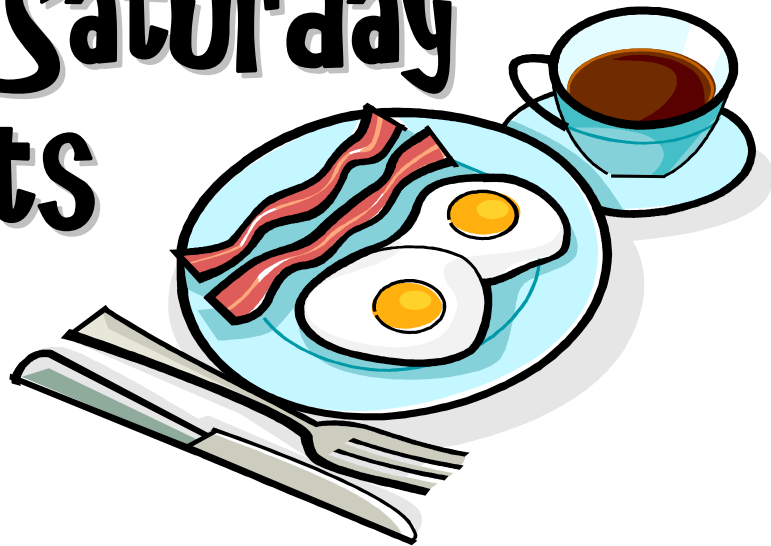


# SPOTLIGHT

## *Seend & Bulkington*

### SUMMER Saturday BreakFasts



18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> JULY & 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> AUGUST  
FROM 8-10.30AM IN SEEND COMMUNITY CENTRE

*The Friendly Way to Start the Weekend!*

# July 2015

## DIARY DATES FOR LATE JUNE

- 24<sup>th</sup> Parish Plan presentation, Pavilion, 7-9pm
- 26<sup>th</sup> Seend School Sports Day
- 27<sup>th</sup> Parish Plan presentation, Pavilion, 3-6pm
- 28<sup>th</sup> Armed Forces Day – Drumhead Service, Lye Field, 3pm
- 28<sup>th</sup> Garden Party, Millcroft, Mill Lane, Bulkington, 3pm
- 30<sup>th</sup> Seend Parish Council, upstairs in Seend Community Centre, 7.30pm

## DIARY DATES FOR JULY

- 1<sup>st</sup> Nosh & Natter Lunch Club, Community Centre, 12 for 12.30pm
- 1<sup>st</sup> Buzzzz Group, 4 Northfields, Bulkington, 7.30pm
- 1<sup>st</sup> Seend Acoustic Club – Kevin Brown – upstairs Seend Community Centre, 8pm
- 5<sup>th</sup> Café Church, Seend Church, 11.15am
- 8<sup>th</sup> Shuttle Shopping Trip – call 01225 706526 to book
- 12<sup>th</sup> Seend Ramblers, meet 10am Tellisford area (directions in Ramblers report)
- 13<sup>th</sup> Mobile Library: 9.35 am Seend The Lye; 10 am Seend Cleeve phone box; 10.55 am Well Inn Car Park, Bulkington
- 15<sup>th</sup> Seend Acoustic Club – The Croutons – upstairs Seend Community Centre, 8pm
- 16<sup>th</sup> Meet Wilts Cllr Jonathon Seed, Community Centre, 7.30pm
- 17<sup>th</sup> School's Out family-friendly BBQ, Community Centre, 5.30pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> LAST DAY FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO AUGUST/SEPTEMBER SPOTLIGHT
- 18<sup>th</sup> Summer Saturday Breakfast, Community Centre, 8-10.30am
- 18<sup>th</sup> Picnic in the Park, Pavilion & Lye Field, from 6pm
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Lye Field AGM, Pavilion, 7.30pm
- 25<sup>th</sup> Summer Saturday Breakfast, Community Centre, 8-10.30am
- 25<sup>th</sup> Bulkington Fete & Family Dog Show, Leaze Farm Mill Lane, Bulkington from 2pm
- 27<sup>th</sup> Mobile Library: 9.35 am Seend The Lye; 10 am Seend Cleeve phone box; 10.55 am Well Inn Car Park, Bulkington
- 28<sup>th</sup> Seend Parish Council (incl. co-option of councillor), Community Centre, 7.30pm
- 29<sup>th</sup> Brewery Inn monthly fun quiz, 8pm
- 31<sup>st</sup> Seend Ramblers – walk and evening meal at Raven, Poulshot

## DIARY DATES FOR AUGUST

- 1<sup>st</sup> Summer Saturday Breakfast, Community Centre, 8-10.30am
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Bottle stall collecting for Fete – meet Community Centre, 7pm
- 4<sup>th</sup> Bottle stall collecting for Fete – meet Brewery Inn, 7pm
- 5<sup>th</sup> Bottle stall collecting for Fete – meet Three Magpies, 7pm
- 8<sup>th</sup> Seend Fete & Flower Show, Lye Field, Pavilion & Community Centre, from 1pm
- 10<sup>th</sup> Mobile Library: 9.35 am Seend The Lye; 10 am Seend Cleeve phone box; 10.55 am Well Inn Car Park, Bulkington
- 15<sup>th</sup> Summer Saturday Breakfast, Community Centre, 8-10.30am
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Summer Saturday Breakfast, Community Centre, 8-10.30am
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Brewery Inn Cider Festival

### **Newcomer to Seend?**

Call in at the shop/PO and ask for your copy of the **Welcome booklet**, which tells you all you need to know about the village.

Visit **[www.seend.org.uk](http://www.seend.org.uk)** and remember that we now have a **facebook** page:

[www.facebook.com/seendspotlight](http://www.facebook.com/seendspotlight)

## **Welcome to July Spotlight**



Firstly, many thanks to all of you who have returned nicely-full brown envelopes to help fund Spotlight. Your generosity is much appreciated. And it's not too late: if you haven't handed in your donation yet you can leave it at the Shop or hand it to one of the editorial team.

This is the first edition to include our new advertisers. Do have a good look to see which local businesses are supporting our magazine.

There are lots of summery things to do listed in the following pages – a garden party, picnic in the park, family-friendly BBQ, quiz, lunches, rambles, – and not least the wonderful summer Saturday breakfasts in the Community Centre.

On the local political front, Seend Parish Council seeks a co-opted member, and your Wiltshire Councillor is making himself available to talk local issues with you.

### **Space limitations**

We try to limit Spotlight to a maximum of 24 pages of editorial. Anything over that adds the cost of 1½ reams of paper and an hour of extra printing time at the end of an already long day for our volunteers! In the olden days, we quite often had editions of 20 or even, rarely, 16 pages. Of late, nearly all editions have been 24 pages. We like to think this is largely due to the popularity and usefulness of our magazine!

However, having to edit articles down to fit takes some time so, without wishing to curb your creativity and informativeness (if that's a word) we ask our contributors to bear this in mind when writing their articles in future. Thanks.

**Spotlight Contacts:** Contributions for the August/September edition (copy deadline 18<sup>th</sup> July) can be mailed to [spotlight@seend.org.uk](mailto:spotlight@seend.org.uk) or delivered to Seend Post Office. Editors: Tessa Doe (01380 828617) and Sue Isaac (828461). Joanna Goddard (828488) organises volunteers on printing Mondays (do contact her if you can help). Juli Wilfort types up the items left at Seend PO. Fiona Johnson is the contact for delivery (828401) and Chris Brooker (828047) for advertising.

