

SPOTLIGHT

Seend & Bulkington

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HARPER'S WEEKLY.

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March 2015

DIARY DATES FOR LATE FEBRUARY

- 25th Nosh & Natter Lunch Club, Community Centre, 12 for 12.30pm
- 25th Quiz, Brewery Inn, 8pm
- 26th Historic Houses Club AGM, Pavilion, 7.30pm

DIARY DATES FOR MARCH

- 4th Seend Shuttle Shopping Trip – call 01225 706526 by Monday 2nd to book
- 4th Seend Acoustic Club – Geoff Lakeman, upstairs in Community Centre, 8pm
- 7th Soup Lunch, Pavilion, 12-1.30pm
- 7th Mixed Pairs Skittles Competition, Community Centre, 8pm
- 8th Tree planting day, Bulkington Playing Field, 10am
- 9th Mobile Library: 9.35 am Seend The Lye; 10 am Seend Cleeve phone box; 10.55 am Well Inn Car Park, Bulkington
- 11th WI AGM, Pavilion, 7.30pm
- 14th LAST DAY FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO APRIL SPOTLIGHT
- 14th Charity Retro Disco, Community Centre, 8pm
- 15th Mothering Sunday
- 18th Seend Acoustic Club – Wessex Contraband, upstairs in Community Centre, 8pm
- 20th Seend School spring disco
- 21st WEA Day School on Bloomsbury Group, Community Centre, 10.30am-4.30pm
- 21st 'Call My Bluff', Community Centre, 7 for 7.30pm
- 22nd Seend & District Ramblers AGM, Pavilion, 11.30am (walk at 9.30am)
- 23rd Mobile Library: 9.35 am Seend The Lye; 10 am Seend Cleeve phone box; 10.55 am Well Inn Car Park, Bulkington
- 23rd WEA AGM, Community Centre, 7.30pm
- 25th Nosh & Natter Lunch Club, Community Centre, 12 for 12.30pm
- 25th Brewery Inn Fun Quiz, 8pm
- 28th Soup Lunch, Bulkington Village Hall, 12 noon
- 28th Wine Circle, Community Centre, 7.45 for 8pm
- 29th Palm Sunday

DIARY DATES FOR APRIL

- 3rd Good Friday Workshops, Seend Church, 10am-12 noon
- 5th Easter Sunday (Renée's last service before retirement)
- 15th Melksham Area Board Meeting, Semington Village Hall, 6.30 for 7pm
- 18th Seend & District Ramblers skittles social evening, Community Centre, 7.30pm
- 20th Mobile Library: 9.35 am Seend The Lye; 10 am Seend Cleeve phone box; 10.55 am Well Inn Car Park, Bulkington
- 22nd Nosh & Natter Lunch Club, Community Centre, 12 for 12.30pm
- 23rd Shakespeare's Birthday/St George's Day do, upstairs, Community Centre, 7.30pm
- 25th Buffalo Gals, (Rural Arts Touring) Community Centre, 7.30pm

Newcomer to Seend?

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

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

Welcome to March Spotlight

Let's hope we don't get March winds as pictured – gentle spring wafts of warm breeze will be far more acceptable.



This month we have warnings that our mobile library service is in danger, another plea for help with the Fete, more about the Neighbourhood Plan in Seend PC minutes, Seend Parish Council requesting villagers to log any accidents and to care for our phone boxes, generosity praised on p.21 - and on p.23 you can read of a rather inspirational sponsorship request!

And for your delectation and delight we can offer a soup lunch as well as the regular Nosh & Natter lunch club, a disco in aid of Dorothy House and Breast Cancer research, a staged version of the old favourite TV panel game 'Call My Bluff' (younger readers need to ask their grandparents), a Wine Circle gathering, a WEA day course on Virginia Woolf and the Bloomsbury Group, plus Acoustic Club and meetings of all the other village clubs and organisations. This month is also the last complete month that Rev Renee Coulson will be in our community – so make the most of her presence while you can!

Seend readers will find enclosed a form to fill in to sign up for the police Community Messaging: you can leave completed forms in the Shop. And there is also an application form for the Lye Field 100+ Club – an important fund raiser for the Lye Field and Pavilion as well as being an enjoyable flutter.

We've received an email from Paul Cleverly, who, as a child, lived in Rusty Lane and Seend Cleeve in the late 60s/early 70s and would love to see photos of Seend and Seend School of around that time. If you have any memories or photos, perhaps you could post them on the Seend Spotlight facebook page and we'll let him know.

And apologies to contributors whose words have been edited. We had a space crisis!

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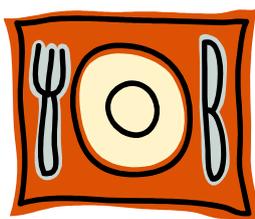
Lost emails: Emails to Spotlight sometimes go astray for no obvious reason. If email correspondents don't receive an acknowledgement by the end of the Monday after the Spotlight deadline, please ring Tessa or Sue (see above) to check if all is well. And please read the following:

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 March and beyond

(see pages 7-9 for Bulkington events)



Nosh and Natter Lunch Club

in Seend Community Centre

Only £5 for two courses!

Wednesday March 25th 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 entry.

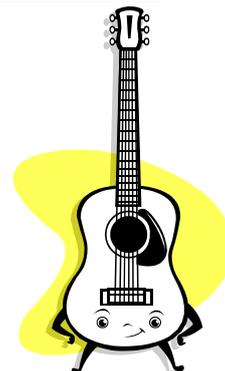
Special guests:

4th March – Geoff Lakeman (father of Seth, Sam and Sean)

18th March – wonderful Wessex Contraband

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

All in all, a great evening out!



SOUP LUNCH

Saturday 7th March

12.00 - 1.30pm at The Pavilion, Seend

Come and enjoy delicious homemade soups

with warm bread rolls and cheeses.

Raising funds for CAPNI (Christian Aid Program Northern Iraq)

to assist refugees displaced by the war

MIXED PAIRS SKITTLES COMPETITION – 7TH MARCH, 8PM COMMUNITY CENTRE

ALL WELCOME. SIGN UP IN THE BAR BY 5TH PLEASE. PRIZES TO BE WON!

CHARITY DISCO - 70S AND 80S RETRO DISCO

Saturday 14th March 2015

at Seend Community Centre from 8pm

in aid of Breast Cancer research and Dorothy House Hospice

Raffle. Tickets £10 adults, £6 under 16s (supper included)

Please contact

Barb Tilbury 828786 or Lou Waylen 828842 for tickets



??? Wednesday 25th March at 8pm ???

Quiz Night at the Brewery Inn,

'Call My Bluff'

Saturday 21 March 2015

7.00 for 7.30 pm at Seend Community Centre

Stage production of the popular TV panel game
presented by The Royal British Legion – Seend Branch.

Tickets £9.00, to include a light supper.

Tickets *only in advance* from Robin Heatley 828491,
Marion Whitehead 828612 or Seend Post Office.

