

SPOTLIGHT

Seend & Bulkington



November 2016

DIARY DATES FOR LATE OCTOBER

- 26th Nosh and Natter Lunch Club, Community Centre 12 for 12.30 pm
- 26th Brewery Inn Quiz, 8 pm
- 30th Brewery Inn Pumpkin Day, 4pm

DIARY DATES FOR NOVEMBER

(Poppy Appeal collection during two weeks leading up to 11th November)

- 2nd Seend Shuttle to Salisbury (book by Monday)
- 2nd Benefice Lunch Club, The Well in Bulkington, 12.15pm
- 2nd Buzzzzzz Group, 4 Northfields, Bulkington, 4pm
- 4th First Friday Coffee Morning, Community Centre Lounge Bar, 10.30am
- 6th Café Church, Seend, 11am
- 7th Photographer at Seend Playgroup, from 8.45am
- 11th Armistice Day
- 12th Grand Autumn Quiz Night, teams of four, Community Centre, 7.45pm
- 13th Remembrance Sunday
- 14th Mobile Library: 9.40am Seend The Lye; 10.05am Seend Cleeve phone box;
11.05am Well Inn Car Park, Bulkington
- 16th Melksham Area Board meeting, Assembly Hall, Melksham, 2 pm
- 17th WI Craft Afternoon, The Pavilion, 2 – 4 pm
- 17th Christmas Shopping Evening for Seend Playgroup, Pavilion, 6-8pm
- 17th Seend Ramblers Dinner at Shaw Country Hotel
- 18th Rural Arts Touring: Máire Ní Chathasaigh & Chris Newman, C Centre, 7.30pm
- 18th Eric Lepine's Pop-Up Kitchen, Pavilion, 8pm
- 19th Wine and Food Fair, Community Centre, 7.30pm
- 19th **DEADLINE FOR ITEMS FOR DECEMBER /JANUARY SPOTLIGHT**
- 20th Seend Ramblers meet Newlands Road Car Park, Corsham, 10am
- 23rd Nosh and Natter Lunch Club, Community Centre, 12 for 12.30 pm
- 29th Seend Parish Council meeting, upstairs in Community Centre, 7.30pm
- 30th Brewery Inn Fun Quiz, 8pm

DIARY DATES FOR DECEMBER

- 2nd Seend School Christmas Fayre, 6-8pm
- 3rd Wine Circle, Community Centre, 8pm
- 10th-11th Christmas Crib Festival, Bulkington Church
- 10th Christmas Bingo, Community Centre, 8pm
- 12th Mobile Library: 9.40am Seend The Lye; 10.05am Seend Cleeve phone box;
11.05am Well Inn Car Park, Bulkington
- 12th Carols at Cleeve House, 7.30pm
- 13th Christmas Concert, Holy Cross Church, Seend, 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 the Spotlight **facebook** page:
www.facebook.com/seendspotlight

Welcome to November Spotlight



November is a time for remembering – remembering the events of the previous ten months as the leaves fall and another year draws to a close; remembering the days when US presidential elections were dignified; time for ‘remember, remember the 5th of November’- great if you love fireworks; and also, of course, time to remember the fallen in two World Wars and other conflicts on 11th November and Remembrance Sunday. You will find a Poppy Appeal envelope inside this magazine. Also enclosed is ‘Happenings!’, the quarterly newsletter of Seend Community Centre, and a flyer about Seend Playgroup’s Shopping Evening.

We’ve got a Quiz Night at the Community Centre on 12th November, then a very busy week following, with the Playgroup’s aforementioned Shopping Evening on the Thursday, Eric Lepine’s ‘Pop Up’ restaurant in the Pavilion and a lovely Rural Arts musical evening in the Community Centre unfortunately clashing on Friday 18th, so you’ll have to choose! Then there’s the Community Centre’s Wine and Food Fair on the Saturday.

Also in the magazine are details of all the regular events – rambles, lunches, coffee and tea gatherings etc – in our active villages. And if you see yourself as a volunteer treasurer or minibus driver you are in demand.

Of course Christmas is fast approaching, so we have advance information about some religious and secular events for the festive season too.

Thanks to everybody who has donated towards the costs of publishing Spotlight through the brown envelopes delivered via the magazine a few issues ago. Believe it or not, envelopes are still coming in! You can still leave yours in Seend Shop if it wasn’t collected.

Spotlight Contacts: Contributions for the December ‘16/January ‘17 edition (copy by Saturday 19th November please) can be emailed to spotlight@seend.org.uk or delivered to Seend Post Office. Editors: Tessa Doe (01380 828617) and Sue Isaac (828461). Joanna Goddard (828488) organises printing Mondays. Juli Wilfort 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.

