses along Seend Cleeve; that No Entry signs are placed at the top and bottom of Perry's Lane (access for residents only); the lay-by on the A361 to the west of The Stocks was supposed to have an area coned off, this has not been done. Finally, Pelch Lane to be one way from Pelch Barn, 56A Seend Cleeve to the top of the lane where it emerges onto Bolland's Hill.

Winter Snow Preparations – Email received from Sally Oliphant, Chair of Bulkington PC, to advise that they no longer wanted to be included in the proposal. The Clerk to liaise with the Chairman and Mr Wiltshire, to ensure that the selected grit spreader was a suitable model to use with Mr Wiltshire's tractor, and then order.

Telephone box in Seend Cleeve – This has now been renovated and is looking much smarter, and contains shelves of books for a book exchange. The Clerk to write to Mrs Honeybone to thank her and other volunteers for undertaking this refurbishment.

High Street crossing – The new contractors for Wiltshire Council would not be known until the New Year. In the meantime, the Clerk to contact Ed Bodman and Phil Dyke to obtain quotes for the proposed work.

Parking, Spout Lane – Mark Evans, C&RT, to be invited to the January meeting.

Allotments – The hedges have now been trimmed, and the invoice received.

Freight Requests – Cllr Seed has advised by email that he has met with the freight management team. The re-routing of all freight from the A361 to the A365 will not happen. However, the team are looking at ensuring that there is no imbalance of freight onto the A361; they are also looking at signage.

Worton PC and C20 proposals – An email had been sent to Worton PC to suggest meeting to discuss the C20, no response received to date. The Clerk to send Worton PC Clerk's details to Dr Knott.

Neighbourhood Plan – Wiltshire Council has been advised that Seend is undertaking a Neighbourhood Plan.

Railings at pinch point – Email sent to Highways, awaiting a response.

Defibrillation unit in village – The Clerk had contacted Dr Jackson, who responded by email with a link to the Faculty of Sport & Exercise Medicine about external defibs in public places, suggesting that the ideal place would be near where people congregate. On the wall outside the Community Centre available to those within and

to anyone on the tennis courts or playing fields would be a good option. It would also be nearby for the Fête, the biggest congregation of people in Seend each year.

If a second was available it would probably be good to have it somewhere accessible in Seend Cleeve. The British Heart Foundation has part funded these in the past. An advert in Clerks & Councils Direct magazine gives costs as £825 + VAT (internal) or £1395 (external). It was suggested that village sports clubs may want to help with fund-raising. The Clerk to contact the BHF for more information.

Notice Board outside the Post Office - The Clerk to ask Martin Smith to fix a small hasp and padlock to the right-hand side of the board, with the Clerk to hold the key.

Neighbourhood Plan Update - Mrs A' Bear said that, following agreement by the PC that Seend should go ahead with a Neighbourhood Plan, the Planning Group held their first meeting last week, and they will now start to complete paperwork. She said that local villages are in various stages with their individual NPs; Holt has now gone to consultation. The Group's next meeting will be held on 10 December.

Operation of services passed to Parish Councils - It was noted that Wiltshire Council were implementing cuts to services, due to a reduction in their budget, and some services were in danger. It was acknowledged that the Parish Council could raise the Precept in order to pay for services themselves.

Planning Matters

Application No: 15/10498/REM The Swallows, Trowbridge Road
Demolish existing bungalow, and replace with a 5 bedroom house.

Councillors discussed this application, and voted 9 in favour, 2 against.

Councillors discussed a replacement for Darren Nichols on the Planning Committee; Mrs Heatley was proposed and accepted.

Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting is Tuesday, 26th January 2015, at Seend Community Centre at 7.30 p.m.

N.B. Dates of all Parish Council meetings in 2016 are available on the website.

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

After the Christmas break, local government has to hit the ground running in order to produce a balanced budget before the end of January as funding for next Financial Year has to be agreed by Wiltshire Council before the end of February. So why the rush in January? Well, it may surprise readers to know that the Council does not keep the Council Tax and Business rates that it collects from residents.

The majority of the £900m Wiltshire Council budget comes from central government, the remaining £220m comes from some Council Tax given back by government and a smaller amount from fees and charges for services. Part of the government money is called the Revenue Support Grant which has dropped like a stone over the past few

years. In 2015-16 Wiltshire's grant will drop by another £16m. In recent years Treasury officials have developed a habit of sending the settlement details by email at 5pm on the last Friday before Christmas. This means that Council officers have to work hard over the Christmas break to look at ways of making up final and additional shortfalls. Previously we had been told that the settlement would be reduced by £13m but when the figures appeared it was £3m more. This is in addition to growth pressures mainly in supporting vulnerable residents and other factors such as increases in the national minimum wage. Somehow the budget will be balanced but it is an open secret that the Council tax freeze will probably have to come to an end.