All proceeds in aid of The Royal British Legion.



Seend Wine Circle

Same grape, different country

8.00 pm on Saturday 28th March 2015

Seend Community Centre, Rusty Lane, Seend, SN12 6NS

For 2015 we're starting off with a new approach for the Wine Circle; 'Same grape, different country' was the most popular suggestion from the survey last year. From Chardonnay through Merlot to Syrah, many grape varieties are grown around the world but which country makes the use of them? It's time for you to judge and decide. Come and join us on 28th March 2015 for a wine tasting trip around the world. Closing date for bookings will be 21st March if not fully booked beforehand. Tickets £12. Please book in advance from Steve Parsons 07974 347487 or Simon McManus 01380 828870

THE BUFFALO GALS ARE COMIN' TO TOWN...

or, to be more precise, to **Seend Community Centre**
on Saturday 25th April at 7.30pm.



This six-piece band, which travels the rural countryside bringing music and fun wherever it goes, will deliver up a feast of fiddle and banjo-led tunes and songs in the high lonesome sound of the South Appalachian Mountains. Led by Kate Lissauer, a champion American fiddler and dynamic singer, they mix ballads, blues and spirituals with soaring harmonies and dazzling displays of percussive step-dancing. Tickets from Seend Post Office and Seend Community Centre from March: £7.00 adults, £6 concessions, £4.50 child, £18.50 family of four. Find out more at www.buffalogals.co.uk

Seend Beer Festival

Saturday 2nd May 2015 12 midday – 11pm
Community Centre, Rusty Lane, Seend. SN12 6NS

Tickets, priced £10, will be on sale from Monday 2nd March
in The Brewery Inn, Seend PO, and The Community Centre



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Bill Adams would like to sincerely thank everyone for their sympathy and support at the sudden and unexpected loss of his dear Joyce and special thanks to those who organised the refreshments at the Pavilion after the service.

DISPUTED RIGHT OF WAY ACROSS THE LYE FIELD

Further to the trustees' note in last month's Spotlight concerning the threatened court proceeding vis a vis the alleged right of way along the Eastern border of the playing field (abutting the Lye boundary) the trustees are in conference with their legal advisers on how to defend this vexatious matter. It is an expensive exercise and the money would be better spent on maintaining and improving the pavilion and the playing field. However, the trustees and committee members are determined, once and for all, to erase this unwarranted claim on our charitable trust, which has been lovingly maintained by volunteers for over forty years, funded by donations and the efforts of many villagers giving their time and expertise. Progress reports will be published as necessary as the case proceeds.

The Trustees of the Lye Recreational Field.

CHURCH AND CHAPEL NEWS

CHURCH SERVICES IN MARCH

Sunday 1st March

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

Sunday 8th March

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

Sunday 15th March (Mothering Sunday)

8.00 am	Holy Communion	at Seend
9.30 am	Family Service	at Bulkington
10.00 am	Family Service	at Poulshot
11.15 am	Family Service	at Seend

Sunday 22nd March

8.00 am	Holy Communion	at Seend
9.30 am	Parish Communion	at Poulshot

11.15 am Parish Communion at Seend
6.00 pm Parish Communion at Bulkington

Sunday 29th March (Palm Sunday)

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

Maundy Thursday 2nd April

7.30 pm Parish Communion & foot washing at Bulkington

Good Friday 3rd April

10.00 am Workshops for Children at Seend
2.00 pm Hour before the Cross at Poulshot

Sunday 5th April (Easter Sunday)

11.15 am Benefice Family Communion at Seend

(This is Renée's last service before she retires. It would be great to see the church packed.)

VICAR'S LETTER – MARCH 2015

As well as the traditional 'giving up', Lent offers an opportunity for us to reflect more deeply about our faith and grow in it - helping us to 'know God better and show his love to others'. By the time you read this, we will already be in the season of Lent but there is still an opportunity to dip into our Lent course (details below) and attend our services in the weeks leading up to Easter. Courses such as that on offer enable us to travel the road on our Lenten journey together, and serve to make our Easter Day celebrations even more meaningful.

For anyone who might like to know more about the Christian faith and would like to dip their toe in the water, there are all kinds of courses and one-off talks on offer: for example – a repeat performance dramatization of the whole of Mark's Gospel by a farmer and priest from the Pewsey area - over 11,000 words from memory! A rather more light-hearted gathering about "Touch Wood" and other familiar sayings with biblical roots is planned - compared with rather more serious topics such as "Faith and Science" and all kinds of topics in between. And let's not forget those friendly and informal discussions that take place at the Buzzzz Group meetings, led by Maureen (Allchin), which will recommence after Easter. Interested? Then just check the Church notice board, or call me, or Maureen for more details. No pressure!

Finally, and on a more personal note, many of you may already know I am shortly to retire as Priest in Charge of our parishes. In fact I was originally licensed for just 5 years, which time expired at the end of October last year and so I've been blessed to be able to serve you for these extra few months. My last service in our parishes will be at Holy Cross, Seend on Sunday 5th April at 11.15 am, which is, of course Easter Day. I appreciate that the timing might be difficult for some but I hope and pray that as many of you as possible (including any visitors you might have) will come along

on this, the most important day in the Christian calendar. For me, it will be a truly bitter-sweet occasion as we celebrate the promise of new life in our risen Lord - a new life to which we are all called. It's impossible to say at this stage when I might be replaced, but plans are in hand for the appointment of an "Interim Minister" to cover the vacancy, so, rest assured, you'll be in very good hands.

Wishing you all peace and joy, Renée

Lent Course (Seend, Bulkington & Poulshot)

24 February	Vicarage, Seend
3 March and 10 March	The Old Rectory, Poulshot (next to the Village Hall)
17 March and 24 March	Vicarage, Seend
1 April	4 Northfields, Bulkington

Easter Workshops - GOOD FRIDAY

3rd April from 10.00 am - 12.00 noon in Seend Church
Card making, Clay models, Stained glass windows, Easter crowns
and much more..... for all the family
A short service is followed by drinks & Hot Cross Buns

HOLY CROSS CHURCH - BUILDING UPDATE

Regular members of our congregation and walkers cannot have failed to notice that during January the church tower was covered in scaffolding. This was to enable us to replace the lead on the tower roof and make it watertight. It had begun to leak over the last few years and the winter rains of last winter made it imperative that repair works were carried out. Unfortunately this has not been a cheap exercise and with remedial works to the timbers in the tower we are faced with a bill approaching £15,000 plus VAT. We were ineligible for the Government's recently announced grant funding for church roofs but we are still trying to find some grant funding. Many of you know we have been working for years to come up with an acceptable plan (to the diocese, planners etc) for the installation of water and a toilet, and some changes to the inside of the church to improve disabled access among other things. We are delighted to report that planning permission has now been submitted for the external works and a faculty request will be shortly submitted for the internal works. Details of the external works are on Wiltshire County Council's website.