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 late October, November & beyond

(For Bulkington events see pp 10-11)

- * Watch out for an information event about Smart Meters to be held in the Community Centre during November – date not yet arranged. *

Brewery Inn Pumpkin Day

Sunday 30th October – 4.00 pm onwards
Best Pumpkin – Best Colour – Best Shape –
Best Odd Shape - Best Carved Pumpkin.
Pumpkin soup will be available!



FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE MORNING

Seend Community Centre Lounge Bar
10.30am Friday 4th November
The 'First Friday' monthly coffee morning
All welcome!

*(If you can offer to help provide cakes or pour coffee,
please contact Pauline on 01380 828638)*



Seend Community Centre Grand Autumn Quiz Night

Saturday 12th November at 7.45pm
Quizmasters Graham Hickman and Tony Daly
Teams of up to four - £2 per head entry
Prizes (including best team name) – bar – interval snacks
Book in advance by calling 01380 828617 and get extra nibbles on your table!



Nosh & Natter Lunch Club

Wednesday 23rd November
12 for 12.30pm
in Seend Community Centre
Call 01380 828638 to book your place

Brewery Inn Monthly Fun Quiz

Wednesday 30th November at 8pm.
All welcome!



Christmas Shopping Evening

Thursday November 17th 2016

6pm - 8.00pm at The Pavilion



Mulled wine

Mince Pies

Local crafts

Raffle Prizes

Phoenix cards

Local Author

£3 entry fee (including a strip of raffle tickets and a free mulled wine or non-alcoholic beverage) Children Free! Proceeds towards Seend Playgroup

Call 01380 828217 for further details or www.seendplaygroup.com

Friday 18th November at the Community Centre at 7.30pm

Rural Arts Performance

Máire Ní Chathasaigh & Chris Newman – acclaimed Harp and Guitar Duo



A unique and breath-taking blend of traditional Irish music, hot jazz, bluegrass and baroque, spiced with striking new compositions and presented with wonderful warmth and charm.

Just returned from tour in the USA.

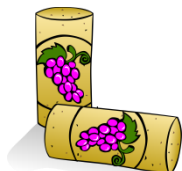
Awarded Female Musician of the Year in the Live Ireland Music

Awards 2016 and in the Chicago Irish American News Top TIR Awards.

Tickets £10 each from Steve & Karen Cubberley – 01380 828423 and from the Community Centre.



Café style seating – you are welcome to bring your own food. Drinks from the bar.



Eric Lepine's Pop Up Restaurant!

Come and celebrate le Beaujolais Nouveau

at the Irene Usher Pavilion on Friday 18th November, 7-10.30pm.

Beaujolais Nouveau with complimentary petits fours on arrival, followed by Boeuf Bourguignon or Chicken a la Forestiere or Champignons Farci, Autumn Fruit with Pannacotta, Plateau de Fromage et café.

Paying bar with a selection of French wines.

Eric is a French chef based in Seend with 37 years experience working in prestigious hotels and restaurants in Europe and England.

Tickets £27.50 each, tables of ten available. Please contact Eric by email; ericlepine@silkwise.co.uk or phone; 07787 557599.

Seend Wine Circle – Drinks for the Festive Season.

Seend Community Centre, Saturday 3rd December, 8pm

Tickets £12 including wine, bread, cheese and a mince pie

Contact: seendwinecircle@gmail.com to confirm numbers.



Seend Community Centre Wine & Food Fair

Saturday 19th November 7.30-10.30pm

Market of festive food - stalls by Olives'n' Stuff, The Wiltshire Bee Centre, Rosie's Relish & Pickle, Tea Inc, Coco Chemistry, A Piece of Cake and Glastonbury Dairy Cheeses - and a range of 16 wines to taste and buy!



Tickets £8 (includes six wine tastes and buffet supper) from: the Community Centre, Seend Shop/PO or call 01380 828617.

Numbers limited – book early!

Thanks to sponsors R & GS Hickman and Silkwise Catering



Seend Community Centre Christmas Bingo

Saturday 10th December – Eyes down 8pm

Free entry – pay per card – raffle – bar

All welcome!



Christmas Carols

Cleeve House, Seend

Trowbridge Road, Seend, SN12 6PG 01380 827129

led by The Seend Singers



Monday 12th December at 7.30pm

Come and join our Carol singing, followed by refreshments.

There will be a Collection in aid of Wiltshire Young Carers.

info@cleeve-house.com www.cleeve-house.com



*Sounds
of the
Season*

CHURCH of the HOLY CROSS, SEEND

To celebrate the Festive Season with songs and readings, come to our Christmas Concert with a visiting group of singers from Calne Choral

TUESDAY 13TH DECEMBER at 7.30 pm. ALL WELCOME.

Tickets £10.00 to include a glass of wine. In aid of Church Funds
Contact Tina Yockney 01380 827139 or Anne Ewing 01380 828557 and
Post Office - tickets available from mid-November.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

'Bill' Adams

Kenneth Adams, known by his friends and family as "Bill", died at The RUH Bath on Friday 14th October. The cremation will be held at Semington at 2.30pm on Thursday 10th November.