As well as ensuring that my own Council Departmental budget meets the targets, there is also much to be done in Summerham and Seend. Parish Councils set their own precepts and these will take account of local needs and pressures. I try to attend all Parish Council meetings to discuss local issues and maintain at least weekly (and sometimes daily) contact with the Parish and parishioners. There are varying ways of contacting me. Email to jonathon.seed@wiltshire.gov.uk or call me either *at home on 01380 850696* or through the Cabinet Office in *County Hall on 01225 718277*, or I can be followed on Twitter [@jonathon_seed](https://twitter.com/jonathon_seed).

Jonathon Seed, Mob: 07770 774463 www.jonathonseed.com

SEEND SPORTS RESULTS AND FIXTURES

Cricket : Captain John Wiltshire.

A plea from Ben King on behalf of the Cricket Club:

'Seend Cricket Club is on the verge of folding due to lack of numbers. The club has a fine tradition dating back 128 years and it would be a huge disappointment to so many people who have contributed to the Club down the years if this fantastic village club was to fold.

Very few players are now from the village and it is becoming apparent that we will struggle to fulfil our fixtures for the upcoming season if new players aren't recruited. If you (or someone you know) have a vague interest in cricket, or even if you just want something social to do on a Sunday (we are not worried if you aren't any good at cricket!), please contact the Skipper (John Wiltshire (07791 144248) or the Chairman Brian Hunt (01380 828581) ASAP. We play friendly matches against local teams and a touring side from the Isle of Wight with the emphasis on having fun and we look forward to meeting you.'



Tennis : Chair Elaine Davies.

The new season starts in April when we will be putting forward one women's, one men's and two mixed doubles teams into the Chippenham and District Tennis League where Seend has played since 1994. Back then the men's team started off in division 6 and worked their way up to the first division season by season. They were followed into the league by the mixed teams, the women's team and a second men's team. Those were the days which I am sure will come around again.

If you would like to play competitive tennis for the village please contact the team captains who would love to hear from you. They are : Women's Pam Akerman ; Men's Tom Jackson ; Mixed A Elaine Davies ; Mixed B. Ric Ellinger..

Skittles : C team captain Josh Hamblin.

The C team play in division 2 of the Melksham Skittles League. Whilst they have had a hard time of late they are beginning to creep up the table particularly after they beat the Seend B team !

Josh would love to hear from any new players who would like to sign up. In addition a " sticker upper " is needed.....I think that that position includes a payment....again contact Josh if you are interested.

Short Mat Bowls : Chief laboratory technician Colin Waldeck.

In the light of continuing revelations and fresh disclosures of the use of performance enhancing drugs in sport I unreservedly go along with Colin's proposal that we should support the suggestion from UK Athletics to the IAAF that a line should be drawn under all records to date and that we just start again. Colin tells me that the clean up must start in his own backyard, better known as the SMB pitch annexed to the bar at the Community Centre. I agree, and indeed it is admirable that the team is setting the pace of reform.

So it looks like all those extraordinary, and indeed at the time quite unexpected results, will be put under wraps and a fresh start made.

There are of course some past records that perhaps will never be repeated such as that time Colin, assisted by only one bottle of Leoville Barton 1974, somehow single handedly won fifteen "ends" without reply thereby securing the league title and a place in SMB folklore.....or so he alone tells me.

Obviously "performance enhancing" is the key test and from what I have seen of the boy's recent matches there shouldn't be too much concern, so it's probably as you were.

" Same again please Rob !"

All fresh news and results to FIFA headquarters by Valentines Day please.

Frankie Goddard, 01380 828488

(And don't forget the skittles competitions in the Community Centre. Ed.)

**Seend Cricket Club AGM
Sunday 28th February at 7.45pm
in Seend Community Centre**



'The Badgers'

Worton and Cheverell F.C. <http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/wortonandcheverellfc/>

Happy New Year. New indoor training schedules now taking place for the younger age groups of the Club, if you are interested please see details below.

Whilst for the Under 9s (2 teams: Wizards/Badgers) training takes place Fridays at 6pm at Northbrook pitch (Market Lavington).

Team contact details:

Reception Year (tasters) + Under 6 & 8's: Mark – 01380-813160/07974-723008.

Under 7 and 10/11 – Jason 07734-627449. Under 9s - Dave 07843-678781 U- 12: Stuart 07756-540864 ; U-13: Jake 07741-306303; U-15: Neil 01380-818193.