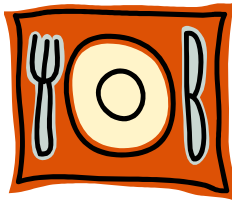
**Lost emails:** Emails to Spotlight sometimes go astray for no obvious reason. If email correspondents don't receive an acknowledgement by the end of the Monday after the Spotlight deadline, please ring Tessa or Sue (see above) to check if all is well. And please read the following:

**When sending emails to [spotlight@seend.org.uk](mailto: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.

**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 July and beyond

(see pages 11-12 for Bulkington events)



### **Nosh and Natter Lunch Club**

in Seend Community Centre

Only £5 for two courses!

**Wednesday 1st July, 12 for 12.30pm**  
(then a break until September)

All welcome, but please call 01380 828638 to book your place in advance.

### **Seend Acoustic Club**

**Seend Community Centre - 7.45 for 8pm**

in the upstairs Village Room. All welcome! £4 unless otherwise stated.

#### **Special guests:**

**1<sup>st</sup> July** – Blues from the amazing **Kevin Brown**

**15<sup>th</sup> July** – perfect three-part harmonies from **The Croutons**

*Plus support acts, floor spots, free chocolates and unusual raffle.*

*All in all, a great evening out!*



### **MONTHLY FUN QUIZ at the BREWERY INN**

**WEDNESDAYS 24<sup>th</sup> JUNE & 29<sup>th</sup> JULY at 8PM**

### Seend Community Centre

#### Family -Friendly BBQ

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 5.30pm. Get in the holiday mood!

Bangers & burgers (with veggie option), licensed bar and activities for the kids.

Just bring yourselves - and some sunshine.



### **Picnic in the Park**

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July - Seend Pavilion and Playing Field**

Picnic evening with music from *The Night Hours*

Doors open from 6pm to enjoy your picnic

and dance the night away to 80s and 90s music from 7.00 to 10.30

Tickets: £10( adults) Children (under 16) free

Tickets available from Seend Post Office, Philippa on 01380 828224

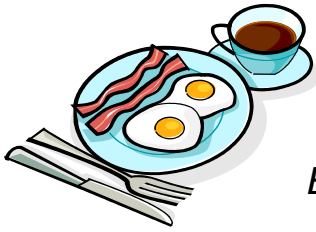
or Margaret on 01380 828028

Bring picnic and blankets/ seating

*Tea/coffee available to purchase, Raffle*

In aid of Seend Church Reordering Project

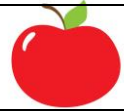




**Summer Saturday Breakfasts**  
**18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> July & 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> August**  
**from 8-10.30am in Seend Community Centre**

*The friendly way to start the weekend!*  
*Enjoy a hearty breakfast prepared from local produce where possible, and cooked for you by kindly volunteers!*

**CIDER FESTIVAL – THE BREWERY INN**  
**SATURDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> AUGUST – Tickets now on sale**



**DAY TRIP to LONDON and THE HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT**  
**THURSDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2015**



A visit to the Houses of Parliament has been arranged. An expert Blue Badge guide will accompany us throughout the 90 minute tour through The House of Lords and House of Commons commencing at 11:20am.

Highlights include :-

Westminster Hall (with 2015 banners exhibition); Norman Porch; Queen’s Robing Room; Royal Gallery; Lord’s Chamber and many other interesting areas

Entry is £19pp, plus travel expenses which are yet to be confirmed. The coach leaves Dial Close at 0745am and will depart approx. 1630-1700hrs. Following the tour the remainder of the day will be free for you to enjoy as you please - such as visiting Westminster Abbey, a river cruise, the London Eye, shopping etc.

The day is open to all villagers and friends. These day trips have proved to be immensely popular and early booking is advised. For further information contact Tina Yockney on 01380 827139 or [tinayockney@btinternet.com](mailto:tinayockney@btinternet.com)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**A PARISH PLAN for YOUR VILLAGE**

The Seend Parish Plan Steering Group was set up to ascertain whether or not this Parish wants to have a Parish Plan. We hope you enjoyed the drop-in sessions that we ran last month and found the presentations informative and thought provoking.

Any views or queries can still be logged by using the email link to the Steering Group on the web site [www.seendparishplan.org](http://www.seendparishplan.org) or the Facebook page, and will remain ‘open’ until the end of September. The Steering Group will then work through your comments, to discover whether we should go ahead developing a Parish Plan based on your views.

Present members of the Seend Parish Plan Steering Group are: Georgina A’Bear, Sarah Chard, Jane Hopkins, Nick Keen, Paul Manning, Tony Murch, Aldetha Raymond, Kevin Rigg, Lizzie Simes, Carola Thorpe, Steven Vaux.

Names of the members can also be found on our website.

Carola Thorpe.

## **Seend Open Gardens Weekend**

Thank you to ALL those involved with this major fund raising event for the church. Due to your generosity and support we raised in excess of £6,900 - partly due to the kindness of the weather which proved to be much better than initially expected.

Firstly a big thank you to the villagers who once again opened their beautiful gardens to the public. This event would never happen without your support and for this we are most grateful.

Our special thanks must go to Anne Ewing and her team who worked tirelessly throughout the weekend providing refreshments for the weary but happy visitors. Also thanks to all the bakers out there who produced an almost never ending supply of cakes and scones. Teas are much enjoyed, and indeed expected by our visitors, and prove to be a major contributor to our fundraising efforts.

Thank you Margaret Coley for organising the summer flower festival. Margaret and her fellow flower arrangers proved to be wonderful examples of their craft by the magnificent displays in our church. We also thank all who brought flowers from their gardens. We were overwhelmed by the response. Our organists Gary and Simon provided the music for the church visitors which was enjoyed and appreciated. The churchyard looked wonderful. It is always lovingly cared for by Pam Church, and Nick Haines keeps the grass under control. Thank you both for your efforts.

Thanks to the Lyefield committee for the use of the Pavilion and Lyefield. The cars were efficiently directed by the enthusiastic volunteer car park attendants. Thanks to you too. I think over 400 vehicles were dealt with in all. Quite a feat.

Last but not least, thanks must go again to Pam Church and fellow supporters who manned the plants stall, especially not forgetting Brian Jaques who provided most of the plants and Dick Church who sold his honey and both of whom donated most generously to the church funds.

Don't forget it's Seend Cleeve open gardens next year !! We look forward to your enthusiastic response !

Neil and Tina

## **Christian Aid Collection May 10 – 16<sup>th</sup> 2015**

The very severe earthquake that hit Nepal on the 25<sup>th</sup> April was followed by over 300 aftershocks. By May 12<sup>th</sup> – in the middle of Christian Aid week - when the worst aftershock occurred, local partners of Christian Aid had reached over 50,000 people in remote areas with emergency supplies of medical care, blankets, food, tarpaulins and water purifying tablets. This is fairly typical work of the emergency branch of Christian Aid operating worldwide.

It is thus especially pleasing to report that the collection in Seend and Bulkington this year raised £1127.00, a 17% increase on last year. Many thanks are due to all those giving so generously, especially those increasing their donations or giving for the first time and to those able to complete Gift Aid forms. Over one third of contributions

were gift aided and the 25% extra income generated raised the total for Christian Aid by over £100 to £1232.13.

Particular thanks to the collectors who generously give of their time each year and especially to Jean Allen who was able to rejoin the team and to Pru Hawkins who joined us for the first time and to Kevin Honeybone and Diane Louca who maintained their increased rounds.

Spotlight as usual gave us a flying start in terms of informing everyone and inserting 720 envelopes into the magazine. It makes it so much easier for contributors to prepare in advance, especially completing the Gift Aid slip, whilst those on holiday in Christian Aid week can return their envelopes before departure or on their return.