Pat Waylen

Kevin, Paul, Richard and Andrew thank everybody who attended Dad's funeral and sent messages of sympathy. The support we received from family and friends was just amazing! A big thank you to Rob at the Community Centre for allowing us to give Dad a proper Waylen send off. Amongst the tears and sadness we managed to have a bit of a party. The collection for the Air Ambulance raised £355.76.

Thank you all from the Waylens.

Thank you

A huge thank you to everyone involved in the Auction at the church on 4th October especially to those who came along and parted with their hard-earned money. Particular thanks must go to Paul Martin and Neil Yockney who between them made it happen.

FLOWERS AT HOLY CROSS

The flower arranging team in Seend are hoping to recruit some new members. The group creates arrangements that enhance the beauty of the Church and the welcome it offers to all.

No experience is necessary as we offer training as you develop your skills. The commitment we ask for is being available to create one arrangement per month, apart from Advent and Lent when there are no flowers, when everyone has a rest!

We use readily available flowers and foliage from our beautiful surroundings and gardens. The Church flower fund provides the flowers for festivals.

If you would like to find out more please contact Margaret Coley: Tel 828189.

VOLUNTEER TREASURER WANTED FOR SEEND CHURCH. **CAN YOU HELP?**

The Church of the Holy Cross, Seend needs a treasurer, working on a voluntary basis, to take care of the church accounts from March 2017 for two years. You do not need to be an accountant nor do you need to be church attender – just computer literate, good with figures and willing to support the church in this way. Training will be given. If you would like to discuss this more fully then please contact Philippa Jackson on 01380 828224

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING Many thanks to all those who helped at or attended the Macmillan 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning in the Community Centre at the end of September. It raised £630 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

CHURCH AND CHAPEL NEWS

Maureen's Ramblings.....

Gosh – my 18 months as your Interim Minister is going so quickly and I will be retiring in January 2017! My final service as your Rector will be on January 1st 2017 at 10.00 in Seend Church. I hope you will be able to join me – maybe bleary eyed and hung over from your New Year celebrations! I am planning for new beginnings for me and for this Benefice as we continue on our journey through life which will eventually end, I believe, with God. Is this an ending or is it a new beginning??

I recently came across the following thoughts written by people who were at various stages of their journey through life:

“I have learned that you can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk” (age 7)

“I learn that just when I get my room the way I like it, mum makes me clean it up” (age 13)

“I've learned that silent company is often more healing than words of advice” (age 37)

“I've learned that regardless of your relationship with your parents, you miss them terribly when they die” (age 54)

“I have learned that making a living is not the same thing as making a life” (age 61)

“I've learned that even when I have pains, I don't have to be one” (age 84)

“I have learned that knowing God becomes more important the nearer you get to dying. I just wish I had started the search earlier in my life” (age 95)

We are all on a journey in one way or another, moving on, moving through; experiencing new beginnings and beginning new phases of life. The journey might be one of aging; it might be one of illness or bereavement; it might be one connected to a new school or college, a new job, a new home or a new relationship. There are physical journeys which involve planes and boats and trains; there are emotional journeys related to self understanding and transformation; there are spiritual journeys where we ask questions of ourselves in relation to the universe and to God. Human life never stops still. Our lives are always moving on, always changing and the journey involves blessings and pain, laughter and tears, happiness and sorrow, forgiveness and being forgiven, receiving and giving, learning and growing.

So what have I learnt on this particular part of my journey? Among so many other things I have learnt that Seend, Bulkington and Poulshot are beautiful and vibrant places to live and work; that the vast majority of our community are very welcoming and accepting of the church and open to spiritual things and that there is a great generosity in support of the churches in our midst. I have learnt that there is a strong Christian family here - worshipping, loving, growing in confidence in their faith and seeking to serve the needs of others.

I have seen God at work in this place. He is here. He is always here.

Dare I ask what have you learnt from me? I hope you have learnt that wherever you are on your own pilgrimage through life, whether you have faith nor not, whether you

believe in certain things or not, that God loves you very, very much and longs for you to know that love in a life- changing way. I hope you have learnt that you are accepted as you are by God and by the church. I hope you know that the church is not only a place for those who are sure and certain but is also a place for the doubters and the weak and the failed. I hope that I have helped you to understand a little more and grow a little more. If I have hurt or failed you, please forgive me. We have still some time together and will celebrate Advent and Christmas together, so this is not yet the end - but I have been considering a suitable blessing for you, finding one from the Old Testament: ***The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace. Amen!***

The Revd. Maureen Allchin

CHURCH SERVICES IN NOVEMBER 2016

**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 the Benefice. There is something for everyone!

Sunday 30th October 2016 (Church of the Holy Cross, Seend)

- 10.00 am Benefice Eucharist at Poulshot
- 3.00 pm Benefice All Souls' Service at Seend

Sunday 6th November 2016 (3rd Sunday before Advent)

- 8.00 am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at Seend.
A short and reflective traditional service
- 9.15 am Parish Eucharist (Common Worship) at Poulshot.
A modern language communion service.
- 11.00 am Café Church at Seend.
- 6.00 pm Evening Prayer (Traditional) at Bulkington
A gentle, reflective, traditional evening service.

