

SPOTLIGHT

Seend & Bulkington



SEEND OPEN GARDENS

13th and 14th June 2015 - 1.00 - 6.00 pm

Programme £6 - Children Free

Summer Flower Festival in Church

Children's quiz - Organ Music

Cream teas & ice creams - Plant Sale

FREE PARKING

Restricted wheelchair access to some gardens

In aid of Church funds

June 2015

DIARY DATES FOR LATE MAY

- 27th Nosh & Natter Lunch Club, Community Centre, 12 for 12.30pm
27th Monthly Fun Quiz at the Brewery Inn, 8pm

DIARY DATES FOR JUNE

- 1st Mobile Library: 9.35 am Seend The Lye; 10 am Seend Cleeve phone box; 10.55 am Well Inn Car Park, Bulkington
3rd Shuttle Shopping Trip (call 01225 706526 by Monday 1st to book)
3rd Buzzzz Group, 4 Northfields, Bulkington, 7.30pm
3rd Seend Acoustic Club – guest Mike Scott – upstairs in Community Centre, 8pm
11th Lye Field AGM, Pavilion, 7.30pm
12th Seend Playgroup sponsored obstacle course
13th Seend Open Gardens and Flower Festival, 1-6pm
13th Summer BBQ, Community Centre, 6pm
13th LAST DAY FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO JULY SPOTLIGHT
14th Seend Ramblers meet Rusty Lane, 9.30am
14th Seend Open Gardens and Flower Festival, 1-6pm
15th Mobile Library: 9.35 am Seend The Lye; 10 am Seend Cleeve phone box; 10.55 am Well Inn Car Park, Bulkington
17th Seend Acoustic Club – guest Kirsty Bromley – upstairs in Community Centre, 8pm
17th Melksham Area Board meeting, Assembly Hall, 7pm
18th Seend WI Craft afternoon, Pavilion, 2-4pm
24th Parish Plan presentation, Pavilion, 7-9pm
24th Fun Quiz at Brewery Inn, 8pm
27th Parish Plan presentation, Pavilion, 3-6pm
28th Armed Forces Day – Drumhead Service, Lye Field, 3pm
28th Vintage 40s Garden Party, Millcroft, Mill Lane, Bulkington, 3pm
29th Mobile Library: 9.35 am Seend The Lye; 10 am Seend Cleeve phone box; 10.55 am Well Inn Car Park, Bulkington
30th Seend Parish Council, upstairs in Community Centre, 7.30pm

DIARY DATES FOR JULY

- 1st Nosh & Natter Lunch Club, Community Centre, 12 for 12.30pm
17th School's Out Family Friendly BBQ, Seend Community Centre, 5.30pm
18th Summer Saturday Breakfast, Community Centre, 8-10.30am
18th Picnic in the Park, Pavilion & Lye Field, 6pm
25th Summer Saturday Breakfast, Community Centre, 8-10.30am
25th Bulkington Village Fete, Leaze Farm, 3-6pm

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 June Spotlight



Is summer coming at last? We certainly hope for summery weather for the Open Gardens – one of the highlights of the Seend year. Make sure you allow time to see the Flower Festival in the church too. To round off your day on Saturday 13th, you can pop along to the Community Centre afterwards for a barbecue. And please also support the other events in our villages over the next month – we recommend Acoustic Club on 3rd June, when Mike Scott is the deservedly popular guest.

Sad news that the Seend Link Committee's pleas for help over the last few months have come to nought, and the scheme will close in August. Several people in the village will miss it a lot.

On a brighter note, there's lots of activity surrounding the Seend Parish Plan proposals, and we hope good things will result from it. See the flyer enclosed.

Annual Spotlight Envelope Collection

You will find enclosed a brown envelope for any donation you care to make to keep our precious village magazine in the black and therefore delivered free to all homes in our villages! The income from adverts is not enough on its own to pay the costs of producing the magazine – and to build up a reserve to pay for a new printer when the present one decides to stop working. Your volunteer Spotlight deliverer will collect the envelope from you – or if you miss them you can leave it in the Shop/PO. Our readers are always very generous every year, so we thank you in anticipation.

ADVERTISING IN SPOTLIGHT

At the time of writing, there is still room for one or two new ads for local businesses to be published in the ten editions of Spotlight between July 2015 and June 2016. Rates are: £80 per half page and £45 per quarter page. Please contact Chris at cp.brooker@btinternet.com or 01380 828047.

Spotlight Contacts: Contributions for the July issue (copy deadline 13June) 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 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 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 June and beyond

(see pages 10-12 for Bulkington events)

Nosh and Natter Lunch Club

in Seend Community Centre

Only £5 for two courses!

Wednesday 1st July, 12 for 12.30pm

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:

June 3rd – Mike Scott

June 17th – Kirsty Bromley

Plus support acts, floor spots, free chocolates and unusual raffle. All in all, a great evening out!



MONTHLY FUN QUIZ at THE BREWERY INN

WEDNESDAY JUNE 24th at 8PM

SEEND OPEN GARDENS

13th and 14th June 2015 - 1.00 - 6.00 pm

Programme £6.00 to all participating gardens (Children Free)

Summer Flower Festival in Church - Plant Sale

Children's quiz - Organ Music - Cream Teas & ice creams available

FREE PARKING

Restricted wheelchair access to some gardens

In aid of Church funds. Contact Tina Yockney on 01380 827139

for further information if required

There will be a plant stall at the open gardens so if you had any spare plants to donate we would be grateful. Please bring them to the Pavilion on Sat or Sun morning 13th/14th June or they may be left in the church porch on 11th/12th June. Thank you"



Community Centre BBQ:

Saturday 13th June at 6pm – so come along straight after your tour of the wonderful open gardens!

Picnic in the Park

Saturday 18th July - Seend Pavilion and Playing Field

Picnic evening with music from *The Night Hours*

Doors open from 6.00 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



DAY TRIP to LONDON and THE HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT THURSDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER 2015

A visit to the Houses of Parliament has been arranged and 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. The remainder of the day will be free for you to enjoy as you please. Early booking is advised. For further information contact Tina Yockney on 01380 827139 or 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.)

THANK YOU

I should like to thank all those who sent messages of sympathy and condolence in the wake of Mary's death. I was astonished to receive such wonderful support at a time when I needed it most. I am very grateful to you all. Many thanks indeed!