We are now close to scaling the dizzy heights of 2012 when £1157 was collected and look forward to next year. Christian Aid week will be one week later in 2016 - May 15<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>.

Dick Church



## **Seend Flower Show 2015 is nearly here: Saturday August 8<sup>th</sup> is the day.**

Thanks to the Spotlight distributors you should be getting a copy of the show programme and schedule together with the July issue of Spotlight.

If you don't intend to have a show entry (oh, come on!) please drop your copy off at the Post Office shop or the Community Centre so that we have a reserve for latecomers. If you don't get one, contact me at 01380 827137. The complete schedule for all the exhibition classes, guidance notes and entry form are also available for inspection and downloading from the show website at [www.seend.org.uk/fshow](http://www.seend.org.uk/fshow) and you can also see information and pictures of last year's show. There are three new classes added to the wide range: Raspberries and 'Any Other Fruit' in Section A and 'Show Stopper' in the Home Produce Section D. If you have a suggestion for another new class please see any committee member at the show.

I remind you that in addition to the sought after first, second, and third prize slips awarded in each show class there are a variety of trophies for specific winning exhibits and for most points in some group classes and sections. See the final pages of the programme for a list of all the awards and the 2014 winners. The premier awards are the Altfield Bowl for the Best Exhibit in Show, the Peter Fisher Cup for the exhibitor with Most Points in Show, and the Wareham Cup for the Lady with Most Points in Show. The Royal Horticultural Society donates two medals for award in alternate years. This year it will be the Banksian Medal for Most Points in Horticultural Classes which in our case are Sections A and B, Vegetables and Fruit, and Flowers and Pot Plants. The RHS awards cannot each be made to the same person on consecutive occasions. We do hope that the young ones are thinking of what they can do to make the show yet another success, naturally there are trophies to be won in their sections. ***If you won a trophy last year please return it to me, polished if possible thank you, at View Rosa, High Street, Seend before July 6<sup>th</sup>.***

We sincerely thank our advertisers for their willingness to part sponsor the show in addition to the major sponsorship contribution from Altfield . There will be a raffle too and we are very pleased that two of our advertisers are donating significant prizes for that.

We would appreciate your help, particularly from exhibitors, if you are able to assist us in clearing the hall after the show ends. Please contact a committee member before or during the show. See you there!

Brian Jaques



## **Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> August 1-5pm**

It's now officially summer and time to have fun outdoors in the glorious sunshine (fingers crossed eh?). This is also the time when we ask you lovely villagers to give us a hand getting ready for the fete. But before that, if you'd like to find out about the events, activities and stalls on offer this year then

please visit our website [www.seendfete.co.uk](http://www.seendfete.co.uk) (there's far too much going on to list it all here, so do take a look).

Don't forget to dust off your best fancy dress costume for the Grand Parade. Come along to the arena for 12:45pm bedecked in your creation and be in for a chance to win a fabulous prize in our fancy dress competition, held straight after the parade and fete opening. There will be classes for children, adults and groups. This year we have special guest and Seend resident Will Trickett of Kevin McCloud's "Man Made Home" fame helping our princess and attendants to cut the ribbon and open our fete.

### **Free Breakfast on Fete Morning**

If you have an hour free on the morning of fete day to help us set up tables, chairs and gazebos then we will reward you with a fresh breakfast bap containing egg, bacon and sausages and tea or coffee – all for free! Be at the Pavilion between 7:30 and 8:30am to claim your breakfast-in-a-bap! See you there!

### **Stall Donations**

The Irene Usher Pavilion will be open to receive donations on Wed 5<sup>th</sup>, Thu 6<sup>th</sup> and Fri 7<sup>th</sup> between 7:00-9:00pm. We would be very grateful for the following:

- Pre-loved items for the White Elephant
- Prizes, toys, books & plants

Or if you'd like to drop off items sooner then please call Julia Payne on 07974 725697. She or Trevor will be able to meet you at the WI Hall on either Friday mornings at 11-11:30 or Saturdays at 1:20pm, but please call in advance.

### **Bottle Collection**

We'll be coming door-to-door to collect for the bottle stall on the following evenings: Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Aug – Seend; Tue 4<sup>th</sup> Aug – Seend Cleeve; Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Aug – Sells Green.

All bottles of alcohol, soft drinks, mixers, food tins etc will be gratefully received.



There's a lot for the fete committee to do in the week prior to the fete so we would be enormously grateful to anyone who can come along and help with this bottle collection. We will meet at 7pm each evening – Monday at the Community Centre, Tuesday at the Brewery Inn and Wednesday at the Three Magpies. Many thanks.

Lastly, very many thanks to all the volunteers, donators and sponsors who make the Seend Village Fete such a success each year – we couldn't do it without you.

Jo McManus on behalf of Seend Fete Committee

## **LYE RECREATIONAL FIELD COMMITTEE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

First of all, many apologies if you turned up at The Irene Usher Hall on 11th June, for the Lye Field A.G.M. Unfortunately, it had to be cancelled at short notice due to illness of several committee members, but has been re-arranged and will take place on Thursday, 23rd July, at 7.30pm. Please make every effort to attend, we need some new committee members.

Brian Hunt, Trustee - Lye Field

### **SEEND LINK**

Could all Drivers who have claims for Link expenses please let Joe Hardstaff, Treasurer, 5 Dial Close, Seend, have them by 31<sup>st</sup> July 2015

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## **CHURCH AND CHAPEL NEWS**

### ***Maureen's Ramblings.....***

There have been some good representations of clergy and the church on the TV and in the media. I like "Rev", the sitcom about Adam, a vicar trying to cope with the varied demands of running an inner-city church with a reluctant wife and a depleted, motley congregation. I like the "Vicar of Dibley", starring Dawn French as vicar of the rural parish of Dibley.

I could certainly write some funny scripts from my own experience of church for both programmes! But generally I find the representations toe-curlingly awful, dressing Christians in straw hats with silly voices, using them as the butt of jokes, or portraying them as hapless victims in Agatha Christie adaptations. If I were working in the media and wanted to undermine Christianity I would be guided by the following, rather cynical principles.

\* Let's ignore Christianity altogether. Over 1.5 million people go to church each week, but this is not reflected in programming. "Songs of Praise" and "Thought for the Day" are what we are offered. There are always more important things to talk about: a footballer who has broken an ankle or a dog that has learned to surf!

\* Treat the Christian faith negatively. Highlight disagreement and disputes, especially over trivia. It is absolutely vital that people are persuaded that Christianity is no more than some sort of series of intellectual beliefs that are good for nothing except argument. Suppress absolutely any hint that the faith might have been a force for good over centuries.

\* Make sure matters of faith are presented in a gently patronising way, with weak smiles of condescension, persuading the audience that whatever Christianity is about, it is of no real importance and that it reflects something that has been completely and utterly discredited.

\* Find utterly inappropriate people to present the case for the faith. Whilst there are many bishops and scholars who are capable of presenting an informed, reasoned and powerful argument for Christian beliefs so often they are never contacted for an opinion. Rather, get people who don't believe what they are defending, or are rambling and boring. Try to ensure that whoever defends Christianity has nasal hair or a bizarre dress sense to give the sense that the only people who believe in the faith are the elderly and the intellectually challenged.

\* Display church gatherings as elderly and middle class, avoiding the dynamic, lively and youthful congregations that are found all over the country. This helps to give the impression that the Church is obsolete and irrelevant - yesterday's thing.