Sunday 13th November 2016 (Remembrance Sunday)

*"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them".*

- 10.45 am Remembrance service at Seend
- 10.50 am Remembrance service at Bulkington
- 10.50 am Remembrance service at Poulshot
- 6.00 pm Benefice Eucharist at Seend.

Sunday 20th November 2016 (Christ the King)

- 8.00 am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at Seend
- 11.00 am Parish Eucharist (Traditional) at Poulshot
- 6.00 pm Cluster "Songs of Praise" at Bulkington

Sunday 27th November 2016 (Advent Sunday)

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

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

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

The Benefice of Seend, Bulkington and Poulshot

A Service of Remembrance for ALL SOULS' DAY

**on Sunday, 30th October, 2016 at 3.00pm
at the Church of the Holy Cross, Seend**

In this gentle service we will remember those who have died in our Benefice area over the past year, and others who you would like remembered.

If you would like to add the name of a loved one to the list of those to be remembered,

please contact The Revd. Maureen Allchin (01380 828931)



The Bulkington church hosted Benefice Lunch Club takes place on Wednesday 2nd November at 12.15pm at The Well. This is a great Benefice occasion with a good value two course meal for £12 a head. Contact Jane Coles in advance for the menu (07484064345). New people are welcome to join us.

**Benefice BUZZZZZ Group will meet on
Wednesday 2nd November at 4pm at 4 Northfields, Bulkington,
led by Maureen Allchin**



This group, for all in Seend, Bulkington and Poulshot, meets to learn, chat and discuss various issues. Everyone is welcome to this informal and pleasant afternoon

Café Church on Sunday 6th November at 11.00 at Seend

Singing and stories on the theme of remembering
for all the families of Seend, Bulkington and Poulshot.
The next Café Church is on February 5th 2017 at Seend.



THE BENEFICE TEA, CHAT AND CRAFT SOCIAL GROUP

will meet on the Monday, 7th November, 2106 at Wicklease Farm, Bulkington (Sally Oliphant 828987) from 2– 4pm. Bring your own craft item or leave it at home and just come and chat!

Seend, Bulkington & Poulshot's
SONGS OF PRAISE FOR CHRIST THE KING
on Sunday, 20th November, 2016 at 6pm at Christ Church, Bulkington.



ADVANCED NOTICE - on 10th and 11th December 2016 (10am-4pm) Bulkington will be holding a CHRISTMAS CRIB FESTIVAL - with a wonderful display of nativity cribs from around the world. There will also be a raffle to win this crib - hand made of olive wood in Bethlehem - a real heirloom. Do you have a crib you would offer for display???? Please contact Anne Saywell (828931)

SEEND METHODIST CHURCH

Services for November 2016

6 th	10:30am	At St Andrew's, Devizes Revd. Ruth Whitehead, URC Moderator for the S.W.Synod
13 th	10:00am	Mrs Jacky Williams
20 th	10:00am	Revd Wendy Tucker with Holy Communion

Everyone welcome at any service.
Thank you, Anne Salter

Dear Friends,

Well here we are in November already, the nights have drawn in, the trees are losing their leaves and it's definitely colder. I know some of you will be hating the loss of daylight and warmth and are waiting eagerly for the seasons to turn again. The ancient people also disliked the dying of the year and there were winter festivals full of fire, and light and feasting to encourage the sun to return in the spring again, and give them the courage to face the harshness of winter. The Church also took on some of these festival times, adding the Christian hope and the promise of a bright future to the celebrations. This has also been a time for remembering and reflection, still something we do in November. Apart from Remembrance Day itself, the month begins with All Saints Day, when we remember those who have died and are now with God.