Anne Ewing and Steve Taylor, Churchwardens

SEEND METHODIST CHURCH : Services for March 2015

10am	8 th March	Mr Tom Hill will lead our 239 th Chapel Anniversary. Bromham and Whitley Chapel congregations are joining us
10am	22 nd March	Revd Di Whittall will lead worship and Holy Communion

Everyone always welcome.
Anne Salter

BULKINGTON NEWS

BULKINGTON 100+ CLUB

The next draw will take-place in early March.

David Whiteley, Bulkington 100+ Club

The church hosted Bulkington Village Lunch

takes place on Wednesday, 4th March 2015 at 12.15 for 12.30pm at The Well.

All very welcome to join us. Contact Jane Coles in advance for the menu (828145) or e-mail leaze.farm@btconnect.com.



Christ Church Bulkington are hosting a Soup Lunch in Bulkington Village Hall on Saturday 28th March from 12 noon

(postponed from 28th Feb due to repairs to hall).

Come and enjoy delicious home-made soups with bread and cheese, and cookies. Tickets £5 for adults £3 for children available from Liz Futter 828485 or Jane Coles 828145 or just turn up and pay at the door. Proceeds to charity.

Bulkington Ladies Group

The Ladies Group will meet in the Village Hall on Thurs. 26th March at 7.30 pm. Please bring a photo of yourself as a baby or small child. Any small contribution towards light refreshments and/or raffle will be welcome.

There are some new people in the village. Please come along whether you are new or not-so-new for a friendly fun evening. You will be very welcome!

Angela Read 828925

Liz Futter 828485

BULKINGTON VILLAGE HALL

The relentless south-westerlies take their toll on buildings: our Village Hall is no exception. Floor boards and joists have, over the years, grown damp and decayed. With the help of a team of carpenters, the advice of David Stirling (our adviser on matters structural, for that is what he does for us) and Nev Boulton directing operations, we shall soon be back to normal. We have advised our regular users to be patient. **Anyone hoping to make a booking, please take advice from Roger Futter or Nev Boulton.** It is half-term, so some of us will be taking a break; not the Choir: we'll be singing, thanks to Nev, in his conservatory next Tuesday (17th February) and having lunch afterwards at The Well. The Choir enjoy these occasions it's lovely to talk without Lee interrupting us, wanting us to **sing!**

Angela Read, Chairman.

The Mobile Library will visit The Well, Bulkington from 10:55 - 11:25am on 9th and 23rd March, 2015. Please support this important facility.

THE TEA AND CHAT SOCIAL GROUP

will meet on Monday 2nd March from 2 - 4 pm, the home of Andie Elliott - The Old Stables, Bulkington. For more information please ring 828277. All are welcome - with or without craft items - why not just come for tea and a chat!?



Advance Notice - Bulkington Open Gardens - 'Village Gardens in the Early Summer' on the afternoon of Sunday 6th June 2015. More details next month.

BULKINGTON'S WILLIAM BREACH CENTENARY PLAYING FIELD MAINTENANCE DAY

The first of this year's repairs and maintenance days on Saturday 7th February was a great success with a good turnout of willing helpers from all around the village. As ever at this time of year the temperature was only just above freezing, but the sun shone a little and everybody seemed happy to blow away a few winter cobwebs and get stuck in to a whole range of jobs;

The sensory garden got a good going over as did the old phone box (now a children's phone booth), the various play equipment checked over for loose bolts etc, a swing was removed ready for a new replacement in April, and the wooden pergola - so cool to sit under in the summer - had a new wire trellis to support new climbing plants, kindly donated by Sally. Sadly our willow structure which was difficult to maintain and presented a safety hazard to young children had to be removed and the ground made ready for our recently awarded Woodland Trust Tree Pack. These saplings will be planted in early April to form a small copse of 100 saplings to provide year-round colour made up of dogwood, hazel, hawthorn, silver birch, rowan and wild cherry.

It was a good days effort by so many helpful and caring villagers. Our thanks go to all these wonderful people, not least to Gaby for her tireless efforts and timely tea and cakes to sustain the efforts of others, to Sally and Simon for the loan of their excavator, to Ollie for his tractor and trailer, and to Dai, Kirsty, Nick, Dave, Claire, Jamie, Jesse, Phil, and helpful children of all shapes and sizes, and all those others who got stuck in to make this a very successful start to the year for the Playing Field.

Our next maintenance morning is on Saturday 4th April and as ever there will be a list of jobs to undertake, so please make time to come along and get involved – its fun and muscle-building exercise all in one for just a few hours. We start at 10 am and finish around lunchtime. You can find out more about the Playing Field on our village website - just follow this link or copy and paste it into your browser:

<http://www.bulkington.btck.co.uk/VillageAmenities/PlayingField>

Calum Ogilvie

WALKING WITH DOGS

Did you know that there are estimated to be **over 70 dogs** in Bulkington!

We are lucky to have many rights of way to enjoy with our dogs, but don't forget that these paths cross farmland and what looks like an inviting field of grass to let our dogs run, play and leave their sticks lying in is often next year's food for livestock, or

home to nesting birds. As a responsible dog owner, please make sure you understand your rights and responsibilities and be considerate towards the landowners in our village. **The Countryside Rights of Way Act** defines where we are able to walk and what to bear in mind.

Access land /Open Country – defined by the Countryside Rights of Way Act (CROW): The Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 (CROW) permits the public to walk freely on mapped areas of mountain, moor, heath or down land *without having to stick to paths*. These areas are shown on Ordnance Survey Explorer maps shaded in orange and are demarcated on the ground with the open access symbol.

Public Rights of way: In Bulkington we do have lots of Public Rights of Way. The Public Rights of Way (PROW) network is defined as routes that you can legally use to cross private land at any time. There are four categories, all of which are accessible when walking your dog. The map of Public Rights of Way in Bulkington is on the village noticeboard and you can find it at www.bulkington.org.uk. The parish council will make this available to every household in March.

If you are walking a dog, you should make sure that it does not stray off legal lines of a public footpath as this may constitute an act of trespass. Simply put, if a footpath crosses a field you should stick to the path and not assume that you have the right to walk anywhere in that field.

As a responsible dog owner, please clear up after your dog – leaving a stick in the middle of a field can damage farm machinery - dog mess is unpleasant for other walkers, contaminates livestock foodstuff, can cause infections in people and may cause farm animals to abort their young – which has a direct impact on farm incomes. Remember - there is no such thing as the dog poo fairy and any bin will do!

Tree planting day,
Sunday 8th March 10 a.m. at Bulkington Playing Field.
Everyone, children especially, welcome to help build our new copse,
just bring a spade and some energy!



SEEND CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS



AT THE HEART OF
OUR COMMUNITY

SEEND COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Shakespeare's Birthday/St George's Day Party – 7.30pm Thursday 23rd April. Supper and entertainment from Seend Fawley Shakespearians and Melksham Ukelele Social Club. Tickets £6.50 available from mid-March.