\* And whatever happens, make sure that 'political correctness' rules. Ensure that everybody understands that because Christianity is the traditional and still the majority view in Britain it cannot, by definition, be defended. And don't forget that you need to protect people from Christianity – Winterval rather than Christmas, re-enacted legends rather than nativity plays.....

I told you I can be cynical and I wish it was different!! There is so much that is relevant, exciting and life affirming about the Christian faith. I would love to see more of this in the media.

*The Revd. Maureen Allchin, Rector.*

## **CHURCH SERVICES IN JULY**

**The Benefice of Holy Cross, Seend,  
Christ Church, Bulkington & St. Peter's, Poulshot  
*within the Diocese of Salisbury***



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

### **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2015. The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

- 8.00: Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at Seend. *A short and reflective traditional service*
- 9.30: Morning Praise at Bulkington. *A lively service, without communion, for all the family.*
- 11.15: Café Church at Seend. *A lively service, without communion, for all the family.*
- 6.00: Parish Eucharist\* (Common Worship) at Poulshot. *A modern language service with communion.*

### **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2015.**

- 6.00: Cluster Praise at Christ Church Worton

### **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2015. The 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

8.00: Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at Seend

9.30: Matins (Book of Common Prayer) at Poulshot. *A traditional morning service without communion*

11.15: Parish Eucharist\* at Seend

6.00: Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) at Bulkington. *A gentle, reflective, traditional evening service.*

### **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July, 2015. The 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

8.00: Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at Seend

9.30: Parish Eucharist\* at Bulkington

11.15: Parish Eucharist\* at Seend

6.00: Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) at Poulshot.

### **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2015. The 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

8.00: Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at Seend

10.00: Family Communion at Poulshot.

11.15: Family Communion at Seend. *A shortened communion service for all the family.*

6.00: Parish Eucharist\* at Bulkington

*\*The Eucharist is another name for Holy Communion or the Mass. The term comes from the Greek by way of Latin, and it means "thanksgiving."*

Every Tuesday at 9am, there is a short Benefice service of Matins (BCP\*) at Poulshot church.

Every Thursday at 9am, Morning Prayer will be said at 4 Northfields, Bulkington. All are welcome.

### **From the registers:**

**Baptism:** Alexander Robert Spencer Churchill on 24<sup>th</sup> May at Holy Cross

### **Church Floodlights**

The church was lit on the night of 20th/21st June in memory of Michael Woodruff

### ***"Café Church" on Sunday 5th July at 11.15am at Seend***



*You are invited to join us for the launch of this new style Benefice service for all the family, young and old! Our service will start with refreshments at 11.15am and will then lead into an informal family praise, with age-appropriate activities for the children (drama and making things). The prayers will be written by children from Seend and Keevil Schools. It is hoped that many of the young families in Seend, Bulkington and Poulshot will come along and that many of the church family will be there. If this works well we intend to have Café Church every other month.*



**Benefice BUZZZZ Group**  
**will meet on Wednesday 1st July 2015 at 7.30 at**  
**4 Northfields, Bulkington, led by Maureen Allchin**

This group, for all in Seend, Bulkington and Poulshot, meets to discuss various issues of Christian thought. At this meeting we will continue looking at some aspects of the Old Testament - which should be interesting and challenging! Everyone is welcome to this informal and pleasant evening.

**THE BENEFICE TEA, CHAT AND CRAFT SOCIAL GROUP**

will meet on the Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> July 2015 at 4 Northfields (Contact Anne Saywell on 828931) from 2.00 – 4.00 . Bring your own craft item or leave it at home and just come and chat!



*The Bulkington church hosted **Benefice Lunch Club** takes place on Wednesday, 1st July at 12.15 at The Well. It is a great Benefice occasion with a good value two course meal for £12.00 a head. Contact Jane Coles in advance for the menu (828145). New people are always welcome to join us.*

**Cluster Praise Service**

*An informal service of worship on 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2015 at 6.00 pm at Christ Church, Worton.*

It is hoped that lots of people will support this service.



**Wells Cathedral & Bishop's Palace Visit**  
**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September**

The Friends of Seend Church are organizing a trip to Wells Cathedral and the Bishop's Palace on Saturday 19th September. There will be a guided tour of the Cathedral at 11am and after time for lunch a tour of The Bishop's Palace at 2.15pm. Anyone is welcome to join us whether or not you are a Friend. Departure from Seend will be 9.30am.

The cost of the visit is £16 per person plus shuttle/transport costs. If you would be interested in joining the trip please contact Fiona on 828401 to book a place.

**USE OF SLUG PELLETS AROUND GRAVES**

It has been pointed out to us that some people have been using slug pellets around graves in Seend churchyard, and that these are killing hedgehogs. Could people kindly refrain from using these. Thank you.

**SEEND METHODIST CHURCH : Services for July 2015**

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| 12 <sup>th</sup> July | 10a.m.     | Still to be arranged. Please see Chapel notice board           |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> July | 10:30 a.m. | Villages Together at Whitley Methodist with Rev. Cathy Arscott |

Everyone always welcome.  
 Anne Salter

## **BULKINGTON NEWS**

**The Mobile Library will visit The Well, Bulkington from 10:55-11:25am on Mondays 13th and 27th July 2015. Please support this important facility.**

### **Bulkington Ladies Group**

At the end of May, a pleasant evening was spent walking by the canal, and enjoying refreshment and chat at The Barge.

By the time you read this we will have had our talk by Roy Penhallow about the Air Ambulance.

On **FRIDAY 31<sup>st</sup> July** we have 10 seats booked on the Kenavon Venture for a trip along the canal with traditional Folk Music by Sharmain and a fish and chip supper. The boat leaves Devizes Wharf at 7 pm and returns at 10 pm. We could only get 10 seats despite booking at the end of April. Please ring Angela 828295 to check availability. The cost is £15.

Liz Futter 828485    Angela Read 828295

### **BULKINGTON VILLAGE HALL**

Midsummer already? I do not believe it, but the relatively dry weather has been a blessing. We are now fully damp-proof- coursed. The injection into the walls went well. Some rot was found to have affected the floorboards and joists on the inner walls so these were repaired with timber supplied by **Nev Boulton**. At no extra cost, the skirting board was replaced and sanded and the walls re-plastered to finish off the job. By chance, there has to be an drying-off period of six months which takes us neatly to midwinter: the painter is booked and delighted for the winter work. **Thelma Boulton** has seen to the cleaning up and also re-planting the flower tubs outside the Hall. Thank you both for your on-going efforts to keep our Hall looking good! The summer is not so good for bookings: holidays and grand-parenting duties take their toll on attendance, but our faithful renters always return in the Autumn. The **One Voice Community Choir** continues to thrive: we have a new website, do take a look and feel free to comment. Then swap the virtual for the real and come and **SING!**

Angela Read, Chairman.

**Don't forget that the village hall can be hired for a Children's Birthday Party with two hours of train rides for £105.**

**Nev Boulton Station Master GBR.**

#### ***Vintage garden party in a beautiful garden!***

*(by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Nev Boulton)*

*Do come to our 1940s tea party on Sunday 28th June at 3 pm to enjoy live music from the 1940s, to look around a lovely garden and, above all, TEAS with sandwiches, home-made scones and cakes. Entry tickets at £7 to include as much tea and cake as you would enjoy.*

*Dress as in the 1940s or come as you are!*

*Venue: 1 Mill Lane, Bulkington, Devizes, SN10 1SW*

*Contact Anne Saywell 01380 828931*



## **BULKINGTON FETE and Family Dog Show**

**Saturday 25th July at 2 pm**

to be opened by Bishop Bill Ind (A Seaside Parish)  
at Leaze Farm, Mill Lane, Bulkington. Attractions include Family Dog Show,  
Teas, Bottle and Book Stalls, Bouncy Castle, Visiting Reptiles, Classic Cars,  
Photographic and Cake Baking competitions and much more.

