

SPOTLIGHT

Seend & Bulkington

Seend Fawltly Players present their 38th village pantomime



**THE
EMPEROR'S
NEW CLOTHES**

Thursday 16 th
Friday 17th February 2017
at 7.30pm and
Saturday 18th February at 7pm
in Seend Community Centre, Rusty Lane, Seend SN12 6NS

Tickets £6 adults or £3 children from Seend Shop/PO,
Seend Community Centre and the Brewery Inn in Seend
Cleeve

Proceeds to Julia's House in Devizes

February 2017
Oh yes it is!

DIARY DATES FOR LATE JANUARY

31st Seend Parish Council meeting, upstairs in Community Centre, 7.30pm

DIARY DATES FOR FEBRUARY

- 1st Seend Shuttle to Salisbury (Call 01225 706526 to book by Monday)
1st Buzzzz Group, 33 Littleton Willows, Semington 4.00 p.m.
1st Benefice Lunch Club, The Well Inn, Bulkington 12.15 p.m.
3rd Coffee Morning, Seend Community Centre, 10.30am
5th Café Church, Seend 11.00 a.m.
6th Mobile Library: 9.40a.m. Seend The Lye; 10.05a.m. Seend Cleeve phone box; 11.05a.m. Well Inn Car Park, Bulkington
9th Seend & District Theatre Club AGM, Pavilion, 7.30 p.m.
11th DEADLINE FOR ITEMS FOR MARCH SPOTLIGHT
12th Seend Ramblers meet near Biddestone Church, 10am
16th Likely road closure through Seend Cleeve
16th WI Craft Afternoon, Pavilion 2.00 to 4.00 p.m.
16th–18th Seend Fawltly Players, “The Emperor’s New Clothes” (see cover)
22nd Nosh & Natter Lunch Club, Community Centre 12 for 12.30pm
22nd Brewery Inn Fun Quiz, 8 p.m.
28th Seend Parish Council meeting, upstairs in Community Centre, 7.30pm

DIARY DATES FOR MARCH

- 1st Ladies Night & Swishing Party, Seend Community Centre, 7.30pm
2nd Historic Houses Club, Annual General Meeting, Pavilion, 7.30pm
3rd Coffee Morning, Seend Community Centre, 10.30am
6th Mobile Library: 9.40a.m. Seend The Lye; 10.05a.m. Seend Cleeve phone box; 11.05a.m. Well Inn Car Park, Bulkington
18th Wine Circle, Community Centre, 8pm
25th Rural Arts Touring: ‘Ninebarrow’, Community Centre, 7.30pm
31st Eric Lepine’s Pop-Up Restaurant, Pavilion, 7pm.
31st Deadline for early-bird discount on Seend Club Membership 2017-18

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 the Spotlight **facebook** page:
www.facebook.com/seendspotlight

Welcome to February Spotlight

Don't you just love snowdrops? The anticipation of waiting for them to appear makes winter worthwhile.



It's panto time again; see the front cover for details. This is Seend Fawltly Players 38th village pantomime, so many of us have watched the young stars of the 1980s turn into the veteran performers of today. (I was going to say old pros, but that sounds disrespectful!)

Also during February we have the usual popular food- and drink-based activities such as coffee mornings, tea and chat, Nosh and Natter and Bulkington lunch clubs. Obviously the way to a village community's heart is through its stomachs. Plus there's a quiz and a ramble, various meetings and church events.

There is also a warning about the road through Seend Cleeve being closed for a couple of days from 16th February, more news of the Parish Plan, our new Parish Clerk and more. Oh, and Happy Valentine's Day.

Potential volunteer drivers: have a look at this Community First video about community transport - <https://vimeo.com/187657175/6764c5f912> - and if you like what you see please contact the Seend Link number inside the back cover or email Pete Wallis for the Shuttle on petewallis36@hotmail.com. And **for potential users**, use that same Link number for lifts to anything from Doctor's appointments to Nosh and Natter lunches – and see the Shuttle timetable on www.seend.org.uk

Spotlight Contacts: Contributions for the March edition (copy by Saturday 11th February please) can be emailed to spotlight@seend.org.uk or delivered to Seend Post Office. Editors: Tessa Doe (01380 828617) and Sue Isaac (828461). Please note that **you should always send emailed items to the Spotlight address**, not to Sue or Tessa – even if they have emailed you from their own email address – just in case they are not around. Joanna Goddard (828488) organises printing Mondays and also types up the items left at Seend PO. Fiona Johnson is the contact for delivery (828401) and Chris Brooker (828047) for advertising. Do let Joanna or Fiona know if you can help. Juli Wilfort has moved away from the village but will remain involved with the editorial team. We would like to thank her for her help over recent years.

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 note 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 February and March

(For Bulkington events see *pp ??*)

Seend Fawltly Players' Village panto – see front cover for details



First Friday Coffee Morning in the Lounge **at Seend Community Centre**

From 10.30am on Friday 3rd February.

Proper coffee (or tea) and home-made cake for just £2.

All welcome.

Brewery Inn Monthly Fun Quiz
Wednesday 22nd February at 8.00 p.m.
All welcome!



Nosh & Natter Lunch Club

Wednesday 22nd February 12 for 12.30pm

in Seend Community Centre

Please call 01380 828638 to book your place in advance.

Ladies Night & Swishing Party

Wed 1st March @ 19.30 in Seend Community Centre
A fantastic selection of LOCAL independent business to give you demos and showcase their wares so please come along for a fun night. The ever popular SWISHING PARTY will also be taking place, so bring along a few items of clean quality clothing to hang on the rails and swap for others. Who knows, you could walk away with a whole new Spring/Summer wardrobe in Exchange!

Plus a raffle, nibbles and cocktails behind the Bar!!

Free entry.



Seend Wine Circle

New year, new horizons

8.00 pm on Saturday 18th March 2017 in Seend Community Centre

We're starting 2017 with the theme of 'new horizons'. We're back in Europe but a new region – south east Europe. There are some excellent wines coming from the Balkan region and surrounding countries. We'll go on a journey around some of the oldest wine producing areas in the world that will tickle your tastebuds! £12 per person to include wine, bread and cheese.

Please let us know by contacting seendwinecircle@gmail.com



Rural Arts Touring

Saturday 25th March at Seend Community Centre

Rural Arts Performance in the Peter Fisher Hall

NINEBARROW - a multi-award-winning folk duo

Doors open at 7pm, performance starts at 7.30pm

Tickets only £10 – available from the Community Centre, Seend Post Office
or Steven & Karen Cubberley – Call 01380 828423 to reserve.

(See 'Happenings!' for more information)



Eric Lepine's Pop Up Restaurant

celebrates the Italian Springtime: 'Ciao Primavera!'

at the Irene Usher Pavilion on Friday 31st March, 7-10.30pm.