Happy Days are Here Again! - VE Day 70th Anniversary: Get out your Liberty Bodices and put in your Victory Rolls – Seend is celebrating the 70th Anniversary of VE Day at the Community Centre on Saturday 9th May 7.30 till late. More details soon but prepare to dance in your demob suit. If you can remember VE day, or have pictures, please email Marion Whitehead mwhitehead07@gmail.com or call 828612 as we would very much like to put on a VE exhibition. Since the Royal British

Legion also wants to collect these kinds of things nationally, Marion is the contact for both. Your memories and photos do not have to be from Seend or even Allied ones – all are welcome.

Other Coming Events: See the events pages at the beginning of this magazine – or have a look at seendcommunitycentre.com and our facebook page.

Emma's Hoops: Two of the hula hoops used for the popular 'Hoop Camp' exercise class went missing from the storeroom recently. They're quite expensive fitness equipment – not toys. If you have them, please return them. Thank you.

SEEND SHUTTLE COMMUNITY BUS



I'm pleased to be able to tell you that our old bus is going to a good home. When Kennet council owned the bus they always had the old bus back when we got a new one, did it up and passed it on to a group who needed it. With this in mind it seemed the right thing to do when we were approached by the Melksham area community youth officer and his team to give the old bus to them. Twenty youth clubs have been closed in the area and they have been given funding to provide activities for young people. However, they did not have enough money to buy a bus and are extremely grateful and excited to have ours. If anyone is disappointed that the bus is no longer for sale it might be worth them contacting Community First as several other groups were in the same position as us with an old vehicle to get rid of.

Anita Shea

Stephen Nunn

We were very sad to learn of the death of Stephen Nunn – a regular Shuttle traveller before his illness and long-time organiser of the First Wednesday Shopping Trips.

First Wednesday Shopping Trip to Salisbury on Wednesday 4th March

Please contact Rex or Janet Gudge on 01225 706526 by Monday 2nd March to book your place.

WESSEX FUCHSIA GROUP

31st March at 7.45pm in the Pavilion – speaker Derek Luther



SEEND FETE – SAVE THE DATE!

This year's fete will take place on Saturday, 8th August. We're planning some new and exciting events – announcements to follow.



In the mean-time we're still looking for more help to keep this beloved village institution going and provide a fantastic summer's day out for all the family. If you would like to volunteer on a stall or help the committee with some admin prior to the day we'd be extremely grateful – please call Jo McManus on 07866 516020.



SEEND FLOWER SHOW 2015 IS COMING: SATURDAY AUGUST 8TH IS THE DAY

There is a new class of baking product in the Home Produce Section. If you have ever wanted the reason to go all out and create a wonderful edible (!) edifice now is your chance. The new class is 'SHOWSTOPPER'. There is also a new class in the Fruit section of 'Any Other Fruit' in which you are invited to exhibit from one to three examples of fruit not otherwise listed as a class; the exhibits may be all of one type or of different types of fruit. The complete schedule for all the exhibition classes, guidance notes, and entry form are now 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.

Brian Jaques



SEEND & DISTRICT RAMBLERS

On Sunday 8th February, 21 walkers completed a seven-mile circular, commencing Woodhenge, passing Durrington Walls, King Barrow Ridge and on towards Stonehenge, making our return along the Cursus.

It was a beautiful bright morning, although a little cold to start with. The views were marvellous, and it was exciting to be able to get so close to the 'henge'. Thank you Penny and Ron for your leadership.

Annual Meeting – Sunday 22nd March commencing at 11.30am in the Irene Usher Memorial Pavilion. The meeting will be short and should get through in an hour. It will be preceded by a walk within the village, commencing at 9.30am in Rusty Lane and getting back for a cuppa and a cake by 11ish. Anita and Tessa will organise the walk.

A Skittles Evening is arranged for Saturday 18th April in Seend Community Centre – 7.30pm start. Please bring a plate of food for a shared supper. This evening is open to friends, villagers and anyone wishing to enjoy a friendly game. The cost of entry will depend on the number present, so really give it some thought about supporting us. We look forward to seeing you.

WEA SPRING COURSE - A REMINDER

Hopefully all those intending to come on the day course on Saturday 21st March will have booked by now. If not, please phone Pam on 828597. It's on the writers and artists of the Bloomsbury Group and starts at 10.30 am. The AGM will be two days later on Monday 23rd at 7.30pm.



SEEND WI

David Moon of the National Gardens Scheme was our speaker last month and he gave us a wonderful evening with a photographic presentation of some beautiful gardens.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 11 March when we will be holding our AGM. This will be followed by a social evening with refreshments. If you would like to find out more about the WI please do come along, visitors are always welcome.

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 the website www.seendwi.weebly.com

100+ CLUB DRAW

The 100+ Club Draw for January took place in the Pavilion on the 22nd January 2015. The results were as follows:-

Mrs A Newman	No. 110	£35
Seend Short Mat Bowls	No. 172	£30
Mr B Hunt	No. 102	£25
Mr J Hawkins	No. 186	£20
Ms T Doe	No. 127	£15
Mr R Sawyer	No. 38	£10



Congratulations to all the winners. An application form for the coming year's 100+ Club membership is enclosed in this magazine.

Karen Cubberley, Seend Lye Field Committee

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - THE FIRST WORLD WAR

This month we publish another poem written by pupils of the 2014 Sycamore Class at Seend School. This one is called **Fear** and was written by **Theo Todhunter**.

Fear rippled through my body,
As the commanding officer called out "five minutes to go".
We lined up,
We took a gulp of rum to steady our nerves.

Fear shook through my body,
As we walked through the trenches,
We heard the faint voice of the officer calling out,
"Two minutes to go boys".

Fear stopped me dead,
I heard the commanding officer shouting,
"Let's go boys over the top".
I heard the chatter of machine gun fire and enemy guns,
I ran for my life...



Seend Royal British Legion Dates to Remember

Call My Bluff (a substitute for the Dugout Supper) will take place in the Community Centre on Saturday 21st March. For full details see page 3.

Next Committee Meeting will be held in the Kennet Room in the Community Centre on Wednesday 15th April 2015 commencing at 1930 hrs.

VE/VJ DAY MEMORIES

The Public Relations Department in Head Office want to put together a collection of stories/memories of VE Day and VJ Day . The stories can be from anyone who can recall where they were on VE Day or VJ Day. They don't have to have been people who were serving at the time, they can be people who were at home and remember hearing the news on the radio, memories of subsequent street parties etc and this request is **not** limited to members of the Legion. So theoretically anyone over the age of about 75 could be able to help.