Joe Hardstaff

SEEND OPEN GARDENS and FLOWER FESTIVAL - 13/14 June 2015

Please help to make a truly memorable flower festival on the Open Gardens weekend in Seend Church. It would be appreciated if you would provide flowers and foliage from your garden which can be left in the containers in the porch on **Thursday 11th June or Friday 12th June (morning)**.

The flower arranging team are looking forward to preparing them and making a celebration of Summer. Thank you for your help.

Margaret Coley, 828189

CERAMIC POPPIES FROM THE TOWER OF LONDON

At the suggestion of one of our members, Freddie Giles, the Seend branch of the British Legion is tentatively exploring the possibility of putting a permanent display of ceramic poppies in the side chapel. If you, like Freddie, purchased a poppy but are not sure how to use it, would you consider letting it form part of such an arrangement?

The Churchwardens are happy with the proposal so we now need an idea of how many poppies might be available – there may not be enough to take this any further. Please contact Freddie (870238) or me (828612) if you are interested.

Marion Whitehead

RNLI – House to house and Devizes Flag Day Collection: May 2015

Thank you everyone from Seend, Seend Cleeve, Martinslade and Bulkington for giving your time and effort to collect for the Life Boats. Here are the results. The figures in brackets show last years totals. Percentages are rounded to the nearest whole number.

In the village we collected £464.43 (£565.22), 17.83% lower than last year. The total house-to-house amount for all areas was £4803.65 (£4586.19), 5% up on last year. The Flag Day in Devizes raised £759.48 (£741.75) higher on last year by 2%. This was very good considering that there were eight fewer collectors than last year. The average per person on flag day last year was £23.17; this year it was £25.32. So – despite the lower number of collectors, we did very well indeed.

Thank you once again, everyone, for another outstanding effort for a worthy cause supported wholly by charitable contributions.

If anyone would like to help us and spend an hour on Flag Day in Devizes (we collect from 08.30 to 14.30) please get in touch with me on 01380 828508

Bob McCulloch

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 are therefore effectively a Research Group, whose membership is currently made up of 11 inhabitants, four of whom are Parish Councillors - Georgina A'Bear, Sarah Chard, Jane Hopkins, Nick Keen, Paul Manning, Tony Murch, Aldetha Raymond, Kevin Rigg, Lizzie Simes, Carola Thorpe and Steven Vaux. Names of the members can also be found on our website www.seendparishplan.org

On the website you can also see a marvellous map of the Parish and many photos showing our landscape and aspects of village life. HAVE A LOOK !

It has been decided, given that we are carrying out a research project, that members of the Steering Group will not contribute to discussions on the Group's Facebook page, in order to try and protect the integrity of the results.

However the Group may post a starter statement or question from time to time to initiate discussion. The Facebook page can be accessed via the link on the website. DO CONTRIBUTE ! There is also an icon for email contact with the Group.

Please think about issues that concern you about our Parish and share them via either of the mediums above, or come to a PAVILION drop-in session to see the presentation we are arranging for you, where there will be other opportunities to contribute you views. The Parish Plan consultation is of course open to input from Parish organisations. We hope you have already noted the dates: WEDNESDAY 24TH JUNE (7– 9pm.) and SATURDAY 27TH. JUNE (3-6pm.) DO COME !

There will be further opportunity to provide your thoughts and views until the end of September.



Seend Flower Show 2015 is coming :
Saturday August 8th is the day.

The Flower Show Committee hope that you are planning your entries for this year's show. The complete schedule for all the exhibition classes, guidance notes, and entry form are available for inspection and downloading from the show website at www.seend.org.uk/fshow and you can also see information and pictures of last year's show.

We do hope that the young ones are thinking of what they can do to make the show yet another success. Contact me at 01380 827137 if you have any questions.

As before we will be sending out show programmes that have the schedules, notes, and entry form to all local addresses; this will be bundled with the July issue of Spotlight thanks to the cooperation of the Spotlight distributors. As with Spotlight itself the show programme will have advertising content. We sincerely thank our advertisers for their willingness to part sponsor the show in addition to the major sponsorship contribution from Altfield – we really couldn't put on the show without you.

Of course there would be no show without the exhibitors; thank you folks for your interest and hard work – we will be seeing you in August.

Brian Jaques



Huge prizes at the Fancy Dress Competition at Seend Fete 8th August at 1 pm.

We'll be holding another fantastic fancy dress parade and competition this year to open the fete. There will be classes for adults, children and groups with huge cash prizes for the top 3 places! So let your imagination run wild and dress up as anything you like!! Come along in your spectacular costume to the arena by 12:45 on fete day prepared to amaze the crowds.

Don't forget we have theatre, puppetry, lots of music and different food offerings this year. We also have a fire engine visiting us. There's so much going on! Don't miss out – put 8th August in your diary!

If you'd like to make an early donation to our world-famous white elephant stall then please call Julia Payne on 07974 725697. Ladies and gents clothes are particularly welcome this year. 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. We would also be grateful for any donations to our plant stall on fete day. So please plant out a few extra seedlings for us if you can, all plants gratefully received.

Many thanks in advance for all your donations. More next time on our bottle-collecting week and the fabulous free breakfast on Fete-day morning.

Follow us on Twitter @seendfete, like us on Facebook "Seend Fete".

SEEND LINK CLOSURE

Sadly we have to give notice that in the absence of any volunteers for the Committee of the Link service for Seend, it will close on the 1st August 2015. Any enquiries or offers of help please contact Joan Savage on 01380 828108.

LYE RECREATIONAL FIELD COMMITTEE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Lye Field Committee will be held in the Pavilion on the 11th June 2015 at 7.30 pm and all are welcome to attend a hear how the year has been for our charity. The trustees and committee members urge all those interested in our hall and playing field to come along and contribute their ideas and suggestions to make the Lyefield even more amenable for the village folk to enjoy this summer and future times ahead.

Philip Proven Chairman

CHURCH AND CHAPEL NEWS

THE LIFE of CHRIST - FRIDAY 26th JUNE 2015

<http://www.wintershall-estate.co>

Running from 10am to 4pm, this is a wonderful open air play – full details were in May Spotlight. Tickets are £17.50 plus travel. **Names to be submitted no later than Friday 12th June (not 17th as previously stated) please.** For further information please contact Tina Yockney 01380 827139 or tinayockney@btinternet.com

Wells Cathedral and Bishop's Palace Visit - Saturday 19th 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.