Tickets £27.50 each, tables of ten available. For menu and further info please
contact Eric by email; ericlepine@silkwise.co.uk or phone 07787 557599.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Patricia Hicks

Peacefully, Patricia Hicks passed away at Albany House, Tisbury, Wiltshire on
Tuesday 17th January 2017. Peter and Patricia lived in the village for fifty five years
and leave behind many happy memories. The funeral is on Wednesday 1st February
2017 at 12.30pm at Holy Cross, Seend.

Patricia wrote prolifically, and here is one of her poems.

Thoughts

Burnt, brown bracken
In the dim dark wood,
Shadows of the birches as they stood,
And the chattering squirrels searching for their food
In the morning clear.
Dark, stark footholes
Framed in set wet mud,
Secrets of the earth in sodden flood,
The steaming sweetness of the brown cow chewing cud,
And the roe deer.

Prue Hawkins Wych Elm Seend Hill. Tel. 828275

Thank you

We would like to thank everyone who gave their help and support during David's
brief illness and later, his funeral. Words cannot express our gratitude and we will
always remember your kindness.

Betty and Sue Noad

Seend Parish Council Clerk

As many of you may know, Rosemary Fisher decided to retire from her post last year after serving as our Parish Council Clerk for thirteen years. Rosemary has made a major contribution to the work of the Parish Council during this time and on behalf of the Parish Council I would like to thank her for her work and service. Rosemary kindly agreed to help us during the period of transition that included the recruitment process, selection, appointment and induction of our new clerk. The Parish Council is very grateful to Rosemary for helping us to ensure that the hand-over has proceeded smoothly.

The Parish Council is pleased to confirm that Sue Bond has been appointed as our new Parish Clerk. Sue was successful at interview with an excellent set of prospective candidates.

Sue lives in the Parish and will be informing you about her points of contact. All councillors look forward to working with Sue so that we can take forward our Neighbourhood Plan, as well as responding to your queries and concerns and help make our community an even better place to live in.

Tony Murch, Chair of Seend Parish Council

Contact Details for Seend Parish Council

If you need to contact the parish council to raise an issue, or to report an accident (we are collating details of accidents around the village), please use the following contact details:

Clerk: Sue Bond. Telephone: 07706 850859 (office hours & answerphone service)

Email: clerk@seendparishcouncil.co.uk

Chairman: Tony Murch. Telephone: 01380 828450

Email: chairman@seendparishcouncil.co.uk

TAKE CARE

In the early hours of the morning on Wednesday 18th January a man was seen wandering around Seend trying car door handles. This is not the first time this has occurred and both incidents have been reported to the police. Please take care and make sure your cars are locked.

Wiltshire Council

Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 Temporary Closure of: C226 (Part) Seend Cleeve, Seend (Ref: TTRO 4578)

Notice is hereby given that the Wiltshire Council has made an Order to close temporarily to all traffic:

C226 (Part) Seend Cleeve, Seend; from its junction with the A361 to a point approximately 70m north of Perrys Lane.

To enable: Wiltshire Council to carry out carriageway reconstruction, surface dressing and road markings.

Alternative route: via A361 – C20 Bollands Hill – C226 (unaffected length) and vice versa.

The closure and diversion route will be clearly indicated by traffic signs.

This Order will come into operation on 16 February 2017 and it is anticipated that the closure will be required daily between the hours of 07.00 and 18.00 for two days. It is anticipated that the works will take the stated duration to complete depending upon weather conditions. Access will be maintained for residents and businesses, although delays are likely due to the nature of the works. The Order will have a maximum duration of 18 months.

For further information please contact Steve Hawkins (Eurovia) on 01452 727810. Sustainable Transport Group, County Hall, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge BA14 8JN

(A map to go with this information (which needs colour to make sense of it) is on the Spotlight facebook page.

LEARN HOW TO SAVE A LIFE IN SEEND!

In addition to the newly installed public access defibrillator outside the Community Centre, the Parish Council will be providing a number of CPR training sessions starting this month. The sessions are to be held at the centre, will last about 90 minutes each and make use of training equipment supplied by the British Heart Foundation.

Don't miss out on these important skills - you never know when you might need them. There will be no charge for these sessions, so call Mark Wood on 07810 508606 as soon as possible, in order to secure your place.

IMPORTANT NOTE: No training is required to use a defibrillator. They can be used by anyone and the unit itself talks you through the whole process. In a serious medical emergency, always dial 999.

SEEND FETE: 12th AUGUST 2017. Book the date in your diary now!

Seend Fete of 2016 is now just a summer memory, along with Pimms, burgers, ice cream and your tan, but for the fete team this summer is just beginning. The committee met in January, and welcomed Liam Bergin to the team, Liam has recently returned to Seend and is a welcome new addition. That is not to say there isn't room for any more so if you feel you would like to be part of this team for 2017 please call me on 892208 with your contact details. If you need reminding of how good last year was do look at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kmyRpkbX_qo to see what went down last year.

We know that there is a lot of pressure for helping with events on villagers, but we would like to bid very early on for volunteers to man our stalls, from an hour to the afternoon, to setting up or taking down, you will all be very welcomed – this event can't work without each of you. The fete is a community event, so please think of us before booking your holidays so you can be with us on the 12th August 2017.

Seend Fete Team

A huge thank you.....

I would like to thank all the church family and the wider community of Seend , Bulkington and Poulshot for the wonderful “send off” you gave me at my final service on January 1st 2017 and for the party afterwards. Maybe we should end every service with salmon and prosecco!?! I was so pleased by the numbers at the service, especially given that it was at 10am on New Year’s Day – a day for a lie in if ever there was one!! I was overwhelmed by the generosity of your gifts – for the money and for the flowers. I will use some of the money to buy an acer for the patio and two trees for the garden – as an on-going remembrance of the blessings of the last 19 months as your transitional minister. I will also buy some art materials – so look out for another art exhibition in 2018!! I am also so grateful to Seend Bell-Ringers and friends for ringing a Quarter Peal for my retirement. That was very special. It has been a great privilege and joy to serve you and to get to know you better over the past months. I know that I have made some lasting friendships.

I close with this blessing for you all: *“The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. The Lord God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, guard you, save you, and bring you to that eternal city, where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.*

With love, Maureen Allchin (Rector 2015-2017)

CAROLS AT CLEEVE HOUSE

Thank you to all who attended the carols concert on 12th December at Cleeve House in aid of Wiltshire Young Carers. Thank you also for your generosity to this excellent and local charity. Your donations amounted to £200, £50 more than last year - a very good result indeed, especially considering the smaller audience – caused, in part, by the repair vehicle blocking the entry road to Cleeve House before the start.

Bob

SEEND-RELATED BOOKS FOR SALE

Pam Muller’s book of **prayerful poems**, including photos of local scenes, is available from Jane Goman (827121) for £5.50. £1.50 of each book will go towards the refurbishing of Holy Cross Church. And a few rediscovered copies of the 1985 Seend Trust publication ‘**Seend Heritage**’ about vernacular architecture in Seend are available at the 1985 price of £2.50. Call Tessa on 01380 828617. Proceeds will go to Seend Trust and Community Centre.