For further information, ring 01380 828145

### **BULKINGTON FAMILY DOG SHOW - JUDGE: Mrs Sue Kemp**

#### **Classes:**

1. Best Condition
2. Prettiest/Most handsome dog
3. Best Veteran (dog over 8 years of age)
4. Dog most like its owner
5. Waggiest tail
6. Best 6 legs
7. Dog the judge would like to take home.



**Prizes** kindly donated by: Rangebourne Pet Care of Devizes; The Well, Bulkington;  
Leaze Farm Bulkington; RHW Engineering, Seend; Townsend Barn Nursery,  
Poulshot; Mr & Mrs Adam Kidd, Poulshot; Devizes Car and Caravan Storage,  
Bulkington.

All entries on field - £2 per class or £5 for three. A Cup will be awarded by Mrs  
Betty Noad for the dog gaining most points at the Show.

For further details, please ring: 01380 828145

## **SEEND CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS**

### **ROYAL BRITISH LEGION**



#### **IN MEMORIAM**

This month we remember: 16<sup>th</sup> July 1915

Reginald Charles Snook 24<sup>th</sup> Bty, 38<sup>th</sup> Bde, Royal Field Artillery.

They shall grow not old as we who are left grow old, age shall not  
weary them nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun  
and in the morning, we will remember them.

#### **Committee Meeting**

The next Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2015 and the  
subsequent meeting and the AGM on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2015. All meetings will  
be held in the Kennet Room in the Community Centre commencing at 1930hrs.

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> October – DS Big Band**

DS Big Band night. Dinner to be included.

Roger Brind/Robin Heatley

## **SING FOR JOY with THE SEEND SINGERS**

**Tuesday mornings at 10.15 in the Community Centre.**

If you like to sing, come and join us.



The Seend Singers meet and enjoy themselves on Tuesday mornings at 10.15. We sing a variety of songs and at the same time try to improve our voices and the way we communicate the music. It doesn't matter what standard you are. If you range from a 'bathroom bass' to a 'shower soprano' or if you are a more experienced singer, you'll be made welcome and we'll try to make sure you have a great and rewarding time. There is no audition. Just sing in tune and hold a line. If you've never sung in harmony, you'll get plenty of help.

We're an amateur group who give performances – but you don't have to perform if you don't want to – just come along and sing. We levy a small charge – currently £2 in Spring & Summer; £3 in Autumn & Winter to contribute to the use of the Centre. So – Tuesdays at 10.15am in the Community Centre - hope to see you there.

If you decide to come along, please let Bob McCulloch know on 01380 828508 – or e-mail [mcculloch252@btinternet.com](mailto:mcculloch252@btinternet.com)



AT THE HEART OF  
OUR COMMUNITY

### **SEEND COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS**

*[www.seendcommunitycentre.com](http://www.seendcommunitycentre.com) – bookings 07703 814111*

The exterior woodwork is all repainted, and garden and patio looking pretty good – so come along and enjoy the ambience!

We are looking forward to the **Family-friendly BBQ** and the **Summer Saturday Breakfasts** (see Events section) and to hosting the **Flower Show**.

We're also planning another '**taster evening**' on 4<sup>th</sup> September, when you will be invited to come along and meet representatives of the various village clubs and organisations and to enjoy one of Steve and Karen's famous BBQs.

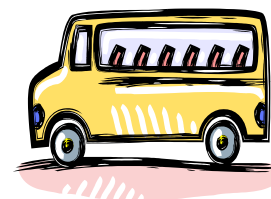
**If you are planning a private party or event**, may we remind you that Rob is able to provide catering as well as being mine host behind the bar. He recently rustled up a sit-down dinner for 140 hungry rugby players in the hall and they've booked again for next year - a recommendation that speaks for itself!

### **SEEND SHUTTLE COMMUNITY BUS**

#### **Wednesday Shopping Trip to Salisbury**

#### **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July**

Due to passenger numbers available, the trip to Salisbury on the July shuttle will go on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month, the 8<sup>th</sup> July. Please contact Rex or Jan Gudge on 01225 706526 pm Monday 6<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> to book a place.



Thank you.



## **SEEND & DISTRICT RAMBLERS**

The walk on **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June**, commencing from The Almshouses, Marshfield, was attended by 11 ramblers - making our way across fields and tracks to West Littleton, out to the Tormarton road and back across more fields and tracks returning to Marshfield – a distance of six miles on a lovely sunny morning with marvellous views. Thanks to Penny and Ron for organising this route.

The next walk is on **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July** - five-miles in undulating countryside, with a climb towards the finish. To reach the start, go to Wingfield crossroads out of Trowbridge. From there take the B3109 towards Rode/Frome. Pass the ‘Poplar’ pub on the right and keep on till you reach signpost ‘Southwick/Tellisford Mill’. Take Tellisford Mill turning. Pass a small caravan site and go on till you reach a big layby (dead-end). Park here. The walk starts at 10am. Leaders: Denise and Colin Noad – tel: 01380 850343.

Then on **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July**, we have our annual summer-evening walk and pub meal. This time we are starting the four mile walk at the Raven in Poulshot at 6pm, returning for a meal at 8pm. We need to know numbers and to order from the menu in advance, so please contact Tessa Doe on 01380 828617 or [tessa@tessadoe.org.uk](mailto:tessa@tessadoe.org.uk) **at least a week beforehand**. John Whalley and Yvette Rowe are leading this walk.

New members are very welcome to join us on any of our walks.

Lin Salter  
01225 706451

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## **SEEND WI**

Our speaker in June was Shaun McCormack who is one of the Queen’s Bodyguard of the Yeoman of the Guard. He gave us a very entertaining and interesting talk about the history of the Bodyguards and an insight into their duties.



The next Craft afternoon is on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2pm to 4pm in the Pavilion. You don’t need to be a member of the WI to take part.

For July’s meeting we are going on a ‘Devizes at War Walk’ led by John Girvan, followed by a meal in Devizes.

All meetings take place in the Pavilion, Rusty Lane, Seend at 7.30pm on the second Wednesday of the month unless otherwise notified. For more information please contact Gill Acornley on 01225 707218 or check [www.seendwi.weebly.com](http://www.seendwi.weebly.com)

## **WI ALLOTMENTS**

We have an allotment available for rent which could be split into 2 halves. If you would be interested in having an allotment, or would like some information about it, please get in touch with Pauline Robertson on 01380 828638 or Gill Acornley on 01225 707218



## SEEND AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB



Not a lot to report this month Gardening Club-wise, but some advance notice of future events:

- **Seend Fete on Saturday August 8th** - donations of plants for the Gardening Club stall on the day of the fete will be most welcome, plus volunteers to man the stall during the afternoon will help to spread the load - if you can and would like to help, please contact **Jackie Kilduff** on **01380 828454**
- Our next meeting, the first of the 2015/16 season, is on **Tuesday 8th September at 7.30 in the Irene Usher Pavilion** as usual. Our speaker at the meeting is **Aldetha Raymonds** on the subject of **Plant Propagation**. The competition theme is ‘**A House Plant**’.

By the time you're reading this our three day trip to gardens in East Sussex and Kent will have happened. We're very excited - don't miss next month's thrilling instalment!

Tim and Carole

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## SEEND SCHOOL NEWS



So, it's the final term of the year at Seend School and as always, it's the longest and busiest one!