Steve Dagnall

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: Dog lover to give our collie a happy occasional home when we are away. Usually it would be just for a day or two, but may be up to a week. She is nine, but still likes plenty of walking and playtime - and lots of affection!

Please email isabel.clarke@btinternet.com or ring on 01380 827035 if this might suit you.

BITS AND BOBS

THE SEEND FUND: Remember the Seend Fund is your local fund. Anyone living in or closely associated with Seend can apply by e-mailing the secretary (anitashea@hotmail.co.uk) or writing to her at 34 Seend Cleeve, Melksham SN12 6PY. If you find yourself in financial difficulties the fund might be able to help with anything from school uniforms to heating bills. Don't hesitate to send details, saying how much you need, what it is for and when you need it by. Even if the fund has helped you before, your request will be sympathetically and confidentially considered. Although the fund is intended to help individuals, if there are any organisations or groups who need support to include someone with special needs in an educational activity, or who know of members who are struggling financially, the Fund may be able to help.

WHARF THEATRE, DEVIZES

Fri 29th January- Sat 6th February 2016 at 7.30pm. Tickets £8 & £9

The Secret Lives of Henry and Alice

by David Tristram, directed by Kevin Smith

Please be aware that content includes mild swearing and adult themes.

Audience discretion is advised.

Lise Griffiths – 07541 353430
melkshamgnc@communityfirst.org.uk



News from your Good Neighbour Co-ordinator

During the last 18 months as your Good Neighbour Co-ordinator I have been providing information and signposting for older people in the Melksham villages who need help to connect with local services and sources of support. Wiltshire Council has taken the decision that this provision will be delivered differently in the future, and the statement below explains this. I expect to be in post until the end of March, so in the meantime please feel free to contact me on 07541 353430. I hope to be able to provide more information about future arrangements in the March magazine.

Lise Griffiths

Wiltshire Council entered into a partnership with Community First in 2010, this partnership comes to an end in April 2016. The decision has been made not to renew this partnership but to work differently and facilitate local wellbeing through the county's area boards.

A Wiltshire Council spokesperson said: "Protecting those who feel isolated and lonely is a key priority for us. We asked older people what kind of services they felt should be available within their community and, based on this feedback, we have decided to provide this service in a different way. Our local area boards sit right at the heart of our communities and are ideally placed to provide and coordinate this new way of working. The new approach will build on the success of existing networks and links the area boards have. This will ensure local people connect with the resources and services they need to improve their wellbeing and help them remain independent within their community."

"We would also like to acknowledge the work that the Good Neighbour Co-ordinators and Community First have delivered over the last five years. This work has contributed significantly to our understanding of the support that vulnerable and older people across Wiltshire need."

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - Steeple Ashton & District Branch

Steeple Ashton, Great Hinton, Keevil, Bulkington, Erlestoke

POPPY APPEAL 2015

Once again we have been able to send more than £3,000 to the Poppy Appeal headquarters at Aylesford to mark Remembrance Sunday. I should like to thank everyone in the five villages who gave their support, and particularly the intrepid collectors in Steeple Ashton, Great Hinton, Keevil, and Bulkington who went from door to door in all weathers. To their efforts must be added the Remembrance Day collections from St Mary's, St Leonard's, St Saviour's, and Christchurch, together with the donations for wreaths from village institutions, and a £400 donation from the branch. My grateful thanks to all concerned.

Lydia Peters
01380 871077

LAVINGTON COMMUNITY CHOIR

Musical Director - Paula Boyagis

Market Lavington Community Hall

Thursday Evenings 8.15 – 9.45pm - £2.50 per session

For more information contact: paula@paulaboyagis.plus.com,

We sing a variety of music, you do not need to be able to read music and there are no auditions. Come and join us – you won't be disappointed



Worton & Marston Village Hall

Jumble Sale

Saturday 19th March 2pm – 4pm

All proceeds to village hall funds

*Melksham Assembly Hall - Friday 19th February, 7pm
3 course dinner + Fawlty Towers Tribute Comedy Show
£32.50 - Call 01225 709887 to book*

Have you Heard? TROWBRIDGE TALKING NEWS

A weekly audio reading from various news articles in the WILTSHIRE TIMES

This *free service* is provided by a volunteer group for the benefit of those who are unable to read the local newspaper. The news is posted each week in electronic form direct to your home and can be listened to using a digital player with a USB port, which we may be able to supply if necessary.