CHURCH SERVICES IN JUNE

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



CHURCH SERVICES IN JUNE 2015

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 June, 2015. The 1st 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: Morning Praise 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.*

Sunday 14th June, 2015. The 2nd 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
- 2.00: MAGNA CARTA PILGRIMAGE**
- 6.00: Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) at Bulkington. *A gentle, reflective, traditional evening service.*

Sunday 21st June, 2015. The 3rd 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: (Book of Common Prayer) at Poulshot.

Sunday 28th June, 2015. The 4th Sunday after Trinity

- 8.00: Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at Seend
- 10.00: Service in the Marquee on the Green at Poulshot.
- 11.15: Communion at Seend. *A shortened communion service for all the family.*
- 3.00: Service on the Lye Field.
- 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 9.00 there is a short Benefice service of Matins (BCP*) at Poulshot church.

Every Thursday at 9.00 Morning Prayer will be said at 4 Northfields, Bulkington. All are welcome.

**** The Salisbury Diocesan Magna Carta pilgrimage takes place on Sunday 14 June, and will be one of the main events of a weekend which will form the centrepiece of Salisbury's Magna Carta celebrations. Salisbury hosts one of only four surviving copies of the original Magna Carta 1215, so why not take the opportunity to celebrate our Diocese's remarkable role in the worldwide development of democracy and justice – and have fun doing it?**

From 12 noon: Live music and lovely scenery begins the event at Old Sarum with its commanding views over the city. There will be a food stall for those wanting to buy lunch, or why not bring along a picnic?

1:30: A celebration service to start us on our way

2.00: Depart for the Cathedral – a 2 ½ mile walk, all of it downhill or on the flat, through some of the loveliest riverside scenery in the Salisbury area

3.00: The first pilgrims will arrive in the Cathedral Close, just in time to join with other people celebrating at the Liber-tea open air tea service

Maureen's Ramblings.....

What has the Church of England ever done for me? This was a question “The Telegraph” posed a while back. Of course the church has its struggles. That’s true of any human institution. But apparently 59% of people in England and Wales call themselves Christian and 85% visit a church in any given year, whether to give thanks, pay respects, mark a significant moment or seek solace. One man, visiting a Cathedral at Christmas said, “I’m not a believer, but I’m here because this place is beautiful; it fills me with a sense of peace and a sense of history”. When a child goes missing, or the floods come, it is often the parish church that provides a rallying point. 1.7 million people go to church each month, and the church is part of the warp and weft of our national life with the faith of Jesus Christ deep in the soil of our history. Church weddings may not be as popular as they were (sad because the venues and care from the clergy are good and the costs reasonable), but there are still 54,700 a year and apparently that number is rising again. Anglicans are still the automatic hosts for state occasions and have a role in the political life of our country, working for the benefit of everyone, not just its members. It was William Temple who said that “The Church is the only society on earth that exists for the benefit of non-members.”

I believe that this is the unique calling of the church – to be there for everyone, whatever their faith or none, whatever their need. When she heard that a cyclist had been hit by a lorry outside her church the local vicar rushed to the scene, persuaded the police to let her through their cordon and knelt to pray beside the body of the dying woman, commending her to God’s mercy and care. The cyclist’s husband asked her to take the funeral and she was able to walk with him through his grief. She said, “Parish priests and the church building are available for the whole community, not just for those who attend church regularly.” If I had room I could tell you so many stories of the church, mostly without fanfare, seeking to serve and minister where there is need. Our local churches in our benefice seek to do the same.

The Church lacks the money and the people to put a “professional” into every parish as it once used to, so much of the work is done by faithful, hardworking volunteers who apparently give about 23 million hours every month to work that benefits their local community - night shelters, youth and children’s work, food banks, credit unions, housing trusts, legal advice, street patrols, bereavement counselling, visiting the elderly, sick and housebound, lunch clubs, etc. Of course, many other denominations and many atheists and agnostics work just as hard. But nobody else has the same kind of national network, or the historic connections with their communities.

You might not go to church, but please be assured that the church is here for you anyway. You don’t have to sign up as a member to use the church to celebrate the birth of your child, marry, renew your vows or have a funeral or memorial service for a loved one who has died (where there is a comforting atmosphere and no time constraints!). You don’t have to be a member to discuss what you believe or don’t believe or to rant and rave about God. The church exists to serve. The church is here for you. You just need to ask!

The Revd. Maureen Allchin (01380 828931)

The Revd. Maureen Allchin would like to thank everyone who made her Licensing Service as Priest in Charge (Rector) of the Benefice such a special occasion. What is the difference between a **Vicar** and a **Rector**? There is really very little difference. Historically the Rector was the person with the right to “the living” (i.e. the money from the church land) and his job (it always was a “him”) was the spiritual oversight of the church and community. Sometimes, this meant that Rectors were quite wealthy. Some chose to employ others to do some of the work for them. These men would do the job of the Rector, working “in place of” the Rector. The Rector was carrying out his work *vicariously* through these other men and became known as Vicars. Our Benefice historically has a Rector. What about **Priest in Charge**? Again, there is no difference in rank, training or capability. It just means that a parish is subject to “pastoral reorganisation.” The Bishop deploys a priest to oversee the parish while the decisions are made about the longer term future of the parish.

SEEND METHODIST CHURCH : Services for June 2015

7th June No service in Seend – Alternatively
 10:30a.m. Bromham Methodist Church - Chapel Anniversary, led by
 Bishop Bill Ind
 6:00 p.m. Chittoe – Revd Cathy Arscott

14th June Still to be arranged – please see Chapel notice board

21st June No service

28th June 10:00a.m. Revd Di Whittall with Holy Communion

Everyone always welcome.
Anne Salter

BULKINGTON NEWS

BULKINGTON 100+ CLUB ☺

MAY 2015 DRAW

The May Draw of the Bulkington 100+ Club took-place on Tuesday 5th May at the Rev. Maureen's home.

Our winners for this draw were:

£40: no.18 - Tony Bradford
£30: no.03 - Anne Saywell
£20: no.49 - Andie Elliott

Congratulations to our winners and our thanks to all members for their support.

The new Bulkington 100+ Club year starts on 1st June. We hope that everyone will continue their membership into 2015/6 and that we can encourage new members into the Club. We will be delivering membership forms for completion, please, by mid-June.

The first draw of the new year will take-place in early July.

David Whiteley

For the Friends of Christ Church, Bulkington.