The Anniversary of D-Day last June was very successful for the Legion, and Head Office is very keen to replicate it for VE Day this year, so any help on this project will be much appreciated. Anyone who would like to send in a story or memory should contact Marion Whitehead (828612) or email mwhitehead07@gmail.com – with your permission, your memories will be shared with the Community Centre for use at the 'Happy Days are Here Again' event on 9th May (see page 9). Or if you only wish your memories to be used by the RBL, you could contact national organiser Bethan Herbert on: Phone, 0333 011 4396, Mobile 07780 955544, Email bherbert@britishlegion.org.uk

Roger Brind,



SEEND AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

Our February meeting featured an excellent speaker in Marcel Floyd from Showell Nursery in Chippenham. He demonstrated how to prune each of the three groups of clematis, which planting situation suits them and how to plant them – keep those banana skins and add to the planting hole to provide extra potassium! Then he showed some of the stars of his national collection with a beautiful slide show.

For our next meeting, **Tuesday 10th March at 7.30 in the Irene Usher Pavilion**, Graham Anstey from Westonbirt Arboretum, will talk to us on 'The Wonders of Westonbirt', as an introduction to the club's outing in May. Our March meeting also features the Spring Bulb Show for you to show off what you've been growing – for a schedule of the classes you can enter contact **Carole or Tim on 01380 871259**.

Our outing to Westonbirt is on **Wednesday 6th May** and we welcome anyone who'd like to join us – again, contact Carole or Tim.

If you're interested in exhibiting – and competing – in the Gardening Club's entries at the Seend Flower Show on the day of the Fete in August please contact as above.

As always we love to welcome new members!

Tim and Carole



SEEND SCHOOL NEWS

Half term is fast approaching and the staff and children at Seend CE Aided primary school are all looking forward to a well earned rest!

Holly Class have been on a trip to the Bristol Aquarium. They were the only school there! The children enjoyed seeing all the different sea creatures including Patrick the lobster, Elsa the octopus, seahorses, clown fish, leopard sharks, spider crabs and different types of anemones. The children were able to feed the turtles, catfish and the piranhas with peas, sweet-corn and carrots! The children have been keen to share the interesting facts that they have found out...did you know that an octopus has three hearts because it has blood as thick as jam? And did you know that the largest spider crab on record was as big as a car?! And finally, did you know that every time a puffer fish blows up, it damages its insides so it only does it when it has to?! I think we can safely say that Holly Class had a fantastic learning experience. Well done to Miss Holland for organising such a super trip for the children.

Oak Class have been learning about life for the Victorians and proudly showed off their dance routines based on life in the factories to their head teacher, Mrs Chalk. They have also been picking appropriate Victorian names for themselves ready for their trip to Sevington School where they will get a glimpse of what life was like in a Victorian School. They have been warned!

Chestnut Class have been researching a different country for their homework each week and Mrs Coleman has been impressed with their findings. The children have been using their research in other areas of learning, for example, Literacy and D&T. This week they have tasted different fruit and vegetables that have been grown in other countries. After half term Chestnut Class will be coming up with a recipe and making some vegetable soup. Ready, steady, cook!

Sycamore Class have been busy rehearsing for their class assembly. All the other classes are looking forward to seeing it, especially after catching sight of different costumes and props! We've all been really impressed with Sycamore's homework project of making a 3D model of something to do with the rainforest. All the models are standing proudly on display in our library at the moment.

We currently have a craft club taking place every Thursday after school. The children have been really enjoying making a variety of different things and letting their creative juices flow! The new fencing club has also proved very popular with another group starting after half term.

Nicola Coleman, Deputy Headteacher

INTRODUCING FoSS

Friends of Seend School: FoSS is the new incarnation of the "PTA" at Seend School. We are a group of some 20 parents (but the door is open to ANY parents of children at the School) whose aims are: to raise funds which are then used for the benefit of the School and its pupils; to foster relationships between staff, parents and the wider community; and to generally engage in activities which support the School and its pupils. Since most of



the Committee are new to our roles and we were only formed in September, we are still feeling our way but we have lots of enthusiasm, lots of willing helpers and a determination to make FoSS a success!

Christmas Fayre 2014: A quote from a stall holder, “This is the BEST Christmas Fayre I have attended”, which was lovely for us to hear after this year’s Christmas Fayre, the first one organised by the new Committee. A grand total of £1100 was raised on the night! Thank you to EVERYONE who helped to make it such a success. We have already set the date for this year’s event – Friday 4th December, 6-8pm.

Spending the Money Raised by FoSS: We feel it is very important to spend the money we raise on equipment and events which directly benefit the children currently at Seend School – after all, their parents are the ones who have helped us to raise the money! Last term, we purchased six new iPads for the children plus we funded a visit from a children’s author. This term, we have recently purchased a new portable PA system which will enable microphones to be used during assemblies, church services, sports day, talent show and many more events.

Spring Disco – Friday 20th March: We will be organising a Spring Disco for all Seend School children on Friday 20th March. More details to be sent out to parents nearer the time.

Teas at Seend Fete – Saturday 8th August: We are delighted to have been invited to run the Teas at Seend Fete again this year. We will be setting up a rota of parents to do half-hour slots throughout the afternoon. All parents of children at School, please put the date in your diary now!

Future Fundraising Events: The FoSS Committee have come up with a list of possible future fundraising events but we are canvassing opinion from all the parents before deciding which ones to run. We hope to have more news and some dates for your diary by the next edition of Spotlight.

Thank you, Mel Steel

SEEND PLAYGROUP NEWS

Thank you to everyone who gave us prizes for the Pantomime raffle. It is much appreciated.

There are several things to look forward to in March. There is Red Nose Day on Fri 13th, we are visiting Larkrise Farm on Thurs 19th, and we are holding our Easter Bonnet Parade, egg hunt and Coffee Morning on Fri 27th the last day of term.

The Summer Term starts on Mon. 13th April. We are open Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri mornings from 8.45 am to 12.45 pm and Wed from 11.45 am to 2.45 pm. Funding for up to 15 hours a week is available from the term following a child’s 3rd birthday. Funding is also available for some 2 yr olds. There are also tax credits when both parents work for more than 16 hrs/wk. It is worth consulting your tax office for up to date information.

We do now take children from age 2. If you have a young child please come along and see what we do. You will be very welcome, and have some fun!

Liz Futter 828485 (Playleader)

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 27th January 2015** was attended by 10 Councillors with Mr. J. Padfield in the chair. No apologies received. Also in attendance Cllr J. Seed, Mr Mark Stansby (Senior Traffic Management Engineer, Wiltshire Council – Highways) and members of the public.

Road markings to High Street

The Chairman introduced Mr Stansby from Wiltshire Highways Dept, who outlined the background to the current two proposals. He explained that this was an Area Board issue relating to the narrow pinch point at the western end of Seend High Street. The original request from the Parish Council was for Vehicle Activated Signs, similar to those at West Lavington. However, after a site visit with members of the Parish Council, it was agreed that VAS were off the agenda. He confirmed that the static signs have all been renewed in the last 2 years. As a result, he had come back with proposals for a different coloured surface to the central area of the road, making the road appear narrower than it is. This prompts the motorist to approach at a lower speed and position more centrally, meaning that they are easier to see and further from the footpath. He added that the railings outside Wesley Cottage, where there is a narrow footway, had also formed part of the discussions; the railings are not robust enough to protect pedestrians but are there to stop pedestrians going onto the carriageway. One of the suggestions currently on the table is to make School Road one way and widen the footway at the entrance to School Road from the High Street, although this will mean less convenient access for residents of School Road. The cost of the options is £10K for option 2 (one way and signage) and £5K for option 1.