You will all have memories of people who have gone before you in your life, who inspired and loved, and nurtured you. I have 'Mrs. B.' or Dot. Mrs. B taught me in Sunday School, ran the Junior Christian Endeavour and she was the church caretaker. She had taught herself to read by reading the Bible, as ill health in childhood meant she hadn't been to school much. She could sometimes be a bit 'touchy', shouted loudly at anyone who put finger marks on her shiny communion rail, and would greet small children at the door with a fierce 'Can you read!?' before she would hand over a hymn book – or not! BUT, she loved us children and young people passionately,

encouraged us to take part in services and Sunday School anniversaries and was proud of everything we achieved. When we were teenagers she opened her house to us on Sunday evenings, baking cakes and trying to keep up with our loud conversation. She loved her Lord too and her faith was loved, expressed and defended with every bit of the fierceness and passion that she gave to her learning, her husband Fred, her dog Bruce, her work for the church, us children and the whole of life in general. Dot didn't have an easy life, but it was full of the love of God and it shone through her, even when she was being 'occared'. If I think of her I always see her face, shining with joy and assurance as she sang her favourite hymns and I never can sing 'Trust and obey' without her coming to mind. Dot had a plain and simple faith, but it was real and unbreakable – she is still an inspiration to me – and I know she would be very proud of where I have ended up (all that leading at Junior Christian Endeavour and all those Scripture Exams got me somewhere Dot).

Perhaps we can use some of that dark winter time to look for those shining lights in our own lives; to light up the darkness by remembering with thanks all those Mrs. B's who have brought our communities, our lives and our faith where it is today. And perhaps too we can think about our own light of faith, love and humanity, and those who will be inspired by it in turn.

God bless – and keep warm!

Wendy <> Rev Wendy Tucker

BULKINGTON NEWS

BULKINGTON VILLAGE HALL

As summer gave way to autumn with a fanfare of colour - and chilly nights – the Hall hosted the customary Harvest Festival. A good lunch, entertainment and cosy chat to take our minds off the chill. There were a fair few Birthday parties, and with more to come, we feel the Hall is growing nicely in popularity as a Birthday venue. Thanks to Nev and his enthusiasts, this is helped in no small measure by the added attraction of the **Bulkington Railway**. On the down side, we are concerned to see the numbers at the weekly '**Keep Fit**' sessions falling. We hope this is a temporary glitch, due to the sunny weather tempting us to go on holiday. Darker evenings have encouraged the Ladies Group back into the Hall for their meetings; but there's always room for **you** and your group!

Angela Read, Chairman.

BULKINGTON LADIES' GROUP

Our next meeting will be on Thurs 24th November when we will be entertained by "The Dips", a section of the Serendipity Handbell Ringers. You will be surprised by their gentle and melodic sound. The programme will be mostly well known melodies, and will include some Christmas numbers. This is a wide open meeting so please bring your friends and neighbours. (No need to be ladies, gentlemen very welcome!). There will be the usual light refreshments and a raffle. Entrance fee £2. We look forward to seeing you there.

Liz Futter 828485

Angela Read 828925

BULKINGTON "100 CLUB"

The draw for the Bulkington "100 Club" took place at the Village Lunch at The Well Inn on Wednesday, 5th October, and the winners were :-

£50	No. 32	Ann Parrock
£30	No. 11	Janet Rawlings
£20	No. 51	Faye Lovell
£10	No. 25	Ian Rawlings
£5	No. 10	Tim Taylor



Our Bumper Christmas Draw will take place at the beginning of December with a top prize of £75, so good luck to all our members for that - and there's still time to join - see the village website for details.

Phyl Yarde

The Mobile Library will be visiting the Well car-park in Bulkington on Monday, 14th November from 11.05-11.30am . Please support this.

SEEND CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

SEEND SHUTTLE COMMUNITY BUS

Salisbury Shopping Shuttle Trip

Wednesday 2nd November 2016

To book a seat on the next shopping trip, please ring Rex or Jan Gudge on 01225 706526 by Monday 31st October.



Thanks, Rex

Tuesday bus drivers wanted

For some time the Tuesday shopping trip to Melksham has attracted very few passengers and quite often none at all. We would like to extend the trip to include Bromham as there are people there keen to go. However, we need new drivers to do this. We have three who would be prepared to do it on an occasional basis so if anyone could add themselves to the list we would love to hear from them. Ideally a flexible rota of about six would mean it would not be a great commitment for anyone. The plan would be to leave the Barge Inn at 9.10am, pick up from the village and Bromham, drop people in town or at Asda , have about an hour and a half for shopping then get them back by 12.05pm. If you think you could help at all please contact Pete Wallis on 07734303919 or e-mail: petewallis36@hotmail.com.

SEEND COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

www.seendcommunitycentre.com – bookings 07703 814111

Please see our newsletter 'Happenings!' enclosed with this magazine for news of past and future events – as well as the Events section at the beginning of Spotlight and find us on facebook.



100 CLUB DRAW

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

£35.00	No. 069	Mrs M Hutchinson
£30.00	No. 136	Mr R Church
£25.00	No. 100	Mr B Powell
£20.00	No. 006	Mrs C Springate
£15.00	No. 007	Mr B Talmage



Congratulations to all the winners.

Karen Cubberley, Seend Lye Field Committee



SEEND WI

In October we held our Birthday Quiz led by the very popular Michael Gamble. This was a thoroughly enjoyable evening! The Pavilion was filled to overflowing with members and their guests, the Quiz was entertaining and the refreshments delicious! Thank you to everyone who came and made it such a lovely event.