For further information please contact: Geoff Holt on 01225 762336



Edington Arts are launching their 2016 concert programme with an organ recital by Ashley Grote, Master of Music at Norwich Cathedral and former Director of the Edington Music Festival, in the Priory Church on Saturday April 16th.

The full programme will be announced as soon as it is to hand! Events include an evening with former Royal Harpist Claire Jones on May 14th.

Then on June 18th the great choral conductor Brian Kay will be leading a workshop on Lauridsen's Lux Aeterna and Rutter's Magnificat. Application forms, tickets and full information are available now through www.edingtonarts.org or phone 01380 831256 or 01380 831454.

BUS SERVICES

Wiltshire Council has launched a public consultation on the future of the bus services that they currently support. Set against a backdrop of a big reduction in overall funding for council services, they have put forward a number of options aimed at saving money from the supported buses budget, and are asking for your view on these.

For further details, log on to <http://option247.uk>

Rosemary Fisher, Clerk, Seend Parish Council



DONATE UNWANTED CHRISTMAS GIFTS TO WILTSHIRE SIGHT

Rather than putting your unwanted Christmas gifts away and forgetting about them, consider donating them to Wiltshire Sight. They can sell your wrong-sized clothing or the CD you don't like

via their Ebay shop to raise money to fund their services supporting those living with sight loss in Wiltshire and Swindon.

Volunteer for Wiltshire Sight in 2016

Wiltshire Sight's volunteers help keep the organisation running, everything from website maintenance to assisting the fundraising team to helping on our Christmas market stalls. There is an opportunity for everyone in volunteering, any skill you have can be put to good use at Wiltshire Sight.

For more information, please telephone the Wiltshire Sight team on 01380 739113 or email info@wiltshiresight.org

'**Reel Life**', written by Royal Court young writer Alys Metcalf addresses issues of love, loss and the healing power of imagination and friendship. The production stars actress Lizzie Stables, who grew up in Bulkington and is best known for roles in '*The Inbetweeners*' '*Miranda*' '*Doctors*' and '*Holby City*'. Miss Stables is also the Artistic Director of Folio Theatre Company.



'Reel Life' is showing at **Trowbridge Arts** on the 5th February. Tickets can be booked on www.trowbridgearts.com, www.foliotheatre.co.uk or 01225 774306



WHITE HORSE OPERA

is dedicating its Spring Concert to Vince Gaiger.

"**A Night at the Opera**" will be a concert of your favourites such as the Easter Hymn and The Brindisi from La Traviata to name just a couple.

We are delighted to welcome back guest tenor Carlos Alonso.

Tickets £10 from Devizes Books and on-line at www.ticketsource.co.uk/whitehorseopera

COST OF POLICING IN WILTSHIRE

I have today begun a public consultation on the cost of policing in 2016-17. I am considering an increase of 1.9%, which amounts to £3.12 per year or 6p per week for the average home (Band D property). At present, band D homes pay £163.98 a year. Out of the 43 forces in England and Wales, only two receive less funding per head of population than Wiltshire. The police grant settlement that we received from the

Home Office in December showed a slight reduction in the central government grant for Wiltshire Police. Initial indications are that a further saving will need to be made in 2016 -17 of between £2.7m and £3.5m.

The proposed £3.12 a year increase would provide me with an additional £769,000 of local income for 2016-17. This would help to cover rising costs, including £2m worth of National Insurance contributions from which we have previously been exempt.

The money raised from the police part of the council tax will also be used to protect community policing which I believe is greatly valued by people in Wiltshire and Swindon.

The consultation runs until Tuesday 2nd February 2016. I would encourage you to give your feedback on my proposal and to promote this consultation amongst your community. Feedback can be given through my website at: <http://www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk/Transparency/Policeandcrimeelementofcounciltax2016-17.aspx>

ANGUS MACPHERSON, COMMISSIONER
Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner



WE'RE RECRUITING VOLUNTEERS ACROSS WILTSHIRE NOW! NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

Want to try your hand at being a local energy advice volunteer with the Centre for Sustainable Energy, a leading energy and climate change charity?

We are looking for volunteers to give advice to people on saving energy in the home and managing energy costs:

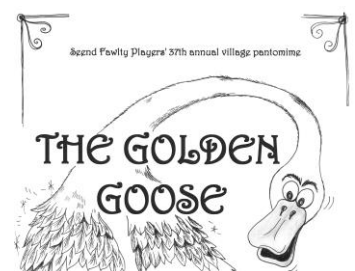
- Accompanying advisors on visits to people's homes to provide advice and support
- Helping to organise and attend local events to raise awareness of energy issues
- Helping people to take advantage of any grants or support available to them
- Giving talks to local groups.