NEWS from the SEEND PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP

During the holiday break, a conversation with a Seend resident made me aware of a misapprehension there is around, over the role and job of this Steering Group. It is a while since this was explained, so it is probably time to clarify this.

The misapprehension is that the group will decide how the Parish will develop. In fact the group are only impartial functionaries, working within the constraints of the

Wiltshire Core Strategy, to produce a document entitled ‘A Neighbourhood Plan for Seend Parish’. The Localism Act 2011 gave more powers to individuals to have a say in how they wish their community to develop, particularly with regard to housing. The role of the Steering Group is to canvass *your views* on this and document them, following prescribed guidelines within the Wiltshire Core Strategy, and come up with a final document based on *your views*. It is then up to the inhabitants (*you*) to vote in a referendum as to whether the final Neighbourhood Plan should be accepted.

The following is a quote from the Wiltshire Council website: ‘A Neighbourhood Plan will set out a vision for an area and planning policies for the use and development of land. It will become part of the Wiltshire Council’s Development Plan (subject to independent examination and successful local referendum). This means the development plan will become a *statutory plan* and be used in making decisions on planning applications.’ The last sentence is important and is why we favoured the Neighbourhood Plan in preference to the Parish Plan, which does not confer the statutory status.

The Localism Act gives us the opportunity to develop the plan, which in turn will give a measure of security with regard to how the Parish develops in the future. It is a slow process but you can consult the Parish Neighbourhood Plan website to see what we have done thus far. www.seendparishplan.org

We are currently working on the ‘Vision and Objectives’, which will express *your views* on the future of the parish, and this will be appearing shortly.

Footpaths/Bridlepaths/Rights of Way Sub-Group Report. Colin and Jo Waldeck together with Penny and Ron England attended our last meeting to report on the work they had undertaken to survey the state of our local footpaths, rights of way and bridle paths.

Penny England is on local Ramblers Association committee. The footpaths have been surveyed annually by Wiltshire Council but Senior Rights of Way warden, Paul Millard, indicated that further WC surveys are unlikely due to cuts, and that the Ramblers’ Association will be asked to volunteer with this. The Sub-Group obtained the latest report and then surveyed the footpaths not already covered, and found them to be in variable states. The Group recommended that the Parish Council should have someone designated for footpaths, who would report problems to Wiltshire Council via their website and work with the Rights of Way office of WC and with Parish Council to promote these facilities around Seend.

Business Survey A three-week follow-up was implemented and the report, based on data received should be available at the end of January.

Housing Needs Survey As reported in the last update, the survey identified a need for 5 new units of *affordable* housing in our parish. Within that survey was a question about availability of potential sites: 4 new sites were put forward. Until these are assessed as to their suitability, they join the 2 other sites already identified. They become possibilities only in the sense that the site owners are prepared to have

development on their land. There are many other criteria that need to be fulfilled before they could be considered as suitable.

If there is anyone else who wishes to offer land as a possible development site for consideration, they should contact either the PC Chairman Tony Murch, or Georgina A’Bear Chair of this Steering Group and discuss it in confidence.

Please get in touch with any of the Steering Group members if you think you might like to attend one of our meetings: we could do with additional members so contact any of us if you think you would like to be involved. You will find the names of the Committee members and links to further information about this complex process on the website: www.seendparishplan.org

Carola Thorpe on behalf of the S.P.N.P. Steering Group

CHURCH AND CHAPEL NEWS

A belated happy new year everyone. It’s amazing how much has happened since Christmas, both in the church and out of it, and what an amazing variety of weather. As I write this we have gone from fog to frost to beautiful sunshine in one day. How great it is to have some really frosty weather; good for the garden and good for country walks and sitting by the fire afterwards,... and Maureen is basking in the sunshine in South Africa!

Meanwhile there has been an enormous range of temperature in world politics and by the time you read this the new American administration will be well under way, and we in this country will be that much nearer the ramifications of the Brexit vote.

How do we deal with it all? We could hibernate ‘til the winter is over, or we could have heated conversations with our friends and neighbours or we could throw up our hands in horror, and watch La La Land instead..

Just recently there was a passage read in church of one of St Paul’s letters which said “ do not quarrel. Agree amongst yourselves and avoid divisions”. Well that’s easier said than done , whether in British politics or world wide . Of course we differ in opinion. I think what Paul as really saying was, don’t squabble. Listen to each other and respect each other’s opinion, and remember the mission to which you were called; ie furthering the gospel’ the good news of Jesus which is that God loves you..

As I write I can almost feel the hackles rising on so many readers’ heads, so look at it another way. The Christian message is one of love for all humanity, and as with a human family, sometimes we fall out. We certainly disagree sometimes ; sometimes people don’t speak for years which is nothing less than a tragedy, but when all’s said and done ,deep down at the heart of it there is love. Whatever my children do I will always love them. Whatever I or my siblings did, I knew that our parents loved us. They may have been angry sometimes , furious even and hurt maybe, but they never stopped loving us. So if we think of the human family as one great family, warts and all, all we can do is go on loving them, praying for them , but first of all praying for peace in our own hearts. Without that we will be blinded by blood red fury , and the straight path ahead will disappear from view.

So let's go on praying for peace, listening to each other, and putting forward our own points of view gently and with true respect.

That great English mystic, Julian of Norwich wrote "All shall be well, and all shall be well and all manner of things shall be well." I believe that.

Jane Knowles

During the time of the interregnum, if anyone needs to speak to a priest,
please ring me.

CHURCH SERVICES IN FEBRUARY 2017

The Benefice of Holy Cross, Seend, Christ Church, Bulkington and St. Peter's, Poulshot

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



Sunday 5th February 2017 (4th Sunday before Lent)

- 8.00 am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at Seend
- 9.15 am Parish Eucharist at Poulshot
- 11.00 am Café Church at Seend
- 6.00 pm Evening Prayer (Traditional) at Bulkington

Sunday 12th February 2017 (3rd Sunday before Lent)

- 9.15 am Parish Eucharist at Seend
- 11.00 am Parish Eucharist at Bulkington
- 6.00 pm Evensong (Traditional) at Poulshot

Sunday 19th February 2017 (2nd Sunday before Lent)

- 8.00 am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at Seend
- 9.15 am Morning Praise at Bulkington
- 11.00 am Parish Eucharist (Traditional) at Poulshot
- 6.00 pm Evensong (Traditional) at Seend

Sunday 26th February 2017 (Sunday before Lent)

- 9.15 am Matins (Traditional) at Poulshot
- 11.00 am Parish Eucharist at Seend
- 6.00 pm Parish Eucharist at Bulkington

Wednesday 1st March 2017 (Ash Wednesday)

7.30 pm Cluster Service at Christ Church Worton

Every Tuesday at 9.00 there is a short Benefice service of Matins (BCP) at Poulshot church

From the Benefice records

Funerals

We pray for the families of;

David Ponsford whose funeral took place at Holy Cross on 2nd December

George Webb whose funeral took place at St Peter's on 21st December

David Noad whose funeral took place at Christ Church on 22nd December

Joan Johnson whose funeral took place at Semington Crematorium on 30th December

Baptisms

The newest member of our church family is;

Bobby Paul Fielding who was baptised at Holy Cross on 15th January

Café Church for Candlemass on Sunday 5th February at 11.00 at Seend

Singing and stories for all the families in the villages of Seend, Bulkington and Poulshot. The next Café Church is on Sunday April 2nd at Seend.