Benefice BUZZZ Group
will meet on Wednesday 3rd June 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. We will be exploring an Old Testament theme and its meaning for us. Everyone is welcome to this informal and pleasant evening.

THE BENEFICE TEA, CHAT AND CRAFT SOCIAL GROUP
will meet on the Monday, 1st June at 4 Northfields, SN10 1SE from 2.00 – 4.00.
Bring your own craft item or leave it at home and just come and chat!
People from all our benefice area are welcome to join us.
(Contact Anne Saywell on 828931 for further details).

The Mobile Library will visit The Well, Bulkington from 10:55 - 11:25
on Mondays – 1st, 15th and 29th June, 2015. Please support this important facility.

KEEP CALM
AND
ENJOY
PUB LUNCH

The church hosted **BENEFICE LUNCH CLUB** takes place on Wednesday, 3rd June at 12.15 at The Well. It is a great village plus friends occasion with a good value two course meal for £12.00 a head. Contact Jane Coles in advance for the menu (828145). New people from all our benefice area are welcome to join us.

Bulkington Ladies Group

The ladies enjoyed a fun evening of quizzing at the end of April.

Our May meeting (Thurs 28th) is to be a walk by the canal from the Barge at Seend. Meet outside Bulkington Village Hall at 7.15 pm to arrange transport.

Our meeting in June is on Thurs 25th at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. Roy Penhallow will be talking to us about his work with the Wiltshire Air Ambulance. It will be interesting to hear about this very important project in our community, and we will have the opportunity to contribute to its funds. There will be the usual light refreshments afterwards and a small raffle. Visitors welcome. Our meetings are always open to all.

Liz Futter 828485 Angela Read 828925

BULKINGTON VILLAGE HALL

The dust is settling after our major repairs. The works are now finished, apart from a few brass floor vents. However, the damp is still an enemy to be reckoned with, so we are gathering advice on how to deal with it. Watch this space! The main event of the month was the **General Election**, when the Hall became a **Polling Station**. This brings many villagers to the Hall, some for the first time. It is good to be reminded of the value of our little Hall. Our regular users have been loyal throughout our difficulties, for which we thank them. Small gestures help, too; thank you, Thelma, for the use of your kettle, when the old one sprang a leak. The rafters continue to ring every Tuesday morning with the voices of the One Voice Choir, our numbers swelled by a faithful attendance of North Bradley members who bring their voices and their friendship to Bulkington. **Without Villagers, there would be no Hall!**

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

Angela Read, Chairman.

"Around the world in 80 paintings" You are invited to an EXHIBITION OF PAINTINGS by the Revd. Maureen Allchin on Saturday, September 12th, 2015 from 10am-5pm at 4 Northfields, Bulkington, Wiltshire, SN10 1SE Refreshments all day - Lovely garden with view Raffle & Bookstall. £3.00 entrance (children free)



Afternoon Vintage Garden Party with 1940s themed music & song

On **Sunday 28th June at 3pm at Millcroft, Mill Lane, Bulkington** by kind permission of Mr & Mrs N. Boulton. Tickets £7 from Seend Post Office, Jane Coles 828145, Sue Noad 870343 and Anne Saywell 828931. '40s attire would be good but optional!

BULKINGTON VILLAGE FETE SATURDAY 25th JULY

at LEAZE FARM, MILL LANE from 3–6 pm

followed by BBQ and DISCO - FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY!



Many attractions - dog show, classic cars, bouncy castle, teas, handmade stall to include cakes, preserves, knitted items, toys, jewellery etc, visiting reptiles, face painting, book stall, bottle stall, music, competitions, children's games, ice creams, raffle, etc.



KEEP THE DAY FREE AND LOOK FOR FURTHER DETAILS,
ENTRY FORMS ETC.

SEEND CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

seend
centre

AT THE HEART OF
OUR COMMUNITY

SEEND COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

Singing for the Brain – For some weeks now, a group run by Alzheimers Support have been meeting in the Centre on Wednesday afternoons to socialise and sing. People with dementia can recall lyrics and melodies after other memories have faded, and these group sessions

boost confidence and self esteem. Groups are funded by Wiltshire Council and are free to participants. For information contact Carol on 07773 220346.

Snooker: Have you noticed that the snooker table was recently re-covered? And did you know that Seend Club members play snooker for free on Monday evenings?

VE Day Anniversary: It was a shame this event did not turn out to be the big village celebration we had hoped, but it was a brilliant evening and those who were there thoroughly enjoyed great music and food, bunting, beacon and some crazy dancing!

Dates for your Diary: Events in the very near future are detailed in the Events section at the beginning of this magazine, but looking further ahead:



School's Out BBQ – Family friendly BBQ on Friday 17th July from 5.30pm to get in the holiday mood before school breaks up!

Summer Saturday Breakfasts - From July 18th for five weeks (except on Fete Day)!

Wine and Food Fair – Saturday 21st November from 7.30pm. After a year off, the Wine and Food team are ready to tempt you to another pre-Christmas opportunity to taste and buy wines and to shop at stalls of local food producers and suppliers. Tickets will be available in October – but put the date in your diary NOW!

Wedding Fayre – Sunday 31st January. All prospective brides and grooms will find lots of ideas at our first ever Wedding Fayre, being run for us by experts in the field. Watch out for further details nearer the time.

WEA Day Schools – The Centre is the venue for two fascinating Day Schools. On Saturday 19th September, Paul Chapman will talk about the artists of the Vienna Secession, and on 16th January, Nick Nuttall will tell us all we need to know about the intriguing origins of the English language.

And watch out for a **Salsa Night** sometime later in the year!

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

IN MEMORIAM

This month we remember:

Francis Edward Swanborough 1st Bn Wiltshire Regt 15th June 1915

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.

Armed Forces Day - Sunday 28th June 2015

Armed Forces day will be celebrated by the Seend Branch of the Royal British Legion having a Drumhead Service on the Lye Field. The Service will commence at 1500hrs, will last approximately 30 minutes and will be open to all comers, regardless of whether they are members of the Royal British Legion or not.

Medals may be worn. The collection will be donated to the Royal British Legion. A limited amount of seating will be provided.

On completion, a cream tea will be available in the pavilion for all those who have attended the Service. In the event of inclement weather the Service will be held in the Pavilion.