Members of the public present expressed concern at the suggestion that School Road would be made permanently one way. Currently, a one way system operates for 15 minutes at the start and end of each school day to facilitate parents delivering and collecting children.

A discussion took place covering signage for the freight transport route to divert lorries from the A361 to the A365; whether there is any evidence that road colouring makes people drive safer; the number of traffic accidents and incidents around Seend. Cllr Seed pointed out that evidence is needed if changes are to be made.

The Chairman asked all those present, and all villagers, to keep a log of any traffic accidents or incidents that are observed around the village and advise the Clerk. The Police only log accidents where personal injury is sustained, but there are other incidents that are never recorded.

Following a lengthy discussion, it was apparent that no-one was in favour of option 2, to make School Road permanently one way. Mrs Carr proposed that the PC should accept option 1, seconded by Mr James. Councillors voted in favour, with the exception of Mr Murch who voted against as he felt VAS would be a better option. Cllr Seed said that technology had moved on since the VAS were installed at West Lavington and it might be possible to find a system for Seend that would be covered

by the funds available. The CATG had agreed to allocate one-third of the cost, with one-third coming from the Area Board and one third from the Parish Council. Mr Stansby said that it might be possible to find VAS that work by using radio technology, and he would investigate this option.

Following these comments, Councillors decided to withdraw the previous vote, and asked Mr Stansby to investigate the available options for VAS, and the costs.

Following comments by members of the public present at the meeting, the Clerk was asked to write to Seend School about parking in School Road.

Police and Local Councillor's Matters

Cllr Seed advised that there was some grant funding available for capital expenditure projects. Mrs A'Bear asked if this could include money towards a consultation day for the Parish Plan. Cllr Seed responded that funding was only available for capital expenditure. He advised that Council funding is tighter because the Government has taken 20% from this year's funding. Wiltshire Council has to save £30 million.

The Clerk had received an email from Emily Thomas, Community Beat Manager, to advise that on 7 January there had been a possible attempt at a distraction burglary at Manor Field, Seend, involving a stocky white male, 5' 8" with short dark hair.

Nothing was taken but it is concerning. On 20 December there was an attempted garage break-in in Great Hinton. On 15 January there had been a theft of post in Butts Lane, Keevil. There has been a spate of around 14 break-ins in the last month to outbuildings in Broughton Gifford and Whitley with, machinery and tools taken.

Winter snow preparations – The Clerk to ask the Parish Steward to check the contents of grit bins around the village.

Car parking, Rusty Lane – An email had been received from the Secretary of the Lye Field Committee expressing concern. The Clerk had responded that things were at an exploratory stage, and all residents of Rusty Lane would be consulted on proposals before any work was undertaken.

Canal bridge at The Barge – An order for repairs to the road surface was raised by Wiltshire Highways on 5 December. It was noted that the road has been marked up ready for repair.

Neighbourhood Plan – Mrs A'Bear reported on the meeting had taken place on 22 January. Ten people were in attendance, including 4 Parish Councillors. It was agreed that the Parish Council would fund the cost of another meeting to take place on 12 March. The plan is to bring all information collated for consideration at a public meeting to be held on 24 or 25 June in the evening and on Saturday 27 June, venue to be the Pavilion. The Clerk to book the venue. A landscape analysis for Seend was being undertaken. It was confirmed that the saved plans for Wiltshire Core Strategy did not include Seend Conservation Area. It was agreed that what was needed was publicity to advise that the Plan is open for consultation and ideas and for people to become engaged and involved. **Please see the Facebook page for Seend Parish Plan.**

Phone boxes around the village – The phone box in Seend Cleeve has now been purchased, and is in need of some refurbishment and conversion to a notice board and possibly book exchange.

Volunteers are needed for refurbishment, and setting up the box as a notice board, and also possibly a book exchange. If anyone else has suggestions for use of the box, please advise the Clerk.

Planning Matters

14/08703/FUL Wych-Elm, Seend Hill

Change of use from domestic garden to tourist accommodation, involving siting of 3 shepherd huts and 2 steel storage containers.

Comments had been received from a neighbour, who was also present at the meeting. Councillors considered the application and expressed the view that they were unhappy with the presentation of the application. There are numerous inconsistencies and inaccuracies, e.g. the number of car parking spaces required/available; the materials/colours of the proposed “shepherd huts”; there is no footpath to/from the proposed site. They considered that the proposed site is inappropriate and is over-development of the site, as well as being intrusive on the landscape and neighbouring properties. Councillors had strong reservations about highway safety exiting this site, and the fact that there is no pedestrian footway. There were also concerns about water running across the road, which is currently mitigated by a pond which fills up in winter. Councillors objected to the design of the “shepherd huts”, which are out of keeping with the surrounding area. The proposal to place two large steel containers on the site was considered inappropriate and industrialisation of the site. The site is adjacent to a Grade 2 listed building and sits at the village gateway. Councillors voted not to approve the application with Mr Rigg abstaining from the vote.

14/11526/FUL Oriel House, Bollands Hill

New stable block

Councillors objected to the location of the stable block in the middle of a field. They felt the actual design was attractive, but the location is wrong and would be too intrusive in the landscape. Councillors also questioned whether this application constitutes a change of use. Councillors voted not to approve the application, with Mrs Savage abstaining from the vote.

15/00064/FUL S Newman & Son, Rew Farm, Seend Cleeve

Change of use of land from agricultural to allow siting of static caravan for holiday let

Councillors discussed this application, there were no objections, but a requested condition that the application be renewed every three years as a temporary building. Councillors voted to approve with the condition, with Mr James, Mr Padfield and Mr Rigg abstaining from the vote.

15/00408/FUL Ridgeway, Row Lane

Proposed double garage, utility and kitchen extension

No objections, and councillors voted unanimously to approve the application.

15/00469/PNTEL Telecommunications Mast, Pelch Lane

Removal and replacement of existing 17.5 metre high monopole with 2 antennas for 20 metre high Monopole with 6 antennas, 2 x 300mm dishes and ancillary development

Councillors discussed this application and voted unanimously in favour.

Highway matters – It was noted that there are potholes on the A361 at the top of Inmarsh. There is a loose manhole cover on Seend Hill. A road sign has fallen over near Seend Fork. The Clerk to ask the Parish Steward to attend to these matters.

Broken stile – On SEEN 5 halfway along from swing bridge 150 towards Little Foxes. The Clerk to refer to the Rights of Way Warden.

Accidents on the C20 – A request has been made to Police for details of accidents on the C20 (bottom of Bell Hill and junction with Inmarsh) where there have been 3 accidents recently, each one has involved a vehicle going across the road, fortunately not when another vehicle has been coming in the other direction.