Benefice BUZZZ Group

will meet on Wednesday 1st February 2017

at Sue Noad's home, 33 Littleton Willows, Semington (tel. 870343)
Led by Rev Jane Knowles, everyone is welcome to this informal and pleasant group

Seend Church Water Project Update

Over the Christmas period we have continued to work on this project. We have been given tentative approval by the diocese of our alternative plans for the toilet and are now fleshing those out to seek formal approval. It was decided that we could not put the toilet where previously planned as it could prejudice the stability of the adjoining wall and it would significantly increase the overall costs of the project if the wall were to collapse and require rebuilding.

We are now looking at converting the old bier store in the North East corner of the churchyard and our Architect has come up with a very attractive design that we will be consulting on shortly. This design should be cheaper than the original design and will not require a complicated back pumping mechanism. Regrettably we have again to consult with the various interested parties but we are more hopeful that this design will gain approval from everyone. If anyone knows anything about the history of the bier store then we would love to hear from you.

Anne and Tina, Churchwardens.

SEEND METHODIST CHURCH

Services for February 2017

12th February. 10am Revd Wendy Tucker with Holy Communion

26th February. 10am Mr Douglas Colborne.

Everyone welcome to any service.
Thank you, Anne Salter

Dear Friends,

As I write this I am about to go away on Retreat. I am a Methodist Minister in my first two years and am therefore a 'Probationer' and this time of year Probationer Ministers are given the gift of a retreat. Those of us in the South West will go to Ammerdown retreat centre, near Radstock for some time of guided prayer and study and also for time to think and reflect and share our experiences and catch up with friends and colleagues. It's a beautiful place in the countryside, with good food and comfortable beds and wonderful walks when you want some peace and quiet in the open air. We are fortunate to be given this gift.

Retreats are not just for Ministers though (although on this occasion we are fortunate enough to have it paid for, as it's a requirement of our training); nor are they just beneficial to the 'religious'. We all need times when we are able to step aside from what we do every day, take stock, reflect on how things are going, where we might go next, decide whether to change direction, or do more, or less of what we are already doing. I know – you are thinking, chance would be a fine thing! With busy work schedules and family responsibilities and tight finances that's just a luxury that's not possible. And of course if you are retired you may well be busier than ever and if you are not able to be as active as you might like to be you might wonder what there is to retreat from?

Well perhaps a whole week, and being away, and having someone cook for you is too much to expect (we Probationers only get two, this will be my last one that I don't have to pay for and organise myself). But time to retreat from the everyday is still vital, even if that time is a half hour reading a book, or the daily dog walk, sitting in a beautiful place, or using that 20 minutes in the car between appointments to listen to music, meditate, think through a problem, whatever you need.

Use that time to regather your thoughts and your plans, to listen to the past and the present and the future – to spend time with yourself and with God.

It's not always an easy option – it's not a holiday! One of the reasons we keep ourselves busy and stick to our well known routines is so that we don't have to listen to the voice that tells us what we already know for ourselves if we just took the time to reflect. You know, those obvious things like taking better care of ourselves, taking better care of our relationships, making a positive contribution to the world around us, being more of the wonderful human person we were all made to be.

I may not be totally 'sorted' when I come back from my retreat – feel free to ask me what I think I got from it – but I know from experience it will be a blessed, at times uncomfortable, illuminating, precious time – and I will be changed in some way from the experience. I hope you can find some times of retreat, either formal, or informal and that you too will have time in your lives to listen to God and to be more of the you you are meant to be.

God bless.

Wendy <<

Wendy Tucker, Minister for Bromham Calne and Seend Methodist Churches

BULKINGTON NEWS

**The church hosted Bulkington Village Lunch
takes place on**

Wednesday, 1st February 2017 at 12.15 at The Well.

Contact Jane Coles in advance for the menu (07484 064345). New people are always welcome to join us. It is a good social event for the entire village and area.

The **Mobile Library** will visit the car-park of The Well in Bulkington on the 6th February, 11.05-11.30am. Please support this. It really could be a case of use it or lose it.....

BULKINGTON VILLAGE HALL

We are having a chilly month, but that hasn't frozen the flow of Birthday parties and a Christening. It is lovely to see all the little guests clutching multi-coloured parcels and to hear the excited chatter. I'm sure it does the old Hall good. They may not worship there now, but their joy fills the place with love and happiness, a splendid way to start the New Year. But, **The Ladies' Keep Fit Group** are feeling the chill: numbers have dwindled, but the faithful few keep going and would dearly like to welcome new members. **Come on, ladies of all ages and ability, start 2017 with a swing** : and a fitter YOU! A final word and a big 'thank you' to Team Futter who, with their drain-clearing skills saved the day – and our little Hall - from a flood. A Happy and Healthy 2017!

Angela Read, Chairman

BULKINGTON LADIES' GROUP

Our festive meal in the Village Hall was a great success, with soup, paté, ham, roast potatoes and salads, followed by delicious Christmas puddings. Thanks to everyone who came bearing gifts and to Marion who brought a table quiz for our amusement. As I write this we have not yet had our January meeting on the 26th which will be a planning meeting. Consequently I cannot tell what we are doing in February except to say that we will probably be meeting in the Village Hall on Thurs 23rd February at 7.30pm. There will be the usual light refreshments and raffle. All visitors will be very welcome.

Liz Futter 828485

Angela Read 828925

BULKINGTON '100 CLUB'

The draw for the '100 Club' took place at the village lunch at The Well Inn on Wednesday, 7th December, and the winners were :-

£75	No. 21	Jane Coles
£50	No. 48	Ron Elliott
£30	No. 13	Kathie Stirling
£20	No. 29	Robert Yarde

Congratulations to the winners and a happy and prosperous New Year to all our members!



THE TEA, CRAFT AND CHAT SOCIAL GROUP

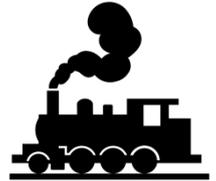
will meet from 2– 4pm on Monday, 6th February
at 14 Chestnut Drive (Janet Rawlings – 828732)

Bring your own craft item or leave it at home and just come and chat!

Great Bulkington Railway - EASTER MONDAY 17th April 2017

The private miniature railway will be open for ‘diesel’ powered train rides for adults and children of all ages on April 17th from 1300 until 1630 hours.

Light refreshments will be served by the Ladies of Christ Church in the village hall in aid of church funds. Google ‘Great Bulkington Railway’ for demo video. Twice round for only one pound – season ticket for unlimited rides £5! We are located on the corner of Mill Lane in the village of Bulkington, (near Seend) next to the village hall.