Committee Meeting

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

County Parade And Service Of Rededication – Sunday 7th June 2015

The Service of Rededication will be in St Michael and All Angels Church, Melksham, and refreshments after the Parade will be provided in the Assembly Rooms. The Parade will form up at 1420 hrs in the King Street Car Park and will march down King Street and Church Street to St Michael's. The Service will be held at 1500 hrs. Following the Service the Standards will be trooped beside the War Memorial in Church Street. The Parade will then reform and march back down Church Street and King Street to the Market Place. The Shrewton Silver Band will be leading the Parade and playing for the service.

All members are strongly encouraged to attend this Parade. Let's have a good turnout for this local event and provide a good sized marching contingent. There will be a raffle during the refreshments and any prizes donated will be gratefully received.

3rd October – DS Big Band

DS Big Band night. Dinner to be included.

Roger Brind/Robin Heatley

SEEND SHUTTLE COMMUNITY BUS

First Wednesday Shopping Trip to Salisbury on Wednesday 3rd

June: Please contact Rex or Janet Gudge on 01225 706526 by Monday 1st June to book your place.





SEEND & DISTRICT RAMBLERS

On a beautiful spring day, **Sunday 17th May**, 13 walkers set off from Gidea Hall layby, near Biddestone, for a circular distance of 5.4 miles. We walked through spectacular woodland, covered in a carpet of white wild garlic, then on quiet lanes and fields into Long Dean, Ford, following the Bybrook, Slaughterford and a final climb back to our cars. Our thanks to Wendy and Reg for organising a varied and interesting route.

Sunday 14th June: Meet in Rusty Lane for 9.30am departure to a walk of 5½ miles to commence at 10.15am from the roadside by the Almshouses on the western side of Marshfield High Street (grid ref 774737). Undulating terrain, mainly on quiet lanes, via West Littleton and Ford. Leaders: Penny and Ron England. (Penny's mobile 07855 075780). New walkers welcome.

Evening walk and pub meal: This was planned for 3rd July but owing to a clash of dates we are trying to change it to 31st July. Members will be notified.

Lin Salter

SEEND WI

Our speaker in May was Mick from The Bobby Van Trust. He gave us a fascinating and informative talk about the work of the Trust.



Thank you to everyone who supported our Craft, Plant and Produce Sale. We had an enjoyable morning and will be sending a donation to ACWW (Associated Country Women of the World) Beekeeping Skills Project in Hohoe, Ghana. The aim of the project is to train a group of women in beekeeping skills.

The National Federation of Women's Institutes is celebrating its Centenary this year. A Royal Garden Party is being held on 2nd June at Buckingham Palace and two lucky Seend members are attending, Colleen Russell and Fiona Johnson.

Don't forget the Craft afternoon on Thursday 18th June, 2pm to 4pm in the Pavilion. You don't need to be a member of the WI to take part.

Next month's meeting is on Wednesday 10th June when our speaker will be Shaun McCormack who will be telling us about Life as The Queen's Bodyguard of the Yeoman of the Guard. Visitors are always welcome.

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

100+ Club Draw

The Lye Field 100+ Club draw for April 2015 took place on the 1st May. The results are as follows:-

£35.00	No. 147	Mrs P Brown
£30.00	No. 175	Mrs A Knocker
£25.00	No.091	Mrs L Thornton
£20.00	No. 116	Mrs J Godwin
£15.00	No. 034	Mrs M Burden
£10.00	No. 143	Mr M Kilduff



Congratulations to all the winners and a reminder that the 2015/2016 Club has now started. If you have not yet entered please send in your application form as soon as possible.

Karen Cubberley, Seend Lye Field Committee



SEEND AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

Well, we'd picked a date for our visit to Westonbirt Arboretum, and it just so happened that it was that Wednesday with lots of heavy rain and winds gusting over 50 mph. But were we dismayed? No! Were we downhearted? Nay! Were we damp? Yes! It was actually rather fun, dodging the trees as they flew past... Seriously we had a really enjoyable day, with an excellent volunteer who guided us at just the right speed, for just the right distance, and gave us just the right amount of information, managing to find places to pause where we were sheltered from the worst of the weather. And the restaurant provided us with a wide range of excellent food for our lunch.

If you haven't been to Westonbirt, or haven't been recently, it really is worth a visit whatever time of year it is - and whatever the weather - and it's not so far away that you're sitting in the car all day. We're now looking forward to our three-day trip to Kent and East Sussex - only a few weeks away!

Hope your garden's looking as lovely as ours is!

Tim and Carole

WESSEX FUCHSIA GROUP

Tuesday 30th June at 7.45pm in the Pavilion – Members Evening – Show Preparation. No meetings July and August.



SEEND SCHOOL NEWS



Now that the warmer and drier weather has arrived, the children have been enjoying playtimes on the field. As well as this, we have a huff and puff shed full of exciting equipment that is used during morning and lunch break; a risky play shed that the children use to build interesting things (!) and a den building kit which is proving to be very popular.

I am sure all the year 6 children are breathing a sigh of relief now that the SATs tests are nearly over. The children have worked incredibly hard and kept their focus up throughout the lead up to these assessments. Some of them have 13 tests covering this 4 day period so concentration is certainly needed! They can soon relax a little and enjoy working towards the summer production!

On 11th May, Peter & Tony from Melksham Historical Society visited Chestnut Class to tell the children about the RAF training camp at Bowerhill in WW2. The children were all eager to ask questions and look at the artefacts that Peter & Tony brought with them. The children also enjoyed sharing their research homework.

After quite a lot of worry from the school council and Mrs Hunt, we are pleased to report that our school fish have been safely removed from the pond and are currently residing at their new home in Melksham. The pond has been getting cloudier and dirtier for a while now and we hope to organise a pond clean after half term.

On 15th May we held our annual sponsored walk to raise some money for school funds. The older children walked to the bottom of Caen Hill locks while the younger ones enjoyed a slightly shorter walk. This year the money will be put towards a new path for around the school field and a covered area outside Holly Class so that our youngest children can play outside in all weathers.

We are starting to count up the Sainsbury's vouchers and already have a lot of things on our list of things to purchase so if you have any more vouchers lying around at home, please post them through our school letter box. These vouchers help us to buy sports equipment as well as other fun things like the den building kit.

Nicola Coleman, Deputy headteacher

SEEND PLAYGROUP NEWS

During May we managed to play outside most days, but have not really been bothered by too much sun so far! We have learnt our 'Put on your hat' song hopefully, but with no real conviction!