Rehearsals for the KS2 production have started. This year's show is The Pied Piper and the older children are busy learning their lines for their final show here at Seend. Some brave children will be performing a solo each and the younger members of KS2 have been given some lines too.

Sycamore children have started learning about the human body and were paid a visit from Mrs. Tripp from the Wiltshire Dental Health Team, who talked about the importance of keeping their teeth and gums clean and how best to avoid tooth decay. It was a really interesting morning and they learnt lots of new facts that will help them to ensure they have clean, shiny teeth. They were also given a tube of toothpaste and a toothbrush each.

Chestnut Class are busy learning their lines for their class assembly. There's a variety of things happening in the class assembly: poetry, singing, play-scripts and some sharing of information as well as some writing that the children have been doing in the classroom. Fingers crossed it goes alright on the night (or rather, afternoon!).

Oak Class are off on a trip to Avebury this term. They'll be learning about the history of the stones as well as having a tour of the museum and thinking about how tourism affects the area.

Holly Class are all very enthusiastic about their new topic on Dinosaurs! They are hoping to go on a trip to see some "real" Dinosaurs and will be making their own Dinosaur eggs and Dinosaur skeletons.

The children have already started their preparation for Sports' Day during their lunchtimes and in PE lessons. Our Sports' Day is on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June and is always a fantastic event. I wonder which team will win this year?!

Four of our Dads are hoping to raise some funds for the school by completing a 44 mile run along the Cornish coast path from The Lizard Point to Lands End. We wish them lots of luck from everyone at Seend School.

Seend continues to go from strength to strength and have another full complement of children in September 2016. In fact every year group (apart from the current year 4) is now full!

Nicola Coleman, Deputy Headteacher



### **How do we spend your money?**

As many of the parents are aware, FoSS recently purchased replacement Starred Learner Trophies. The old ones had seen better days and most of them had been glued together on more than one occasion! We hope the new trophies will be more durable. We have also renewed Sycamore Class' subscription to First News, a weekly newspaper for children. We are always open to suggestions from class teachers whenever a specific need arises. The main aims for our current fundraising efforts are the new path from the back gate to the playground and the covered play area for Holly Class.

### **Seend School Dads run for FoSS – Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June**

On Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June, four Seend School Dads (Chris Butter – Dad of Charlie & Tom, Nathan Clark – Dad of Toby & Lucy, Chris Holley – Dad of Jake & Alfie, and Ben Hubert – Dad of Freddie & Mimi) ran a 44 mile relay race along the coastal footpath of Cornwall, from the Lizard Point to Lands' End. They each had to run 11 miles but more importantly, the gradients were phenomenal and the path rough. And they did it to raise funds for FoSS! We have a BIG jar in School - all donations are gratefully received. Congratulations and a big thank you to the Seend Dads!

### **Anyone for Pimms?? – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June**

Once again, we will be serving Pimms (both alcoholic and non-alcoholic) at Sports Day. Refreshments will be on sale before the races and afterwards, but NOT DURING. We will also be serving ice pops for children at the end of the day.

### **Teas at Seend Fete – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August. WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

We are running the teas at the Seend Fete this year. We are going to be serving Wiltshire Cream Teas – scones with cream and strawberry jam - plus tea, coffee, squash & biscuits.

If you are able to help on the day, please DO speak to Sue Hale or Mel Steel who have the rota. We need volunteers to fill one-hour slots during the afternoon and still have quite a few gaps to fill...

Nearer the time, we will be asking parents to donate scones and/or a jar of strawberry jam, in the same way that we did with the mince pies at Christmas time. The school caterers have kindly agreed to donate 100 biscuits for us to serve with the children's squash; we are very grateful for their kind offer.

## **Events for next term – Quiz Night**

Following on from the success of our two previous quiz nights, our esteemed Quiz Master General, Catherine Cooper, has kindly agreed to do another such event in the first half of the Autumn term. Date TBC.

**Thank you, Mel Steel & Victoria Bowes**

## **SEEND PLAYGROUP NEWS**

20 children took part in our sponsored activity circuit. We were very lucky with the weather which had looked threatening. The parents and grandparents turned up to support their little ones, and we had some yummy homemade cakes for refreshments afterwards. We thank everyone who helped on the day, and everyone who sponsored the children. I predict the outcome will more than pay for our end of term party, so thank you very much.

Our end of term party will be on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July when Active Trowbridge will be coming with an exciting inflatable play zone, and 2 sports coaches to organize some games for the children.

Our annual outing for children with parent/carer (where possible) will be to Woodland Adventurers near Box on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July.

We will be having our leavers' presentation and Teddy Bears Picnic on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July.

The children have made some lovely flowery collages for the art display at the Flower Show in the Community Centre on Fete Day, Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August. Don't forget to include that on your busy afternoon. We will also be manning the "Feed the Bear" game on the field, and will be looking for volunteers to take a half hour turn at that please.

Our final day of term is Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July.

Liz Futter (Playleader) 828485

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## **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 26<sup>th</sup> May 2015** was attended by 9 Councillors with Mr J Padfield in the chair. Apologies received from Mr P Manning. Also in attendance Cllr J Seed.

**Declaration of Interests** - Mr T James and Mr J Padfield declared an interest in the Appeal – Green Switch Developments Ltd, solar park. Mr M Wiltshire declared an interest in the discussion on winter snow preparations.

Cllr Seed said that he had two things to report, the first is the appeal for the Sandridge solar farm; nothing has been heard to date. **Post meeting note: This appeal has now been upheld.** The second is the pinch point in Seend High Street, as he wanted to get the message across that things are moving in this respect, although the bid had been held up because of the General Election, but the signs should be installed by the

autumn. They would be warning signs of oncoming traffic, and would be triggered electronically. Once the finance is in place, Cllr Seed will put an item in Spotlight.

The Wiltshire Core Strategy proposals for alerting people about planning applications were discussed. It was understood that there is a proposal to change the strategy, so that only neighbours either side are notified of a proposed application. The Statement of Community Involvement consultation ends 5 pm on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June; the Protection of Heritage Asset consultation ends today. Cllr Seed said that the current policy is considered over restrictive.

**Winter Snow Preparations** – Email sent to the Parish Clerks of Bulkington and Poulshot. Peter Baxter, Clerk, Poulshot Parish Council responded that he presented the suggestion of Seend Parish Council for a joint-funded salt/grit spreader to his Members at their recent meeting. The Council considered the matter carefully but wish to decline the offer as it felt the impact of snow within the village is containable within local resources. However, the Council wished to thank Seend for considering such an innovative scheme, and if other ideas come to mind please do not hesitate to get in touch. No response yet received from Bulkington PC; email follow up sent to Bulkington PC Clerk. After discussion, it was agreed that Seend PC should buy the spreader, and get Mr Wiltshire registered with Wiltshire Council as a contractor to undertake the work in the village. Proposed Mr J Padfield, seconded Mr T Murch, 8 in favour, 1 abstention.

**Neighbourhood Plan** – Mrs A’Bear reported on recent meetings. The Constitution was now drawn up, and she is Chair. Nick Westbrook from Melksham Neighbourhood Plan steering group had attended and outlined their process, which is very relaxed. Landscape maps have been drawn up, and pie charts used from the Village Consultation. Banners had been displayed in the Lye Field and Mr Manning is getting a quote for printing flyers. Mrs A’Bear reported an attendance of 10 people at the meetings. The areas to be covered by the Plan are housing, economy, employment, well-being, transport and environmental services. Mrs Carr said that she thought there should be a budget for the work to be undertaken, and proposed £500, seconded by Mrs J Savage, agreed unanimously. It was suggested that the group should also ask about grants. It was noted that from the list of parishes currently undertaking a Neighbourhood Plan, none had yet completed.