There is a thousand feet of railway track, a 40 foot long tunnel and lots of workings signals. We have ride on carriages for our passengers. Toilets and shelter (if it rains) are available in the Village Hall. Satnav- SN10 1SW

We take no expenses - **all profits** will go to **Wiltshire Air Ambulance**.

GBR Nev Boulton GBR.

SEEND CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS



SEEND SHUTTLE COMMUNITY BUS

Salisbury Shopping Shuttle Trip - Wednesday 1st February

Please phone Rex or Jan Gudge on 01225 706526 by Monday 30th January to book a place on the First Shopping Shuttle of 2017.

Thanks, Rex

SEEND AND DISTRICT THEATRE CLUB

We are now looking forward to our AGM to be held on Thursday 9th February in the Pavilion at 7.30pm. This will be your opportunity to sign on for another year of excellent theatre trips and enjoy a good social evening, with an interesting entertainment by a popular local character. Any potential new members are very welcome to come along and meet us all.



We have an exciting programme planned for this year, starting with a trip to the Wharf Theatre in Devizes in January, then the hilarious “Play That Goes Wrong” at Salisbury Playhouse in February, and in May we go to Salisbury again to see “Before the Party”. We will be going to our usual Summer favourite outdoor Shakespeare production. All members will be kept informed with details of forthcoming productions and the chance to book.

We wish all our members a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Sylvia Ewin 828325



HISTORIC HOUSES CLUB

The AGM will be held on Thursday March 2nd at 7.30pm in the Irene Usher Pavilion. For a resumé of 2016's activities and to hear where we hope to visit this summer, or to give ideas for other times, do come and join us for light refreshment and entertainment. New members are always very welcome.

Mary Warren

SEEND WI

The speaker at our January meeting was Helen Holden from World Vision. She gave us a fascinating and informative talk about the work of World Vision. We were very grateful to Helen for coming at such short notice as our planned speaker was unable to be with us.



At our next meeting, on Wednesday 8th February, we're having a talk and 'hands on' demonstration from the Wiltshire Scrapstore on making mosaics. Visitors are always welcome. The next Craft afternoon is on Thursday 16th February, 2pm to 4pm in the Pavilion. You don't need to be a member of the WI to take part.

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

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

This month we publish another poem written by pupils of the 2014 Sycamore Class at Seend School. This one is called **Racing of the Heart** and was written by **Gemma Gingell**.

Fear trembled through my bones,
As I waited for the countdown to start,
I could feel a pounding in my stomach,
It was the racing of my heart.
Shouting and movement filled the trench,
Soldiers getting ready to fight,
I was rooted to the ground with terror,
In the moonlit night.
One hour left,
The troops went quicker,
I grabbed my gun and leaped on my horse,
Then watched the bright torches flicker.
When I heard the last five minute countdown,
I felt paralysed; short of breath,
I wondered what will happen next,
Will this war lead me to my death.



Date to Remember

The next Committee meeting will be held in the Kennet Room in the Community Centre on Wednesday 5th April 2017 commencing at 1930 hours.

Roger Brind



SEEND & DISTRICT RAMBLERS

The walk scheduled for 15th January was re-scheduled to take place on Sunday 22nd January. Tim and Sandy James led a five-mile walk commencing from Fyfield. 25 people took part on a glorious, cold but crisp morning. The walk took them through Piggledene (National Trust land) across Stony Valley, past Devil’s Den (burial chamber), skirting around Lockeridge before returning to Fyfield. A very enjoyable walk with beautiful views.

Next walk: Sunday 12th February: Meet in the village of Biddestone, near the Church for a 10.00am start. Gerald will be leading this walk of approximately five miles, which will involve mostly lanes and track walking, with just the occasional field crossing – owing to the time of year (when underfoot is so very wet). Phone Gerald or Lin on 01225 706451 if you should need to.

Lin Salter

SEEND COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

www.seendcommunitycentre.com – bookings 07703 814111

See ‘Happenings!’ enclosed in this copy of Spotlight for information on events past, present and future – and details of the early-bird £1 discount for Seend Club Membership fees if paid before 1st April!



Major upcoming events are listed in the early pages of this magazine, and you can find us on facebook.

100+ CLUB DRAW

The Lye Field 100+ Club Special Christmas Draw took place on the 15th December. The results are as follows:-

£60.00	No. 166	Mr N Dark
£45.00	No. 079	Mr J Powell
£35.00	No. 120	Mr M Park
£30.00	No. 074	Mrs M Hutchinson
£25.00	No. 109	Mrs A Hawkins

Congratulations to all the winners.

Karen Cubberley, Seend Lye Field Committee



SEEND SCHOOL NEWS

Happy New Year from Seend School! We have all returned well rested from the Christmas holidays and are ready to learn.

Holly Class have been learning about life under the sea and are enjoying finding out about all the different types of fish. They are off on a class trip to the Aquarium soon and the children are hoping to see some sharks!



Oak Class have been enjoying the different weather conditions that we have been experiencing lately, and have been spotted outside lots of times inspecting the frost and looking closely at the ice on the playground.

Chestnut Class have been learning about different countries and continents in the world, and all the children have picked a country to research as part of their homework. Parents have been helping lots with this topic; Mr Hill came in to talk to the children about life in Japan and Mrs Bown also visited Chestnut Class to talk about life in Kenya.

Sycamore Class have started learning about Rainforests and recently went on a trip to the Living Rainforest. Mrs Chalk joined them for this trip and was very impressed with the children's behaviour. Some children said it was the 'best trip ever!' This may have been due to the sloth sighting!

Nicola Coleman, Deputy Headteacher

FoSS (Friends of Seend School) update

The profits raised from the Christmas Fayre, £1,400, will be put towards repairing the much used timber trail. It's been in place for over 10 years and was originally funded by FoSS contributions. Over time the wood has started to deteriorate, and as with any play equipment it is costly to repair. We hope this work can be undertaken soon, so that the children can make full use of it again as the weather starts to get warmer. On behalf of FoSS we'd like to say a very big Thank You to the following businesses who supported the Christmas Fayre. Their continued support and generous donations to advertise have helped achieve a very successful Christmas Fayre.

Deborah Holley Jewellery

Dolman Surveyors

Melksham Tyre Supplies

Nortree Motors

KEC electrical

Online Auto

More than Mowers

Bovisand Lodge Holiday Park

The Daily Drinker

Cleeve Cats

Solargeo

Melksham Motor Spares

Systema

Shane Stevens Painting and Decorating

Corsham Classics

Townsend Barn Nursery

Sonja Nichols did a wonderful job in organising this sponsorship, which is no mean feat. Thank you for pulling it all together so seamlessly Sonja.

We now have 38 supporters on our Easy Fundraising site, who have collectively raised £217 for the school! In future Spotlights, we'll let you know what this money will be spent on. If you'd like to be part of this new craze please visit;

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/foseend/>

Mel Steel, FoSS Chair

SEEND PLAYGROUP NEWS

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Christmas activities and made them such happy occasions for our children and families. Our party was a great success with a Bouncy Castle and our own ball pool. After a festive lunch, Santa arrived with a sack full of presents, so everyone went home happily.