On Wednesday 9th November we will be having a talk entitled 'Searching for surnames – Family History, the challenges and pitfalls in genealogy when searching names'. Please do come and join us if you're interested in genealogy.

The next Craft afternoon is on Thursday 17th November, 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 **Dead or Alive** and was written by **Evan Lorne**:



One hour to go over the top
Fear began to bleed through my collapsing shivering limbs,
Explosions, gun rounds all around me,
Frightened, scared of dying.
I wanted to be back at home
With my mother and father, with my dog Magenta.
No war, no fighting, no death.
But I am in the mucky, dirty trenches,
We are waiting to go over the top.
“Five minutes to go boys” shouted the Commanding Officer,
Excitement and fear streams through my body.

Remembrance Parades

All Members are reminded that the following Parades and Service will take place on Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day.

Remembrance Sunday (Sunday 13th November 2016)

Parade at the Rectory end of Church Walk at 1040 hrs, march to the War Memorial for the laying of wreaths and then continue into Church for the Sunday Service with Act of Remembrance at 1100 hrs.

Please do your best to attend this service.

Armistice Day (Friday 11th November 2016).

The usual Act of Remembrance will take place at the War Memorial at 1100hrs on Friday 11th November 2016. This is open to all and those attending are requested to muster at the War Memorial by 1050hrs.

Roger Brind

POPPY APPEAL

This year's Appeal will take place during the two weeks prior to Remembrance Sunday on 13th November. I have arranged for all the collection boxes to be available from Friday 28th October in a number of static locations such as the Post Office, Community Centre, Schools, pubs and Garage as well as a number of willing volunteers conducting House to House collections during this period.

Gift Aid envelopes have also been included in this edition of spotlight and the idea being to hand back donations in the sealed signed envelope to the collectors. If you miss this opportunity it will also be possible to have these collected at the Post Office or Church too.

Note the Poppy Appeal is a year-long appeal and last year's appeal totals £3,755.99.

Kevin Toft

SEEND & DISTRICT RAMBLERS



Dates for your Diary

Thursday 17th November –A meal at Shaw Country Hotel booked instead of a social. Those members who have expressed a wish to attend will be contacted in due course.

Our next walk is on **Sunday November 20th**. We will leave from Newlands Road car park, Corsham at 10am. It's free on Sundays, and has toilets. The walk is mostly roads and tracks, with some sheep grazed fields, about four stiles, all easy ones. Just under 5 miles.

Lin Salter

SEEND FAWLTY PLAYERS

Rehearsals are about to start for our 38th panto – 'The Emperor's New Clothes' – which will be performed in Seend Community Centre during spring half-term, 16th-18th February. Put the dates in your diary now please! Oh yes you will!



SEEND SCHOOL NEWS

So, for this month's edition of Spotlight, I've got something a little different for you. I'm going to share a few secrets with you about what makes Seend Primary School such a special place to work.

First and foremost (and perhaps no surprise at all) is that fact that we have such kind children here. They are happy and helpful, and constantly uphold our school values of Honesty, Respect, Tolerance, Forgiveness and Friendship. Just the other day I was walking through the library at lunchtime and spotted one of our year 5 boys choosing a book. He told me he was choosing a book to read to his buddy during the lunchtime. All our year 5 children are buddies to our newest and youngest members, helping them at play times and lunchtimes.

Our children are extremely thoughtful too. Four girls from year 4 have organised (completely on their own) a cake sale to raise money for Syrian refugees. They have made posters, talked to the other children in assembly and baked cakes to sell at break times and at the end of the day.

The children are also very enthusiastic and love learning. The children in Holly Class now have their very own mud kitchen which they have been very much enjoying! Children in Sycamore Class have also been on two trips recently; once to Devizes Museum and then to Avebury.

It's not just the children who make this school special, it's the parents and the extended family members who support us. I'm currently sat on the new cushions in the library that a Grandparent has made us! We are also lucky to have lots of parents and grandparents who come in regularly to listen to our children read. Then there's all the donations of time and help from people; the big group of helpers who painted the fences at the front of the school; the van loads of wood and extra bits and bobs that arrived to help make the mud kitchen and bug hotels - not to mention the very kind men who gave up their time to make these things!

Last, but certainly not least, is the people who work at the school. I've never worked with such a kind, hardworking and supportive group of people. The children are at the heart of everything that the staff do and it's a huge privilege to be part of such a special place.

Nicola Coleman, Deputy Headteacher

SEEND PLAYGROUP NEWS

The great news this month is that Ofsted visited us on 10th October and we have been graded "Good" again. We are very pleased about this. The children's behaviour and attitude to learning was good, the teaching was good, the relationship with parents was good and even the weather was good!