**Car parking Rusty Lane** – The Clerk reported that she had received two quotes. Thornbury Surfacing £8655 (ex VAT) and Valletta Surfacing £8,565 (ex VAT). It was agreed that the Clerk should contact the organisations fronting Rusty Lane, to seek their permission to undertake the work.

### **Planning Matters**

15/04125/FUL      Bridge House, Martinslade  
First floor extension to outbuilding

Councillors felt that the extension was too high and had adverse visual impact. Councillors voted unanimously not to approve the application.

15/02779/FUL Little Thornham Farm, Trowbridge Road  
Removal of existing single garage. Change of use of land and erection of proposed garage and vehicular turning area and timber entrance gates with stone piers

Councillors voted unanimously to approve this application.

APPEAL APP/Y3940/W/15/3005078

Land to the east of Bollands Hill and North of The Kennet and Avon Canal, Seend.

Installation of a Solar Park with an output of approximately 4 MW

Following discussion, Councillors voted 7 not to approve, with 2 abstentions. The Clerk to respond to the Appeal with the Council's objections.

15/04387/FUL Greenheys, High Street  
Demolish and rebuild front boundary wall

Councillors voted unanimously to approve this application.

There was one item of correspondence from Fiona Johnson, President of Seend WI, to inform the PC that the WI is looking into the future of the WI Hall. They feel that the time is approaching when the building needs to be removed and replaced with landscaping or a small building with parking, for the use of the WI and other village groups. Any future project would be subject to funding. They will have discussions with interested parties, and let the PC know the outcome.

**School Road** – the street light at the end of School Road is being obscured by a large shrub which needs to be cut back. The Clerk to advise the Parish Steward.

**High Street, crossing** - Mrs A'Bear suggested that a dropped kerb be installed on either side of the High Street, close to the church, to make crossing safer.

**Broadband** – the Clerk to contact BT to ask about provision of super fast broadband which is being installed in the village, and whether it will be available to all properties.

**Date of next meeting:** The date of the next meeting is Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015, at Seend Community Centre at 7.30 p.m.

Mrs Rosemary Fisher, Clerk

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

### VACANCY FOR A PARISH COUNCILLOR

There is a vacancy for a Councillor on Seend Parish Council, which will be filled by co-option at the meeting of the Parish Council on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2015.

If you are interested in being considered for the vacancy, please contact the Parish Clerk. Mrs Rosemary Fisher  
12 The Stocks, Seend Cleeve  
Tel: 01380 828281

## **Wiltshire Council News from Jonathon Seed**

The funding of the Hopper Bus by Wiltshire Council for transport to the Royal United Hospital in Bath over the past ten years or so to the tune of a whopping £200,000 per year has attracted a great deal of attention in the press in recent weeks. This focus was brought about by the council reviewing its decision to spend this amount of money on a service that is not a council responsibility and particularly on a service that is the responsibility of the NHS. This service was also being used by staff as subsidised transport to work as their charges were less than other passengers. Whilst we all accept that this is a highly valued service by those who use it we also have to accept that costs must fall with the responsible budget holders and the council simply does not have this scale of funding to spare. However as a result of the council reviewing its financing of the service very productive discussions have taken place between the council, the RUH and the Clinical Commissioning Group and it looks like a new service will be created doing much the same job but being funded by the organisations who receive a budget to do so. This will be good news all round and will suit all the council tax payers in Wiltshire, whether or not they use the Hopper.

The recent General Election campaign has made me very conscious that people within the area that I represent want to discuss local issues that affect them. There are lots of people locally who want to be involved in the political process without necessarily joining a political party. The sort of issues that often get raised locally range from solar and wind farms to road safety to planning. One issue that has been the subject of much debate in recent years is road safety around the narrow point of the Seend High Street between the Bell Inn and the Post Office. All sorts of suggestions have been made but it finally looks like we may have not only agreed on a scheme based on “intelligent” and “reactive” electronic signs that will warn vehicles of traffic heading towards them in the opposite direction.

*I would be very happy to discuss and explain this very specific road safety issue and also address other issues with any member of the community who comes along at 7.30pm at the bar of the Main Hall in Seend Community Centre on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July. This event is being jointly sponsored by myself and local resident Dr Nigel Knott and all are welcome .*

Jonathon Seed, Tel. 01380 850696, Mob: 07770 774463 [www.jonathonseed.com](http://www.jonathonseed.com)

### **SEEND SPORTING AND DRAMATIC NEWS**

**Skittles:** Reporter Graham Hamblin



This is now the closed season for the skittlers but they are, Graham assures me, all training hard for the forthcoming season. Training usually starts most nights at the Community Centre at about 7.30pm going on until last orders. All welcome.

**Tennis:** Chair Elaine Davies

***Mens Captain: Tom Jackson:*** I watched the men's team secure a well measured victory on 17th June against Sherston with a 6-2 win. Their results so far this season in division 5 are :- Played 5, won 2 , lost 2 ,



drawn 1. Tom's player of the season so far is John Chowrimootoo who has not missed a match. It is good to see some keen and skilled younger players coming through the ranks who should be match fit very soon.

**Women's Captain: Pam Akerman.**

With 6 matches completed the women have won 2, lost 3, and drawn 1.

**Mixed A : Captain Elaine Davies :**

Played 5, won 2, lost 3.

**Mixed B : Captain Sue Meharg :**

Played 4, won 1, drawn 1, lost 2.

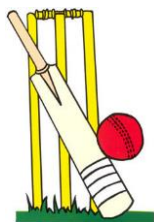


**Short Mat Bowls :** President : Colin "Sepp" Waldeck.

Congratulations to Colin on his recent re-election for the 14th time, eventually unopposed, as president, making him the longest running captain of a Seend sports team since the war, with the only break in his control being during his absence on national service for the period of the Suez crisis in 1956. As Colin explained to me firm leadership is imperative if victories are to be had !

**Results** :- unfortunately things have not gone too well for the boys of late with 7 defeats and one draw since the clocks went forward, the draw being considered as good as a win nowadays.

**Stop Press:** The date for the re-run of the election, owing to Colin being "unavailable" for the foreseeable future, will be on the second Tuesday after Michaelmas. Nominations and "donations" to G.Gordon Liddy at the Committee to Re-elect the President by Friday please.



**Cricket:** Captain John Wiltshire.

You may wish to check out the village team at [seend.play-cricket.com](http://seend.play-cricket.com)

24/5/15 - Beat Westover by 7 wickets. Westover featured Olly McArthur (One Direction) who scored 57 not out. Man of the match: Nathan King. Outstanding teas: Mrs G. Dog.

31/5/15 - Won against Spye Park. Top scorer: Russell Collins.

7/6/15 - Lost to Broughton Gifford by 4 wickets: Seend 235 for 5. Tom Wallis 84, Russell Collins 66. Man of the match: Dan Carpenter. Fantastic teas: Anita Shea.

**The Turf:** Redstart is presently resting but may well have her next trip at the Curragh. Watch this space.

**Cross Country:** We are now in the middle of the running season in Wiltshire with a series of 5k races most weeks but the one they all look to as the true benchmark is the Bishop's Cannings 5000 metre Dash which this year will be on Saturday 11th July, run as part of the Bishop's Cannings Church Fete. The race takes off at 3.30 precisely. Entries accepted on the day. Go to the race website at [bishopsconnings5000m.org.uk](http://bishopsconnings5000m.org.uk) for entry forms, statistics, race history, past winners etc.

Please let us have your sports news towards mid July for the next issue.

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.)*

None this month.