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

We consider our Pre-school Playgroup to be a valuable asset for the community, and to keep up with parents' requirements for longer hours, we are trialling a longer day on a Friday by introducing an afternoon session from 12.45 – 2.45pm. This will start after Easter, for the summer term. Several parents seem keen to sign up for this, so let's hope it will be sustainable. There are all kinds of interesting things we can do in the afternoon, such as going on local walks, playing in the playground, digging in the garden and mixing mud pies!

Our half term holiday is week beginning 13th February, back on Monday 20th.

Liz Futter (Playleader) 828485

SEEND PARISH COUNCIL

N.B These shortened notes are from the draft minutes of Parish Council meetings, and may not yet have been ratified. Full copies of Parish Council meeting minutes can be found on: www.seendparishcouncil.co.uk

The meeting held on **Tuesday 29th November** was attended by 9 Councillors with Mr T Murch (Chairman) in the chair. Apologies were received from Mrs A Heatley and Mr T James. Also present members of the public.

Community Policing: The Community Policing Team has published what will be a monthly CPT Report, outlining how the new CPT will work and covering issues affecting the Wiltshire area. It was suggested by the council that the report be uploaded onto the website. It was reported that PC Mark Hough would be attending the January parish council meeting. There was a report of Fly Tipping at Sells Green. **Councillor Seed** reported that the gap in the budget is now down to less than £3m. Wiltshire Council has been forced into a 4 year financial plan and will be losing rate support within the next 3 years; this will leave them with a lower percentage of income (35-36%) from the non-domestic rates.

Councillor Seed asked the parish council how it would like to proceed with the SRSI report, ie which road issues it would like to prioritise, and he would then take it to county level. The chairman proposed that the parish council adopt the report, but with the proviso that it would create an edited and re-vamped version so that it contained more realistic and achievable targets. The SRSI authors can circulate their copy and gain feedback from the village, but it would be a parish council adapted report that would go before CATG. All councillors approved this course of action.

Regarding the application for funding for a **pedestrian crossing near the church**, Councillor Seed reported that the PC would need to have costings ready for the application to be taken any further. Councillor Seed said he would ask Mark Stansby for some costings, but that the parish council would need to agree on how much it was prepared to finance it. As the parish council would need to pay a third of the costs, it was proposed by Mr Rigg that in principle the parish council should be

prepared to pay up to £2,000 toward the cost of the crossing. Seconded by Mrs A'Bear and unanimously agreed.

Equestrian Heights – Councillor Seed reported that he would be calling in the application if Wiltshire County Council refuses the latest planning application.

Cleeve House – Councillor Seed reported that the county council had confirmed that Cleeve House had all the necessary licenses in place, but that the police are investigating the company that ran the course during which a person died. The councillors concluded that the parish council has no reason to get involved.

Cattle on Bollands Hill – The chairman sought the advice of Councillor Seed on the issue of cattle regularly escaping from a tenant's field adjacent to the road, and the danger it posed. The Community Beat Officer had been called, and the tenant farmer claimed that ramblers had been cutting the wire. The cattle have now been moved for the winter, but concern was expressed that the problem would arise again next spring. Councillor Seed would enquire if Animal Health could do anything about it.

Pot Holes in Rusty Lane – the chairman asked Councillor Seed for advice on how to get the pot holes fixed, as their size and number were of great concern. The vice-chairman reported that the pot holes had been put on the parish steward's list and also reported through the MyWiltshire app, but that no action had been taken. Whilst there was some doubt as to the county council's responsibilities and about whether the road was adopted, the chairman reported that Wiltshire County Council had fixed the pot holes in the past. He said that the top spit belonged to highways, but that the land below was owned by 3 different landowners.

Councillor Seed asked the vice-chairman to send him photographs of the pot holes and the MyWiltshire report numbers and he would see what he could do at county level. He suggested that the parish council have a plan of action should the response be negative. A councillor suggested that the parish council take voluntary measures to carry out some temporary repairs. Councillor Seed said that it would most likely be possible to get some road plainings to help facilitate this course of action. The clerk was asked to find out where the boundaries and in whose ownership they are.

Rights of Way support – Councillor Seed was asked what financial support could be given for the maintenance of the rights of way network in the village, now that the rights of way would no longer be annually walked by the county council's rights of way team. He suggested applying for a grant through P.I.G and if that didn't work then to apply through CATG, wording it such that the grant request would be for renewal and not repairs.

Councillor Seed was thanked for his continued support of Seend Parish Council and for his dedication in attending most of the meetings throughout the year.

Chairman's Report

Following an email from a resident the chairman had asked the clerk to investigate whether the parish council was compliant with all aspects of the Data Protection Act. The clerk reported that the council is registered with the ICO and does conform to the requirements. The clerk also reported that the webmail hosting company was ISO compliant. Now that the new clerk has a dedicated computer owned by the parish council, all council matters would be kept on this computer and not on a personal computer. The clerk also contacted the SLCC and outlined the current working

methods of the council in relation to emails, etc. The SLCC did confirm that the parish council was compliant, Chairman to respond to the resident.

The chairman requested that the parish council appoint a **footpaths officer** to take responsibility for rights of way issues. Councillor Vaux volunteered to take this on.

VAS – It was reported that this was now working correctly.

The Bell Inn – an article in December Spotlight asked for comments from residents.

Defibrillator - It was reported that the Defib Unit, training kit and cabinet had now been bought and was at the Community Centre. The vice-chairman had received two quotes from electricians for the installation. One quote from Wilec of Melksham had offered to install the unit at cost (approx £130), with no labour charges.

The next step would be to set up and run some CPR/defibrillator awareness sessions. The vice-chairman suggested six sessions initially and that these would probably take place at the Community Centre. It was proposed to advertise them using posters and Spotlight. Councillor Akerman offered to help with the organisation.

Neighbourhood Plan - Councillor A'Bear thanked Mr Manning for his support for the NPG. She reported that the Housing Needs Survey had been discussed at the meeting the previous week. The group now recommends that it is approved and finalised in order that Wiltshire Council can add the revised version to their website; this should include the addendum of questions asked by the NPG. The conclusion of the survey is that five affordable homes are needed in the parish of Seend.

Acceptance of the revised version of the Housing Needs Survey was proposed by Mrs Akerman and seconded by Mrs A'Bear, unanimously agreed.

BT Phone Box Consultation The clerk reported that there was now just one red telephone box to be discussed as the one at Sells Green had already been adopted by the Community Heartbeat Trust. Mr Wood proposed that if BT does remove the telephone equipment, the Parish Council should apply to adopt the kiosk in The Lye for £1. Seconded by Mrs A'Bear and unanimously agreed.

Parish Steward Issues raised at this council meeting included: the overgrown footpath running from the Stocks to Seend, pot holes in Rusty Lane, moss on path near Cooks Close. Spring water running down Spout Lane – the clerk was asked to raise it as an issue, so that it could then be brought before a CATG meeting.