One Tuesday morning we filled wraps with good things ready for a picnic. It was raining. By the time we were ready it had stopped, so we braved a walk to Love Lane. The sun came out and we had an absolutely lovely time. The children enjoyed running down and up the hill, and climbing on the big tree stump. Everyone was tired out by the time we got back to base.

Later that week they visited Holly Class at Seend School. It was a wet morning but they were all very good and occupied themselves inside.

On June 12th we are holding a sponsored event to raise funds for our Leavers' Party. The children will be doing an obstacle course, which will involve climbing, balancing, bouncing and burrowing. We hope it will be outside. There will be refreshments for interested spectators, and also for the participants, so come and cheer on your little ones.

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 28th April 2015** was attended by nine Councillors with Mr J Padfield in the chair. Apologies received from Mr K Rigg and Cllr J Seed.

Police and Local Councillor's Matters - PCSO Wilson said there was little to report. On 1st April there had been a vehicle collision outside the Post Office. At Semington a cyclist had been knocked off his bike and injured. A kayak and paddle had been stolen from Clears Farm, but had been recovered. As reported in local newspapers, eight men had been taken from a travellers' site at Semington, four have since returned, and three persons are on bail. PCSO Wilson promised to send information on Clear Water for marking items.

Mr Murch raised the issue of payment for green waste bins, and it was agreed to ask for further information from Cllr Seed at the Annual Parish Meeting.

Winter Snow Preparations – An email had been sent to the Parish Clerks of Bulkington and Poulshot. Bulkington will discuss at their Annual Parish Meeting on 15 May, and Poulshot will discuss at their next meeting on 5 May. There was a query whether Mr Breach would be paid by Wiltshire Council if Seend asked him to come and spread grit on icy pavements, rather than to deal with snow. The Clerk to check with the Severe Weather Team at Wiltshire Council.

Neighbourhood Plan – Mrs A'Bear reported that a further meeting had taken place and, having spoken with Community First, she requested funding support from the Parish Council for further meetings and advertising materials in the form of leaflets, corex boards and a banner; the total required was expected to be around £100. After the consultation period was complete, should things progress to a Parish Plan, then application would be made to the Area Board for capital funding. Mrs A'Bear reported that there are currently 11 people on the steering group. It was important to make people in the village aware that they can influence what happens in the village. The consultation meetings will take place on Wednesday 24 and Saturday 27 June in the Irene Usher Pavilion. Councillors voted unanimously to fund the advertising materials and meeting costs.

Car parking Rusty Lane – The Clerk had not yet obtained quotes as she had been busy with end of year accounts preparation. Three quotes would be obtained and suggested contractors are Bodman, Thornbury Surfacing and Valetta (Westbury).

Notice board outside Post Office – This was now ready to be reinstalled.

Footpaths – Footpath 24 – The Footpaths Warden has been advised that it is alright to go ahead with installing a kissing gate.

Parish boundary at Bowerhill – The Clerk of Melksham Without PC has been advised of Seend PC's decision, which will be passed on to the Council. She advises that BRAG (Bowerhill Residents Action Group) has installed an information board in the picnic area with another to follow. Another bench is to be installed on the bridleway. BRAG has indicated to the PC that they wish to donate these items to Melksham Without Parish Council for their ongoing maintenance and insurance.

Bollands Hill – Mr Hawkins had emailed to propose that the road be narrowed at the canal bridge. Councillors discussed, but did not agree with this proposal.

Accidents in Seend – A response has been received from Dave Pretty at Collision Statistics, with a map of accidents in Seend up to 31 December 2014. The information has been passed to Mr Manning.

Footpath School Road – Email received from Ann Ewing to thank the Parish Council for arranging for the clearing of the verge and pavement down Bollands Hill to Pelch Lane, saying it is so much easier to walk down there safely now both with dogs and children. She also expressed her thanks for the new kissing gates that have been installed to replace stiles.

Ash die back – Tree Warden (Aldetha Raymond) has been asked if there was any prospect of replacements for affected trees; no response received to date.

Planning Matters

15/02779/FUL Little Thornham Farm, Trowbridge Road

Removal of existing single garage. Proposed garage and vehicular turning area. Proposed timber entrance gates with stone piers.

Councillors voted 8 to approve, with Mr Nichols abstaining from voting.

15/08703/FUL Wych Elm, Seend Hill

Amended Plans: Change of use from domestic garden to tourist accommodation, involving the siting of a single log cabin and timber storage shed.

Councillors voted unanimously to reject this application. There are a number of points to the application that are still not addressed:

- Is the proposed scheme for disposal of sewage rigorous enough?
- Car parking and number of cars on the site
- The proposed finish is different to the illustration that accompanies the application
- Access on to the road – this site accesses on to the main A361 downhill in a 60 mph limit
- The plan is rather woolly and generally not well thought through
- There are inconsistencies in the application
- There is no footpath access except from the busy main A361
- The old driveway is still open – this was supposed to be closed up once the new driveway was in situ
- The aspect is incorrect on the plans
- The scale of the building is out of sympathy with the surrounding area
- The proposed workshop/garage is too prominent
- The site elevation on the map is wrong

Date of next meeting

The date of the next meetings are Tuesday, 26th May and Tuesday 30th June 2015, at Seend Community Centre at 7.30 p.m. Full copies of Parish Council meeting minutes can be found on www.seendparishcouncil.co.uk

Mrs Rosemary Fisher, Clerk

Dog waste bins – At the Parish Council meeting, it was noted that the waste bin in the bus shelter by The Lye was over full and dog walkers had left plastic bags of dog waste on the floor of the shelter. It was agreed that at least one further bin is needed. **Before going ahead and installing another bin, it would be helpful if dog walkers could contact the Parish Clerk on 01380 828281, and advise the most convenient location for an additional bin.**

Rosemary Fisher, Clerk

Wiltshire Council News from Jonathon Seed

After the longest general election campaign in memory we now have the most “surprising” result in 25 years and one which the polls had absolutely wrong. So here we are with a settled Westminster government for the next five years. This will produce its own challenges for local government and we are still uncertain of the detail. However one aspect is certain; there will be less money available for local government and those of us who work in County Hall will have to do more with less. This will involve new ways of working but also the restructuring of some valued services for which we have no statutory responsibility and we have seen this with some services already.