To find out more come along to our information, training and induction session: Tuesday 2nd February, 10.00 – 14.00 in Salisbury. A buffet lunch is included. Travel costs to the venue (excluding taxis) and car parking expenses will be reimbursed. cse-volunteer-induction-salisbury.eventbrite.co.uk

ANY QUESTIONS?: Email volunteers@cse.org.uk

Advertising Opportunity

If any local businesses would like to advertise in the panto programme for the indecently cheap price of a tenner, please call Tessa on 01380 828617. You'll be helping us to raise funds for West Wilts Child Contact Centre. Thanks.



Ready for a new challenge? Want to use your skills and experience to support a great local cause?



South West Wildlife Fundraising Limited (SWWFL) is looking for self-motivated people to recruit members for **Wiltshire Wildlife Trust**. Our Recruiters work at such as shops, garden centres, county shows and events. Rates of pay exceed the National Living Wage, (ranging from £7.50 - £20 per hour, depending on performance). SWWFL also offers some travel expenses and a contributory pension scheme.

You may have sales, promotions or equivalent customer-facing experience but many of our team have been recruited based on presence, attitude and personality. If you have access to a car and are able to work 2-4 days per week, across the extended weekend, please apply now by sending your CV and a short covering note indicating reasons for interest and suitability and, also, stating where you first saw the role advertised **to: finance@swwfl.co.uk**

And finally:

What do frogs like to drink?



Croaka cola.

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

CHURCH: Priest in Charge: Revd Maureen Allchin 01380 828931. Benefice Administrator: Mrs Sue Taylor 01225 709360. Churchwardens: Holy Cross Seend: Mrs Anne Ewing, 01380 828557, Mr Steve Taylor 01225 709360; Christ Church Bulkington: Mrs Liz Futter 828485, Mrs Anne Saywell 828931; LPAs: Mrs Jane Goman 827121, Mrs Liz Futter 828485 & Mrs Tina Yockney 827139. Bell Ringers: L Murray 828513.

Irene Usher Memorial Hall (The Pavilion) Bookings - Richard Walker on 828250

Bulkington Village Hall - Nev Boulton 828101 or Roger Futter 828485

Bulkington Playing Field: Chairman Jamie Streeter - 828835 - jamiestreeter@hotmail.co.uk

Seend Community Centre/Club - 828796 (7.30-11pm only). Bookings: 07703 814111.

Website: www.seendcommunitycentre.com and find us on facebook

Seend Shuttle: Bookings and drivers: Alison Cobbing 07951030491 or 01380 850511

Seend Parish Council Clerk - Rosemary Fisher 828281 www.seendparishcouncil.co.uk

Seend's Wiltshire Councillor - Jonathon Seed 01380 850695 jonathon.seed@wiltshire.gov.uk

Seend Website: www.seend.org.uk - Neil Yockney 827139. **Seend School** - 828334

Bulkington Website: www.bulkington.org.uk

Rights of Way Warden – Paul Millard, 01225 712821

Connect 2 (transport to RUH; book at least one day ahead) - 08456 525255

Community Beat Manager for Seend PC Emily Thomas. Tel: 101, or e-mail

melkshamruralsouthnpt@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk. **Seend Fund (village charity):** 01380 828757

MP Claire Perry, 01380 729358 (M-F 9.30am-1pm) claire.perry.mp@parliament.uk

MEP - Graham Watson 01458 252265. **Melksham Area Board** – 07917 721371.

100+Club Draw – Karen & Steve Cubberley – steven@cubberley.com - tel: 828423

Book Clubs - *the original:* Sylvia Ewin 828325 - *the other:* Frank Teasdale 828617

Bouncy Club - Paulette Pardoe 07944 300350

Brownies - Helen Hook 828477

Community Speedwatch - Brian Crisp 01380 828910

Cricket Club - John Wiltshire 07791 144248

Fawlty Players Panto Group - Tessa Doe 828617 & find Seend Village Pantomime on facebook

Fete - Jo McManus 07866 516020 (www.seendfete.co.uk)

Flower Show – Brian Jaques 827137

FOSS (Friends of Seend School) Mel Steel 07739 899741

Gardening Club - Carole Vince 01380 871259

Historic Houses Club - Tony Ewin 828325

LINK Scheme - 075320 55560

Lye Field Committee – www.seendlyefield.org

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

Seend Singers - Bob McCulloch 828508

Short Mat Bowls Club - Colin Waldeck 828946

Tennis Club - Ric Ellinger 828687

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 07974 347487 or Simon McManus 07896 711764

Seend Post Office & Village Store

01380 828250

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



	Village Store	Post
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