Broad Lane bridleway – This bridleway is in an impossible mess, the Clerk to report to the Rights of Way Warden.

Bell Hill through to the Pelch – it was noted that there is a lot of litter in the hedgerows, the Clerk to enquire if a litter pick can be undertaken.

Notice board outside Post Office – This is currently in the workshop at Knightsmead Farm. The Chairman will contact Martin Smith to see if he can renovate and replace on the wall.

Notices at traffic lights, Seend Fork – The Clerk was asked to contact Bowood, to ask them to remove notices posted at Seend Fork.

Lye Field, website – The Clerk was asked if she could contact Philip Proven to assist with setting up a website.

Static caravan, G & S Patios – It was noted that a second static caravan has appeared on the G & S Patios site. The Clerk to advise the Enforcement Officer.

Date of next meeting

The dates of the next meetings are Tuesday, 24th February and Tuesday 31st March 2015, at Seend Community Centre at 7.30 p.m.

Mrs Rosemary Fisher, Clerk

Full copies of Parish Council minutes are on: www.seendparishcouncil.co.uk

Wiltshire Council News from Jonathon Seed

February is when Wiltshire Council sets its budget for the Financial Year. This year stringent Central Government cuts to our funding mean that we have to find significant savings from across the whole range of Council services. We try to do this without reducing front line services, but inevitably local operations are affected.

However, we have maintained our flood alleviation funding in excess of £1million, we are retaining and enhancing our leisure centres, our campus programme continues, Area Board grant funding continues and we have managed to protect our library service, whilst at the same time maintaining services to the vulnerable in our county.

However our mobile library service is under review. The change suggested is that the service frequency is likely to reduce, but no parish currently receiving a mobile library visit will have the service totally withdrawn. Parishes receiving several visits may see these reduced. A consultation will take place from March to June. After that it will be up to you to show the value of the mobile library service by using it.

I know that these proposed changes will cause concern but they should be seen in the context of many counties reducing library opening hours when Wiltshire is expanding ours, closing libraries when Wiltshire is opening new ones and withdrawing the mobile library service when we propose to continue ours, albeit at a reduced level.

Budgets are not all bad news if they are managed carefully!

Jonathon Seed

SEEND SPORTS RESULTS AND FIXTURES



Short Mat Bowls: Second Grip Colin Waldeck :

Colin did explain to me that the winter months are when there is a focus on maintaining the pitch, albeit that matches are still going ahead. The boys have had the good fortune to receive a grant from the European

Community to resurface the playing area and now it is just a question of selecting the right colour. Easy you might think, but SMB mats come in fifty shades of green and the most suitable depends on so many factors. Colin did not want to be tied down by any conventional approach and at the same time he was not going to make his choice blindfolded. It's not simply a case, he said, of just whipping out the first one that might come to hand. It is more subtle than that. Were he to submit the wrong choice he could find himself strung up, so seriously do the lads take this issue.

We look forward to seeing the new spanking pitch. (I think that should read “spanking new pitch” ; please correct editor.) Res secundae Colin !

Tennis: chair Elaine Davis :

The first league matches will be in the week starting 20th April.

All newcomers will be warmly welcomed....just contact Elaine or Bradford Ric.



Football: coach.....situation still vacant.

Skittles: After a slow and nervy start to the season the fortunes of the C team appear to be turning as we climb our way up the table to the dizzy heights of 5th.

The scouting mission has proved to be a big success with local celebrity Ian 'Chopper' Harris and poster boy Liam Snook showing their class. With their help we recently completed a three game winning streak! We're hoping for more success as another gripping season comes to an end.

There is always space for more players; I for one can't think of a better way to spend a Friday evening. If you are interested please contact me, Josh, on 07771361613.

Cricket : captain John Wiltshire.

The club's fixture list will come out as soon as the AGM has taken place....



SEEND CRICKET CLUB

The Annual General Meeting of Seend Cricket Club will be held at the Community Centre at 8pm on Sunday, 1st March. We will be pleased to welcome any potential new players. For those who may be interested, we play 40 overs per side friendly matches on a Sunday and the fixture list for next season is almost complete. Look forward to seeing you there.

Brian Hunt, Chairman

Sports news and results to me by the Ides of March please.

Frankie Goddard - 828488

'The Badgers'



Under 14s are looking for additional players. If interested then contact Neil (Coach) 01380 818193. Under 7s and Reception Year train at Lavington School Sports Hall on Fridays from 5pm. Please come along or contact Mark on 01380-813160. Under 10s and Under 9s still need more players (boys and girls) – please contact Jason on 07590-427999.

Steve Dagnall, 01380-727976

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.)

Free to good home: selection of ink cartridges codes T0441-T 0444 for now defunct Epson printer. If you can use them, they're yours! Call 01380 828617.

BITS AND BOBS

Winter Clothes Appeal for dispossessed people in Iraq, Jordan & Syria

The response from Bulkington, Poulshot and Seend to this Appeal for the dispossessed Iraqis has been superb, and we received great quantities of warm clothing, a most heart-warming response, for which we are extremely grateful.

We ferried two van loads of bagged clothes down to the Salisbury collection point, and found we could hardly get inside for bags and bags of urgently needed clothes, shoes and so forth. We spent the day before the lorry departed sorting, washing and sewing on buttons etc where necessary, and then packed the clothes - neatly folded – into banana boxes. These were labelled Men, Women, Boys, Girls and Babies. When the lorry has to stop for Customs at borders, their contents can be assessed easily. We took two full Luton vans down to Brighton on Friday 6th February . All the stuff had to be taken up to a first floor store – either in a lift or by the stairs!

While unloading, another van came from Chippenham and Melksham (The Emmanuel Church?) so they helped each other unload the vans. As they left, exhausted but exhilarated, another van arrived. Our two vans had around 375 boxes and bags plus mattresses, crutches, wheelchairs, etc. and were due to be loaded into a lorry for the overland trip to Iraq.

Pity the lorry driver with the 13km queue to cross the border from Turkey to Iraq, which takes approximately 14 hours.

Here is an email received several days ago from St Peter's Church, Brighton, who initiated this Appeal. "You will be pleased to know that in the last couple of days lorry 7 has left from Wellingborough headed for Sinjar, lorry 8 has loaded in Brighton a day early and will be leaving tomorrow headed for Kirkuk, and today lorry 9 part loaded in Leeds and will be leaving via Wellingborough for Dohuk.

I had a very touching email from the Pastor at the church in Kirkuk who will be receiving and distributing two lorries. If you are not aware, IS has attacked the oil rich city of Kirkuk in the last few days, but the Peshmerga forces were able to offer protection for the city. It has been very tense there, and this Pastor told me that my email about this aid coming has made him "so happy", and that it has encouraged him and given him hope. His faith is pushing him to help everyone, even the people that are trying to kill them. He has asked that all of the churches who have been helping with this appeal pray for them as the situation has been critical there.