Locally we are changing the way we do things and again we have seen an example of this with our Community Youth Services. There is sometimes positive spin off with some efficiencies and one of these is the Melksham Community Area Youth Minibus which was purchased from Seend and which now ferries our youth around at minimal cost. However it is available for community use during term time and during the day. If any villagers want to get together to use the bus to get into Melksham, do let me know as this is now a real and affordable possibility.

Should any reader ever want to contact me direct on any issue then please do so at jonathon.seed@wiltshire.gov.uk or on 01380 850696.

SEEND SPORTS RESULTS AND FIXTURES

The Turf: Unfortunately after her great showing in the Fred Darling Stakes last month locally connected filly Redstart just did not seem to like the ground in the 1000 guineas on 3rd May and trailed off in the second part of this classic race. She may be persuaded to make a showing in the Coronation Stakes, so watch this space.

Short Mat Bowls ; man on the turntables Colin Waldeck: Let us get the results out of the way without delay. The boys finished 3rd, by one controversial point, in the Winter League. Sadly the steward’s enquiry failed to advance the team to the podium. The summer league starts on May 21st so we may get an update from the squad’s scorer before we go to press. Colin still not back...see text below:



"Dear editor,

Sorry but still helping out the local Guardia Civil here in downtown Sol de Mallorca. Anyhow, just wanted to check that your assurance that "what goes on in Magaluf stays in Magaluf" still counts. (Yes, no hay problema Colin!). Yes we did try the

Pirates Beach Bar and Grill along the Calle de la Punta Balena which you recommended, mentioning you by name, as you insisted, but the owners recollection of the events of last summer differed greatly, to put it mildly, to the story you told us down at the Mags last month. Will explain more if we ever get repatriated ! Colin."

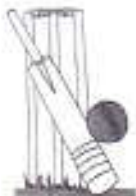
Tennis; Chair Elaine Davies:

Womens : Capt Pam Akerman - The women have played 3, won 2 and lost 1. Players so far ; Sian Lythell, Sonja Nicholls, Sue Waldren, Kath Stegall, Karen Warner, Emma Williams and Pam Akerman.

Mixed B: captain Susie Meharg - Drew with Frome B and beat Devizes C.

Mixed A: captain Elaine Davies - Last week I watched a great match featuring Seend's number one pair Elaine Davies and Mark Newman trouncing Devizes, so things look well set for another good season.

Mens: captain Tom Jackson - The men's squad this season has include Tom Collins, Matt Goslin, John Chowimootoo, George Rickman and Tom Jackson. Rain has interrupted the odd match but so far there have been two very close defeats with no doubt many victories to follow.



Cricket : captain John Wiltshire: Out of four fixtures so far this season two have been postponed, one was won and the other abandoned due to thunder and lightning after just two overs! The win over Swindon Nomads was by 65 runs with the man of the match award going to Joe Griffiths.

Running : Saturday 11th July sees the 33rd consecutive running of the Bishops Cannings 5000 metre dash. Entry forms, race history, past winners and statistics can be found on the race website www.bishopscannings5000m.org.uk. Go for it!

Results and sporting information for the July issue of Spotlight to the start line by June 15th please.

Frankie Goddard 828488



'The Badgers' - Worton and Cheverell F.C.

<http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/wortonandcheverellfc/>

The **Annual Club Fun & Presentation day** is Saturday 13th June from 12.00 noon onwards at the Northbrook ground in Market Lavington. Non-Club members are also welcome to come along and join in.

Team contact details: Reception Year (tasters) + Under 7 & 8's: Dave 07843678781 or Mark 01380-813160 . U- 6 & 9 & 10 – Jason 07590-427999 . U- 11: Ian 01380-848437; U-12: Jake 07741-306303; U-14: Neil 01380-818193. U-16's : Mike 07854-320605 ; Adults: Paul 01380-727242 or Chris 01380-812339

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.)

Nothing this month.

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.

West Lavington Fete & Fun Family Dog Show - SATURDAY 11th JULY! FREE PARKING AND FREE ENTRANCE!

The **West Lavington Church Fete** will be on **Saturday 11th July** from 2pm on the Village Playing Field. Attractions, include our **Fun Family Dog Show**, which last year's Judge declared to be "the best run in the area!" Entries cost just £2 and there are eight classes: Golden Oldie (over 7 years); Prettiest Bitch; Most Handsome Dog; Best Puppy (up to 9 months); Most Obedient and Best Tricks; Waggiest Tail; Best 6 Legs; and Prettiest Eyes. The overall winner of the winning dogs from each class will win the Grand Prize of Best in Show! There are prizes for each Class to be won, kindly provided by Rangebourne Pets of Devizes. Entries for the Dog Show will be taken on the day from 2pm.



Also **Children's Games, Face Painting, Bouncy Castle, Classic Cars**, and the fantastic **Prize Draw!** Plus Bargain Bottles, Books, Bric a Brac, Produce, Cakes, Garden plants, homemade teas, ice creams, and a beer tent. Make a note of the date! To book a stall, please contact Tony Morton on 812107 or Bob Giles on 813256.



CALLING ALL SINGERS! - apply now for Chilcott Workshop!

There is still time to join the choral workshop being run by former Kings Singer, international composer and choral conductor **Bob**

Chilcott in Edington Priory Church on Saturday 20th June.

Bob will be working on his own St John Passion. There are some places left, so please don't delay sending in your application.

The workshop will run from registration at 9.30 through to 5.30, with the run-through performance, complete with soloists, from 6-7pm. Perfect for friends and family to listen to what you've been doing all day! Only £20, £18 Edington Angels, £10 students in full-time education or training.

You can download an application form from www.edingtonarts.org, or phone Anne on 01380 831454. Concert tickets at £10 also bookable through the website, or ring 01380 871549 or 831256.

The 10th and FINAL BOWOOD CHARITY DOG SHOW & SUMMER FAIR

Sunday 21st June 2015. Dog show, Dance Theatre (featuring guest appearance by Angelina Ballerina); dance displays; hip hop master classes; local food outlets; cookery demonstrations; stalls; falconry; craft tent and other attractions.

See website: www.bowooddogshow.org

Wiltshire
GOOD NEIGHBOURS

Melksham Villages Co-ordinator Lise Griffiths:
Telephone 07541 353430
or email 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.

Carers' Week: 8th – 14th June 2015

A report from charities Carers UK and Age UK shows that the number of carers aged 85 and over in England has risen by 128% in ten years to over 87,000. Of these 6 in 10 are men, in contrast to the carer population as a whole (42% of all carers are men).