The following day we went on a walk to Love Lane to find conkers and interesting leaves. We had a picnic of wraps that the children had made, and enjoyed running down and up the hill and climbing on the very big tree stump in the adjoining field.

We had very good weather for our Grandparents' Week, and the Friday Coffee Morning was well attended. The children had made some book marks using pressed

flowers and leaves to give to their grandparents, and there were delicious homemade cakes and scones to enjoy with their coffee.

Tempest Photography are visiting on Monday 7th November to take individual photos of the children. Everyone is welcome to come from 8.45 am to have their child and siblings photographed, even if it is not their usual day to attend.

There is a Shopping Night for all in the Pavilion on Thurs 17th November, but there is more about that elsewhere in the magazine.

Have a safe Bonfire Night, and take care of your pets.

Liz Futter (Playleader) 828485

FoSS UPDATE

Working party

A second volunteer working party set to work on 24th September and collectively made a mud kitchen for Holly class and a bug hotel for Oak class. In addition, the fence painting continued around the new enlarged space outside Oak class. FoSS would like to thank the following people for giving up their valuable time:

Painters Matt and Sarah Hill, Jackie and Francis Chalk, Sarah Langsford, Sarah Somers, Sam Barrett, Susie Barnett, Debbie Holley, Victoria Bowes, Paul Bown and Justine Cooper

Builders Denis Phelan and Gary Gray

Suppliers Ryalls Ltd who provided all the fence paint at a reduced price and SolarGeo Ltd who contributed towards the cost of the paint

Paint Courier Jamie Streeter

Easy Fundraising

If you're about to start your online Christmas Shopping, here's a great way to raise money for the school without it costing you a penny. FoSS are now set up on Easy Fundraising. <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/foseend/>

When next you shop online, go to via the Easy Fundraising first, locate your retailer and then start shopping. After you have checked out, the retailer will make a donation to us. There are no costs involved for you, it's just a case of remember to go via this site. Please let your friends and family know, as all donations are very gratefully received.

Christmas Fayre

You'll find a flyer inside this edition for our annual Christmas Fayre, which will be held on Friday 2nd December, 6pm-8pm. Please keep the date free in your diaries and come along to support the event. Everyone is welcome, whether you are connected to the school or not. This event has always been our best fund-raiser in the annual calendar, and we're sure that this year's event will be even better than last year! There's a challenge.....

Mel Steel, FoSS Chair



SEEND PARISH COUNCIL

N.B. These 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 27th September 2016** was attended by nine Councillors with Mr T Murch (Chairman) in the chair. Apologies received from Mr Rigg and Cllr J Seed; also present members of the public.

Police report received by email. On 21/09/2016 in Sells Green - Crime / Vehicle Offences. Unknown persons have entered the vehicle by unknown means, no sign of forced entry. Search carried out and a power drill, drill bits, Dewalt battery drill and box of drill bits taken to the value of £200.00.

Chairman's comments:

There was a general discussion about a possible Terms of Reference for the Neighbourhood Planning Group.

An email had been circulated from Jane Scott, Leader of Wiltshire Council, to advise that The Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) has published a technical consultation on the 2017/18 local government finance settlement. The consultation runs for six weeks and closes on Friday 28 October 2016.

I visited the Bowerhill Residents' Site that is in our Parish, last week and the wildlife area has been restored very well, following the flooding that took place earlier in the year.

Cattle that are owned by a tenant of a local farmer have become a particular nuisance during the summer with them straying into the village because of inadequate fencing. They have been a particular risk on footpaths, gardens and in some cases on to the roads. There are about forty-seven cattle including a bull. I have spoken to the person concerned about this and he alleges that in some instances the barbed-wire fencing has been cut deliberately, allowing the cattle to stray. It was noted that farmers may be liable to insurance claims for damage.

The Road-traffic sub-group would like to bring their revised report to our October meeting. The report would be needed before the meeting, and a 15 minute slot should be allocated.

We need to consider what we are going to do about the planters at the end of Dial Close; they are in need of repair. It is alleged that the Council employed contractors have damaged them when mowing the grass, this year. Do we want to retain them and ask that they are planted according to the season? Councillors discussed, and agreed they should be removed in the Spring, once the bulbs and spring planting has died down.

VAS in High Street – email received from Mark Stansby, Senior Traffic Management Engineer, to advise that he had visited the site for the first time since the installation was completed and had spent some time monitoring both approaches, and was in some doubt as to whether the signs were operating exactly as anticipated. He will carry out further monitoring and report back.

Parking in Spout Lane – no follow up yet received from Mark Evans C & RT. A letter had been sent to Spout Lane residents and the C & CC. There had been two responses so far and suggestions – make the lay-by a two-hour limit to stop canal dwellers using it, and make the rest of the lane residents parking only and issue permits. It was noted that this evening there were 17 cars parked by The Barge in Seend Cleeve. It was agreed to write to the C & RT head office, advising that we have a problem with parked cars by the entrances to the canal, what evidence do they need to see from the Parish Council to demonstrate that boats are remaining in the parish, and that the canal dwellers' cars are causing a nuisance.