To date an amazing ten, yes ten, lorries have been despatched, each able to help 6,000 people. That's 60,000 but about 190,000 people will still need aid. Sadly we aren't able to get another lorry loaded ourselves, but should anyone be interested, do view the St Peter's Brighton website or, even better, Andrew White's, (the Vicar of Baghdad), FRRME website. Each lorry costs £18,000. Well done everybody.

Jane Goman

MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE UNDER THREAT

The Mobile Library service that is centred on Warminster and serves the surrounding villages including Seend, Seend Cleeve, and Bulkington is under threat of drastic cuts and may be in danger of disappearing completely. We two are regular users of the Seend call, sited in The Lye on a Monday fortnightly basis, sometimes we are the only visitors. Even in these hi-tech days there is much pleasure to be gained by reading. We would greatly regret diminution or closure of the service and would find it a burden to regularly travel to the Melksham library for our constant supply of books. The timetable of visits is published in the Wiltshire Council Library website: www.wiltshire.gov.uk/artsheritageandlibraries/librarieshome/mobilelibraries.htm. (see then under Warminster). The first visit after this Spotlight issue is the 9th of March, then the 23rd, April 20th, May 18th. No service on Bank Holidays Mondays April 6th and May 4th. A Monday timetable is **09:35 - 09:50** Seend, The Lye **10:00 - 10:15** Seend Cleeve, by the telephone box, **10:55 - 11:25** Bulkington, The Well pub. We exhort your support for the service by visiting the van, especially in Seend as the numbers using it are very low. It caters for a wide range of tastes and interests and has a very good selection of children's books. Please use it - or we'll lose it.

Brian and Lesley Jaques

N.B. For future reference the Mobile Library dates are always in the Spotlight diary inside the front cover. Eds.

Nick Keen's "Marathon Des Sables" run

Welcome to the world of lunatics and masochists (**again**) – for those of you who may already know me, you may already be aware of my attempt on this epic “Sahara Desert” run which starts 5th April this year!. 160+ miles over 6 days (54 miles on day four) across the desert. In addition competitors have to carry everything they will need for the run in their back packs. You’re probably thinking ‘why?’.

I blame Sarah Chard of Perry’s Lane, the UK event organiser, for talking me into this challenge late one evening in the Brewery Inn!!

But to justify all the preparation and training I have to put in, to even consider entering this ridiculous challenge, I have chosen to run on behalf of “**The Forever Friends Appeal**” which supports the Royal United Hospital in Bath and is currently raising funds for the RUH Cancer Care Campaign.

All funds raised will go direct to the charity, so, please support me with a donation to help justify this madness. Sponsor forms will be available around the village throughout March and April, or you can support me via: www.Justgiving.com/Nick-Keens-Les-Sables



Many thanks, Nick Keen.

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.

SPRING CONCERTS

CALNE CHORAL SPRING CONCERT

Haydn "Mass in B Flat major" - Harmonie Mass. Chilcott "Requiem"
With soloists from the Trinity Laban Conservatoire plus full orchestra.

Saturday 21 March, St. Mary's School, Calne at 7.30 pm.

Tickets: £10 from any choir member or on door.



White Horse Opera's Spring Concert - Rossini's Petite Messe Solennelle

St John's Church Devizes 7.30pm on Saturday 18th April

Directed by WHO's MD Roland Melia.

Solists Barbara Gompels, Paula Boyagis, Sebastiano Cipolla and Niall Hoskin

Tickets £10 are now on sale at Devizes Books and online at:

www.whitehorseopera.ticketsource.co.uk

Thursday 19th March 2015 - 7:30pm Memorial Hall, Dauntsey's School

Including: Les Misérables Medley; Weber Clarinet Concerto 3rd movement, Soloist: Julie Scholefield; Grieg Piano Concerto 1st movement, Soloist: Matthew Fisher; Gilbert and Sullivan's Trial by Jury (concert performance). All welcome.
Free Admission. Retiring Collection for: Children's Cancer and Leukaemia Movement

Worton & Marston Village Hall

Spring Jumble & Bric a Brac Sale with Easter Egg Tombola

Saturday 28th March 2pm – 4pm

Worton Village Hall, High St, Worton, SN10 5SH

Refreshments available. Entry 50p. All proceeds to Village Hall maintenance fund.

Registered Charity No. 248792

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melkshamgnc@communityfirst.org.uk



It is useful to be aware of the simple steps that can be taken to avoid being the victim of a rogue trader or bogus caller. Wiltshire Council's Consumer advice for senior customers recommends the following:

- Have a door security chain and always use it when opening the door
- Don't let any caller into your home if you are unsure of his or her identity
- Don't take identification at face value – if you are not expecting the caller don't let him/her in
- Don't worry if it seems rude – any legitimate caller will understand your concerns

Contact me for more details about this or any other information on issues affecting older people in our villages. Wiltshire Good Neighbours is funded by Wiltshire Council and provided by Community First in partnership with Age UK Wiltshire and Age UK Salisbury.

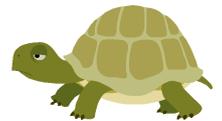
Wiltshire Tortoise Group

Vet talk on post hibernation and tortoise rescue

Sunday 1st March 2 pm to 4 pm in Sutton Benger Village Hall. £2 entry.

Refreshments available. Members and non-members very welcome.

For more information please call Lisa on 01380 725663 or lisatort@btinternet.com



And finally:

Old age is having a choice of two temptations and choosing the one that will get you home earlier.

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

CHURCH: Vicar: Rev Renée Coulson 01380 827285. Asst. Priest: 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 01225 635463
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
Fawlty Players Panto Group - Tessa Doe 828617 & find Seend Village Pantomime on facebook
Fete - Jo McManus 07866 516020 (www.seendfete.co.uk)
Flower Show – Brian Jaques 827137
Football Club - Dave Beaumont 01225 785067
Gardening Club - Carole Vince 01380 871259
Historic Houses Club - Tony Ewin 828325
LINK Scheme - 075320 55560
Lye Field Committee - Dave Sawyer 828583
Neighbourhood Watch - Brian Hunt (Seend) 828581; Cavan Moroney (Sells Green) 828606; Owen Burton (Seend Cleeve) 828820; John Scott (Bulkington) 828026.
Preschool - Liz Futter 828485
Poetry Group - Tessa Doe 828617
Ramblers - Gerald Salter 01225 706451
Royal British Legion - Roger Brind 828830
Seend Singers - Bob McCulloch 828508
Short Mat Bowls Club - Colin Waldeck 828946
Tennis Club - Ric Ellinger 828687
Theatre Club - Sylvia Ewin 828325; Marion Whitehead 828612
WEA - Pam Church - 828597
WI - Fiona Johnson on 828401 and Gill Acornley 01225 707218
Wine Circle – Steve Parsons 07974 347487 or Simon McManus 01380 828870

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