As your Good Neighbour Co-ordinator, I can provide information about the many local sources of help and support available to carers. Carer Support Wiltshire can provide a wealth of information, advice, support and training. Many other groups such as Alzheimer's Support and Parkinson's UK are able to help carers too.

For more information on this or any other issue affecting older people in our community, please call Lise Griffiths – details above.



THE EDINGTON MUSIC FESTIVAL DIAMOND JUBILEE MUSICAL EVENING & SUPPER (in aid of Village Charities)

The Musical Evening and Supper celebrating the Festival's Diamond Jubilee will take place at the Parish Field (adjoining the Churchyard), by kind permission of Edington Parish Council, on Wednesday 26th August 2015, 6.30 for 7pm. Tickets (£22.50) may be ordered from Sunday 21st June from Mr W J Pepler, Chapel Plaister's Cottage, Chapel Plaister, Box SN13 8HZ. Tel: 01225-811344. Cheques should be made payable to 'Edington Priory Church Music Evening'. Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope. We will endeavour to accommodate requests to sit with friends if this is stated when ordering tickets.

Parking: If you require Disabled Parking please contact John Pepler (details above).

Calne Choral Society Summer Concert 2015.

"Maidens, Majors and Mayhem" - the Music of Gilbert and Sullivan.

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

Price £10 (£2 children and students).



White Horse Opera are touring with Die Fledermaus by Johann Strauss II

and will be performing at Easterton Village Hall on Friday 10th July at 8pm. A comical operetta involving disguises, mistaken identities, parties and champagne all set to beautiful Strauss music. Tickets (£8) are on sale now at Devizes Books and online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/whitehorseopera

Volunteer Centre Wiltshire

Volunteers' Week Celebration 2015

Thursday 4th June 2015, 9.45am - 1.30pm at Salisbury Methodist Church Hall, St Edmund's Church St, SP1 1EF. Volunteer Centre Wiltshire is hosting a special session of their Volunteer Manager's Network open to everyone and dedicated to those who give their skills and time throughout the year. This celebration will showcase:

- Wiltshire's amazing volunteers demonstrating and sharing their skills
- Information about local charities and groups in your area
- New opportunities for you to get involved with as a volunteer
- Music, food, dancing... and much more!

This event is FREE, Refreshments included. For more information visit www.developecs.org.uk/VMN4JUN or call 0845 034 5250. Everyone welcome.

Revival – Wiltshire RASAC

PO Box 4157, Trowbridge BA14 4AW. Tel: 01225 777 562

Revival – Wiltshire RASAC supports adults who suffer the long-term effects of rape or sexual abuse in earlier life. One-to-one confidential counselling with qualified counsellors or telephone and email support and information are available.



Wessex MS Therapy Centre, Warminster

Are you a positive, friendly and sociable person? Have you thought about volunteering? The Wessex MS Therapy Centre in the heart of Warminster is a busy charity and has an award winning team of

staff and volunteers who deliver services to people with MS and other conditions.

With an expanding membership, we need more volunteers. The Centre is an uplifting, caring, supportive environment that is a lifeline for many people. If you are able to give half a day per week to help we would be very interested in hearing from you. Full training and ongoing support will be given. For more information please ring Rosie Eliot or Sarah Williamson on 01985 217728 or email to info@wessexms.co.uk

Become an ambassador for your local carers charity!

Would you like to help make a difference to the lives of unpaid carers?

Carer Support Wiltshire are looking for volunteers to become local carer ambassadors to help Carer Support Wiltshire support more people providing unpaid care and support to a family member or friend.

Our charity provides free support to people all over Wiltshire, but our beautiful county is so large that we struggle to let everyone know that we exist. You can help us raise our profile in your local parish. Here are a few ways you could help:

- Contribute a regular article/column to your parish newsletter (like this one!)
- Put up promotional posters in your local village hall, shops or noticeboards
- Attend a local carers' café to help provide social support for carers

- Link-up with local village events to tell people more about us.

We really value our volunteers and we offer social events, access to training for your role and reimburse your out of pocket expenses. If you could help us reach more of the carers living in your area, please give Alan Docherty at Carer Support Wiltshire a call on 01380 871690, or email info@carersinwiltshire.co.uk.

Paddington Bear to visit Grittleton Plant and Food Fair

Paddington Bear, the big furry mascot of children's charity Action Medical Research, will make a special guest appearance at the Grittleton Plant and Food Fair on Sunday 31st May from 11am-4pm to raise funds for the charity.

The event will be held in the beautiful grounds of Grittleton House, Chippenham, by kind permission of the Shipp family. It is the ideal setting for a stroll and browse through the stalls selling plants from specialist nurseries, and tempting food stalls.

Action Medical Research currently funds research into a wide range of conditions including meningitis, Down syndrome, epilepsy and premature birth. In the South West the charity is funding research involving the University of Bath which hopes to devise a new treatment method for young people suffering from chronic pain.

Entrance is £3 per person and children free. For further details about Action Medical Research and the fair visit www.action.org.uk/grittleton



A NIGHT WITH THE WURZELS, Friday 3rd July at Five Lanes Farm

Tickets/wristbands available from Teresa Chandler at Five Lanes Farm Potterne 07970 953557 or from 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 Bands. Gates open at 4pm.

WILTON WINDMILL - WIND IN THE WILLOWS

Saturday 13th June Noon to 4.30 pm

Fancy dress competition, Children's games, Bar, BBQ, Paella, Tea & Cakes, Bread, Music – all the fun of the country fair!

Lots of Wind in the Willows activities!

www.wiltonwindmill.co.uk SN8 3SW

MURDER MYSTERY AT THE WILTON WINDMILLS – 'Swine Of Passion'

Saturday 27th June 7 p.m.

Murder, Mystery and Hogroast £25. Tickets: 07769 977779
info@hauntedmysteryweekend.co.uk



And finally:

I was standing in the 'ten items or fewer' express lane quietly fuming. Completely ignoring the sign, the woman ahead of me had slipped into the checkout queue pushing a trolley piled high with groceries.

Imagine my delight when the cashier beckoned the woman to come forward, looked into the trolley and asked sweetly, "So which ten items would you like to buy?"

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

Acoustic Club - Malcolm Shipp 07702 967150 - 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

Fawty 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 - 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 - Tessa Doe - 828617

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