Highways/Footpath Matters:

Footpath SEEND6 – correspondence from residents received, complaining that access had been blocked by barbed wire across the gate. Although on occasions the gate had been open causing cattle to escape. Senior RoW Warden Paul Millard had an inspection carried out and found the gate to be clear, but suggested that a kissing gate be installed at a cost to the parish council of £218. The chairman and Mr Vaux offered to inspect the right of way and report back at the next meeting.

Signage in The Pelch – a resident had expressed concern at the increased road traffic use of The Pelch and the danger it posed to walkers and horse-riders. Whilst she did not want the road taken off sat nav systems, she suggested that additional signage might be beneficial. The council concluded that there were already enough signs in place and that any additional signs would be counter-productive, but that they would keep the situation under review. The clerk to respond to the resident.

Planning Matters:

Application Ref: 16/09139/FUL

Site Location: Totterdown Farm Bath Road Seend. Agricultural building - RSJ shed - for use of storage of material, straw bales, housing of livestock. 2 councillors declared an interest. Acceptance proposed by Mr Manning, seconded by Mr Rigg. Agreed with 2 abstentions.

Application Ref: 16/10424/FUL & 16/10691/LBC

Site Location: The Lodge Church Lane Corner High Street Seend . Proposed fenestration alterations, new log store, internal alterations, new kitchen lantern & roof, alterations to entrance gates.

Acceptance proposed by Mrs Carr, seconded by Mr Wiltshire, unanimously agreed.

Application Number: 16/10636/FUL

Site Location: Equestrian Heights Berhills Lane Seend Wiltshire. Erection of an equestrian manager's dwelling and the permanent retention of the existing log cabin for use by customers (Resubmission of 16/03383/FUL)

After some lengthy discussion it was proposed by Mr Wood and seconded by Mr Wiltshire, that the council reiterate its decision from April 2016 council meeting that: "the parish council in accepting the application, requests that there is an equestrian tie on both the new dwelling and the log cabin, also that the log cabin not be used as holiday accommodation." 5 councillors voted in favour of this condition, 2 opposed and 2 abstained. The council agreed to put this condition forward in its response.

Application Ref: 16/11218/TCA

Site Location: Manor Field House High Street Seend. Proposal: T1 - Ash tree & T2 - Sycamore tree & T6 - Sycamore tree - crown reduction 20% & remove deadwood T3 & T5 - Horse Chestnut trees - crown lift & remove deadwood. T4 - Cherry tree - crown reduction 20%. Unanimously approved.

Date of next meetings are 31st January and 28th February 2017, at Seend Community Centre at 7.30pm

Full Parish Council minutes can be found on: www.seendparishcouncil.co.uk

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL NEWS

February is the month when we in Wiltshire Council have to set the budget for the forthcoming year. This culminates in a full meeting of the whole of Wiltshire Council's 98 councillors and sadly can sometimes be overshadowed by individual political views and point scoring. I have endeavoured to keep out of party politics locally, since representing the interests of communities is the most important issue.

We know that the grant from central Government is going down all the time and savings have to be continually made. We also know that Government has advised Councils that they can raise an additional 1% from council tax to pay for the increasing demands of looking after our older residents needing social care. Council tax bills are likely to go up but our costs, based on an above average number of older residents in the county and the fact they we live longer, adds up to needing resources greater than what is offered by Government. Consequently we are having to find new ways of doing things for less money. Despite all of our irritation at paying more in council tax, I assure you that our promise, in Wiltshire Council, is to look after the

vulnerable in our communities and we will live up to this. However, we will continue to be faced with making difficult decisions.

Recently someone discarded furniture and other rubbish on a grass verge. I despair at the selfishness of some people, but you can immediately photograph and report these issues to Wiltshire Council, via the My Wiltshire App. This enables the Council to respond directly to the person reporting the matter. It costs only pennies whereas a telephone call, due to the cost of an operator, costs pounds. Those not technically minded can still report matters on 0300 456 0105 or you can use the website: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/parkingtransportandstreets/roadshighwaysstreetcare/mywiltshirereport.htm>

Finally I was pleased to see that we were able to get the issue of the leaking water on Bell Hill dealt with quickly but not before an unfortunate accident occurred. The quicker these matters are raised the quicker they can be addressed and again the use of the My Wiltshire App really does speed things up into the "system".

Jonathon.seed@wiltshire.gov.uk , 07770774463

SEEND SPORTING AND DRAMATIC NEWS



Tennis: chair Elaine Davis.

The winter league matches have carried on over the Christmas holidays with recent results being relatively promising.

The serious league matches start in April and again Seend will have a women's doubles team, a men's doubles team and a

mixed doubles team playing in the Chippenham and District League so please contact Ric Ellinger or Victoria Bowes if you would like to play league matches. All are welcome !

Seend Christmas Lights :

This competition was unannounced so that no one would be tempted to go overboard. The judges carried out their inspection surreptitiously during the evening of Boxing Day when all the displays could be seen at their glorious best. There was no dispute as to the winner, the unanimous decision in favour of 43 The Lye. Congratulations !

Cricket: Chairman:-Brian Hunt

The end of season presentation evening took place on 28th January. The winners are not announced in advance hence I cannot tell you who the runners and riders were and where the clever money was put. Details will hopefully be in next month's issue. Meanwhile there is concern as to Seend being able to put out a team next season, so anyone out there who would like to ensure that Seend marches on please contact Brian Hunt with ideas and proposals as a matter of urgency.

Short Mat Bowls: Press Secretary Elect: Colin J. Waldeck.

All looks remarkably promising as, with only two matches to go in the winter league, the boys find themselves, maybe surprisingly, in second place in the league with their last four matches having produced the following results :-

v Melksham and Shaw, won 6-2
v Bromham, drew 4-4
v Crudwell, drew 4-4
v Kington Langley, won 5-3

I am assured that these are real results and not some "alternative facts" gleaned from Colin's imagination. In relentless pursuit of victory Colin assures me that he will not hold back from playing the trump card he hides up his sleeve if it will help to steal the title.

Skittles: Match reporter Josh Hamblin.

Seend A presently top the Premier League by a country mile on 70.5 points with their closest rivals on 49 so another league championship looks as if it is on the cards. There are no Seend teams in the first division with both the B and C teams in the middle of division two on 38.5 and 35.5 points respectively.

Football : Coach :- Situation Vacant.

Sadly we enter the new year with still no sign of a Seend football team. I hope that in the coming weeks someone will step forward and take up the challenge. Gardening on Saturdays without the distant cries of encouragement being shouted across the Lye does not feel right. Let us hope that 2017 will bring the beautiful game back to Seend. (No, Colin. SMB has its qualities but it is not the "beautiful game".)

Results, stories and advance fixtures to the Oval Office by February 10th please.

Frankie Goddard, 828488

PERSONAL ADS (*Small personal ads - not from businesses - can be left at the Post Office or delivered to Tessa Doe at 6 New Buildings with payment of £2 please.*)

WANTED – Secure garage or similar for storage of a compact tractor and accessories required urgently. Please call 07885 103071.