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## **BITS AND BOBS**

### **SEEND POST OFFICE - CURRENCY AND TRAVEL INSURANCE**

The village Post Office can provide you with your holiday currency and travel insurance (no commission). We have euros in stock at all times and all other currency will be with us the day after ordering. Insurance can be a one off or yearly depending on your requirements - pop in to see us.

Just a reminder that the Post Office are agents for all major banks. So if you need a cash withdrawal or cheque deposit, don't go into town - come and use our cashpoint.

**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.

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### **LANDS' END TO JOHN O'GROATS – IS SHE MAD?**

Those of you I have not yet managed to bore to tears or who haven't seen me whizzing around the village on two wheels, will not yet know that I am embarking on the rather ambitious task of cycling (yes cycling) the entire length of the United Kingdom. Not only do I have to face the humiliation of being clad in unflattering lycra, I also have to cycle a whopping 960 miles in just 9 days (Sept 5<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup>) as part of the Deloitte [www.rideacrossbritain.com](http://www.rideacrossbritain.com).



Why? Yes I probably am going slightly mad but, hey, I am 40 this year, in reasonably good health and lucky to have been given this opportunity so it makes sense I use my good fortune to help those that are less fortunate. Globally, there are millions of refugees and internally displaced children in need of education. Displaced children affected by on-going conflicts currently have no access to quality education and are at high risk of never going back to school. For this humongous event (hint hint) I am aiming, with your support, to raise £3500 for the Vodafone Foundation Instant Network Schools programme in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Instant Network Schools provide internet education to children and young



people in refugee camps, providing online & digital teacher materials in communities where resources are hugely limited, increasing the chance of employment whilst providing insight to life outside the camp. If anyone would like to support me here are my sponsorship details: [www.justgiving.com/Jenny-Dalton1975](http://www.justgiving.com/Jenny-Dalton1975) or to use Text Giving, Text JEED75 £10 to 70070.

Many, many thanks, Jenny Dalton.

**White Horse Opera are currently touring Die Fledermaus by Johann Strauss II** and will be performing at Easterton Village Hall on Friday 10th July at 8pm. Tickets £8 from Devizes Books and [www.ticketsource.co.uk/whitehorseopera](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whitehorseopera)



**Calne Choral Summer Concert 2015**

**“Maidens, Majors and Mayhem”**

**the Music of Gilbert and Sullivan.**

Saturday 11 July at 7.30pm at the Chapel of St.Mary's School, Calne.

Price £10 (£2 children and students).



**Melksham Villages**

**Co-ordinator Lise Griffiths: telephone 07541 353430 or email [melkshamgnc@communityfirstorg.uk](mailto:melkshamgnc@communityfirstorg.uk)**

A free and confidential service which puts older residents in touch with the services and people that can help them to live more independent lives

**Falls Awareness**

- \* Check for hazards such as a loose carpets or rugs, clutter or cables. Are the stairs well lit with suitable rails?
- \* Much as we love our pets, they can be a trip hazard. A bell on the collar can help!
- \* Have your eyes and hearing checked regularly.
- \* Manage your medicines – some medication can cause dizziness or affect balance.
- \* Tackle the fear of falling – if you have had a fall, or don't feel confident to move about, there are exercise classes available locally which can help.
- \* Consider having a personal alarm (Lifeline) which you can use in the event of a fall to get help quickly. Some providers can now also supply fall detectors.

If you would like further information on any of the above, or any other issue affecting older people in our community, please call your Good Neighbour Co-ordinator Lise Griffiths on 07541 353430 or email [melkshamgnc@communityfirst.org.uk](mailto:melkshamgnc@communityfirst.org.uk)

**Countryside Code advice - Effective Control of your dog**

By law, you must keep your dog under effective control so that it does not scare or disturb farm animals or wildlife. On most areas of open country and common land, known as 'access land', you must keep your dog on a short lead between 1<sup>st</sup> March and 31<sup>st</sup> July which is the breeding season and also the growing season for silage and hay– and all year round near farm animals ie grazing animals.

You do not have to put your dog on a lead on public paths if it is under close control. But as a general rule, keep your dog on a lead if you cannot rely on its obedience. By

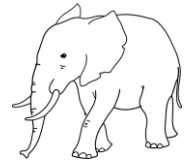
law, farmers are entitled to destroy a dog that injures or worries their animals. If a farm animal chases you and your dog, it is safer to let your dog off the lead – don't risk getting hurt by trying to protect it.

Take particular care that your dog doesn't scare sheep and lambs, or wander where it might disturb birds that nest on the ground and other wildlife – eggs and young will soon die without protection from their parents.

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### **Jo's Enormous Elephant Run**

Jo MacManus did it! 10K dressed in an elephant suit. And she raised over £800 to save the elephants in Kenya. You can still sponsor her via [justgiving.com/jomcmanus2](http://justgiving.com/jomcmanus2). The elephants thank you.



**West Lavington Fete & Fun Family Dog Show**  
**SATURDAY 11<sup>th</sup> JULY from 2pm on the Village Playing Field**

### **DEVIZES CHILD CONTACT CENTRE**

I volunteer at the above Centre, which provides an opportunity for children to keep contact with both parents where the parental relationship has broken down; and for a variety of reasons the courts have deemed it necessary that the contact should be supervised and take place in a neutral venue.

This facility, in St. Andrew's Church Hall in Devizes, serves a large catchment area. It opens for two hours every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday in the month, from 2– 4pm. Toys, games, etc. are provided, so setting up and tidying away takes another hour, therefore time commitment for volunteers is three hours. As a volunteer one is asked to do six Saturdays a year. There are a number of volunteers who share in keeping this facility going. We are never less than three 'on duty' and it is possible to tell the rota organiser of any Saturday that you have a previous engagement. It is also possible to swap dates.

More volunteers are needed to keep this important facility going. If anyone reading this might be interested please contact [devizesccc@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:devizesccc@yahoo.co.uk) and the organiser will be in touch.

Carola Thorpe

### **A night with the Wurzels, Friday 3rd July at Five Lanes Farm**

Tickets/wristbands available from Teresa Chandler at Five Lanes Farm Potterne 07970953557 or [www.potternecc.org.uk/the-wurzels.htm](http://www.potternecc.org.uk/the-wurzels.htm). Adults (18+) £15, Children (under 18) £7.50, Family Tickets (2 Adults + 2 Children) £40, camping available Licensed Bar, Hog Roast, support acts Gates open 4pm.

### **And finally:**

Beauty is in the eye of the beer holder.

**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](mailto:jamiestreeter@hotmail.co.uk)

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

Website: [www.seendcommunitycentre.com](http://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](http://www.seendparishcouncil.co.uk)

**Seend's Wiltshire Councillor** - Jonathon Seed 01380 850695 [jonathon.seed@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:jonathon.seed@wiltshire.gov.uk)

**Seend Website:** [www.seend.org.uk](http://www.seend.org.uk) - Neil Yockney 827139. **Seend School** - 828334

**Bulkington Website:** [www.bulkington.org.uk](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:claire.perry.mp@parliament.uk)

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

**100+Club Draw** – Karen & Steve Cubberley – [steven@cubberley.com](mailto:steven@cubberley.com) - tel: 828423

**Acoustic Club** - Malcolm Shipp 07702 967150 - [www.seendacoustic.org](http://www.seendacoustic.org)

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

**Bouncy Club** - Paulette Pardoe 07944 300350

**Brownies** - Helen Hook 828477

**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](http://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** – Philip Proven

**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

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| 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<br>Holidays | 9.00 - 10.30  | Closed       |

\* note early closing