BITS AND BOBS

Dogs for Adoption – Homes needed Urgently

Several wonderful dogs in Romania seek a loving and safe home. Photos are available. Please call Sarah on 07921 801370 or visit <http://k-9angels.org/>



WILTSHIRE MUSIC CENTRE

Highlights in February are below:

Fri 3 Feb	Jo Harman
Sat 4 Feb	Ensemble 360 performing Dvorak and Vaughan Williams
Fri 10 Feb	Doric String Quartet & Alasdair Beatson piano, performing Mendelssohn, Berg and Elgar
Fri 17 Feb	David Bowie Is broadcast from the V&A museum

You can visit wiltshiremusic.org.uk for more details or call 01225 860 100 to book.

STEEPLE ASHTON FILMS BRIDGET JONES'S BABY

Saturday 11th February 2017 at Steeple Ashton Village Hall -
7.30 p.m (doors open at 7 pm for refreshments)

Renee Zellweger, Colin Firth, Celia Imrie, Jim Broadbent and plenty of other familiar faces - are all back. I'm certain you will enjoy your evening with Bridget Jones and love this film just as much as the first two.

Tickets £6 available from Steeple Ashton Village Shop, or contact Alison Wilson on 01380 871345 for further information or if you would like to reserve tickets.



Lavington Community Choir thanks everyone who came to its Festive Evening of Song and Entertainment in December. The Market Lavington Community Hall was packed. Next term began on

5th January and we are making a start on music for our summer concert. It will be a mixed programme with something for everyone. So if you would like to add your voice on Thursdays at 8 for 8.15pm, please contact paula@paulaboyagis.plus.com or jimmdonovan70@gmail.com for more information. We are a community choir and everyone is welcome, there are no auditions, we look forward to welcoming you.



NEW DIRECTOR FOR EDINGTON MUSIC FESTIVAL

The 62nd Edington Festival of Music (August 20th – 27th 2017) will have a new Director. Richard Pinel is taking over from

Benjamin Nicholas, who has directed the Festival for four years. Richard is Director of Music at Jesus College, Cambridge, moving from St George's Chapel, Windsor where he has been Assistant Director of Music for a number of years. Planning for the 2017 Festival is already well under way, with the theme: The Beatitudes.

EDINGTON ARTS' FIRST 2017 CONCERT

Edington Arts is launching its 2017 programme with their first concert by a string sextet, The Chamber Players of St John, on Saturday March 25th at 7.30pm in Edington Priory Church with works by Richard Strauss, Borodin and Brahms. Tickets are £20/15/10 with a 10% discount for Edington Angels and 18 and under free, (add £2 on the door) by phone from Chrissy on 01380 831256 or by email from sue@edingtonarts.org. Full programme information, and the full list of 2017 events, can be found on the Edington Arts website, www.edingtonarts.org.

White Horse Opera's Spring Concert,
dedicated to Michael Oliver, will take place at 7.30pm on
Friday 31st March at Devizes Town Hall.

It will include arias and ensembles from G&S' Iolanthe, which will be our main opera in October, as well as works by Puccini, Haydn and Rossini and others.

A donation from the proceeds will be made to a charity favoured by Michael.

Tickets £10 are available now from Devizes Books and on-line from ticketsource.co.uk/whitehorseopera



THE SEEND FUND – Your local 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.



Fairtrade Fortnight 2017 runs from 27th Feb - 12th March.

The theme is **'It's time to put Fairtrade in your Break'**.

Devizes Fairtrade Group will be helping to ensure a fair deal for disadvantaged farming communities by encouraging schools, places of work, churches and caterers to hold a

Fairtrade Break by simply having Fairtrade drinks, cereals, cakes or biscuits.

For more information about the campaign and how to get involved, visit

www.fairtrade.org.uk/fortnight or www.devizesfairtrade.org.uk or call 01380 720571.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED!

ERLESTOKE HOUSE FARM SHOP, HMP ERLESTOKE, SN10 5TU

Become a Volunteer working in this new and worthwhile enterprise! The shop hours are: Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 12 – 3pm. Reliable Volunteers are needed, with an outgoing friendly personality to assist customers purchasing and ordering goods from the shop. References required.

Erlestoke Farm Shop (a registered Community Interest Company) **is situated on B3098 between Little Cheverell and Erlestoke**

Contact for further information: janinehodson1@gmail.com Mobile: 07917 691034

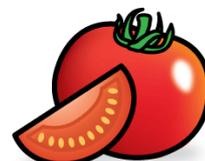
Home Start Volunteers provide support and friendship for families. See homestartkennet.co.uk or call 01672 569457.

For information on volunteering for **Victim Support** please contact the Wiltshire office: 01380 738878 or via email: wiltshire@victimsupport.org.uk

URGENT: Devizes Child Contact Centre threatened with closure unless volunteer Co-ordinator can be found. Centre operates for 2 hours on every other Saturday. Ellen 07792 731479

And finally...

Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit.
Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.



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

Church: Retired Priest: Jane Knowles, 01380 870235. Benefice Administrator: Mrs Sue Taylor 01225 709360. Churchwardens: Holy Cross Seend: Mrs Anne Ewing, 01380 828557, Mrs Tina Yockney 01380 827139; Christ Church Bulkington: Mrs Liz Futter 828485, Mrs Anne Saywell 828931; LPAs: Jane Goman 827121, Liz Futter 828485, Rosie Forsey 828843, Len Murray 828513, Sue Noad 870433, Sue Rose 871665 & Tina Yockney 827139. Bell Tower Captain: 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 – Mrs Sue Bond 07706 850859 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

Community Beat Manager for Seend PC Emily Thomas. Tel: 101, or e-mail melkshamruralsouthnpt@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk.

Seend Fund: 01380 828757

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

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

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

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

Bouncy Club - Paulette Pardoe 07944 300350

Cricket Club - John Wiltshire 07791 144248

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

Fete – Nick Vaux - seendlr@gmail.com (www.seendfete.co.uk)

Flower Show – Brian Jaques 827137

FoSS (Friends of Seend School) Mel Steel 07739 899741

Historic Houses Club - Mary Warren 01225707357 or Neil Yockney 827139

LINK Scheme - 075320 55560

Lye Field Committee – www.seendlyefield.org

Neighbourhood Watch - Brian Hunt (Seend) 828581; Cavan Moroney (Sells Green) 828606;

Owen Burton (Seend Cleeve) 828820; John Scott (Bulkington) 828026.

Preschool - Liz Futter 828485

Poetry Group - Tessa Doe 828617

Ramblers - Gerald Salter 01225 706451

Royal British Legion - Roger Brind 828830

Seend Singers - Bob McCulloch 828508

Short Mat Bowls Club - Colin Waldeck 828946

Tennis Club - Ric Ellinger 828687

Theatre Club - Sylvia Ewin 828325; Marion Whitehead 828612

WEA – Tessa Doe 828617

Wheelchairs to borrow - Sue and Graham Jones in Seend Cleeve, tel: 01380 828354

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

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THE HEALTH LOTTERY
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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