Defibrillator project - Mr Wood said that he was hopeful that we would hear in the next two weeks from the Ambulance Service, and then from the British Heart Foundation.

Neighbourhood Plan Update & Housing Needs Survey - Mrs A'Bear commented that the Bowerhill Picnic Area should be included as a recreation area. The Business Survey is now completed and about to be emailed out. No response yet from Wiltshire Council of clarification on the responses to questions not included in the Report on the Housing Needs Survey. Mrs A'Bear said that volunteers were still needed for the steering group.

WI Hall - Mrs Fiona Johnson, President of Seend WI, and Mrs Joanna Goddard, a Trustee, asked to attend the meeting to discuss the old WI Hall in Rusty Lane. They advised that the WI does not have funds to maintain the hall, and it is falling into disrepair. The Community Centre has now built an extension to house equipment currently stored in the hall, and so the income from this would now cease. The WI presently has 28 members. There had been a possibility of a gift to renovate the hall, but this option had not been taken up. The possibility of getting the village involved in fundraising, or finding a benefactor in the village was discussed. The hall had been given to the WI in 1921. The choice of whether to demolish the hall (costs to be ascertained) or refurbish would need to be discussed, and the village consulted.

Application Ref: 16/03383/FUL Equestrian Heights, Berhills Lane

Erection of an equestrian manager's dwelling and the permanent retention of the existing log cabin for use by customers (amended plans).

Members of the public present spoke against the revised application and re-siting of the house and new entrance.

Councillors voted 0 to accept, and unanimous to reject the application.

Comments: Councillors agreed with the objections raised by neighbours, and did not see a reason to move the house from the original location on the site and provide a new entrance onto Berhills Lane.

Application Ref: 16/06823/VAR Willow Cottage, Rusty Lane farm, Bath Road

Removal of Condition 3 on planning application K/56921/F (Conversion and extension of redundant pig styes to create holiday let cottage).

Councillors discussed this application. One Councillor wanted to retain Condition 3, others were generally in favour on condition that the cottage remain ancillary to the main dwelling.

Councillors voted 7 in favour, 2 against.

Application ref: 16/08500/FUL Workshop at Broad Lane Farm, Broad Lane
Alterations to existing old parlour and workshop

Councillors discussed and voted 8 in favour, 1 abstention.

Application Ref: 16/08501/FUL Unit 4, Broad Lane Farm, Broad Lane
Conversion and alteration to existing old tool store to mixed use B1, B2

Councillors discussed and voted 8 in favour, 1 abstention.

The dates of the next meetings are Tuesdays 25th October and 29th November 2016, at Seend Community Centre at 7.30 p.m.

Mrs Rosemary Fisher, Clerk

Full copies of Parish Council meeting minutes can be found on
www.seendparishcouncil.co.uk

THE BELL INN

You will all be aware that the Bell Inn has been closed for some time for refurbishment. Wadworths have indicated that they have been unable to recruit a suitable licensee and feel it necessary to look at alternative uses for the Bell to avoid the property remaining unoccupied any longer than necessary. They have instructed agents to investigate and understand they may be making a new planning application in the near future.

The Parish Council has made tentative enquiries about registering The Bell as a village asset, and would very much welcome the views of residents.

This month's Seend Parish Councillor profile: Councillor Terry James

I was born in Greater London, and have spent the whole of my working life involved in the agricultural industry. Working on farms in Southern England and the Southwest in the main, ultimately being successful in gaining a tenancy of a small farm in Shropshire in 1982 to farm on my own account. In 1987 I was fortunate to obtain a tenancy of a much larger farm in Keevil. In 2001 my landlord made me an offer to surrender the farm tenancy which I did and changed career direction, since 2001 I have been a farm assessor for the Red Tractor Farm Assurance Scheme. I have been associated with Seend since 1987 and my son attended Seend school. After leaving the farm we lived for a short time in Semington always wishing to live in Seend or Seend Cleeve. We were fortunate in 2005 to buy a building plot in Seend Cleeve and build our house.

I have served on the Seend Parish Council since 2012 and currently sit on the Parish Council's Planning sub-committee and Precept Panel.

I am married to Janet and my hobbies are overseas travel and walking, whilst being involved as much as possible with our grandchildren in Sussex and Canada.

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL NEWS FROM JONATHON SEED

As we move towards the winter we all need to prepare for inclement weather. I am active in my work as Wiltshire Council Cabinet lead for flooding at this time of the year. Wiltshire Council will do whatever it can to prevent flooding. However when the rains eventually come they generally are evenly spread across the county and the Council cannot get out to help all communities affected by flooding at the same time. Therefore the more self-help and preparations that communities can undertake the better. We have 82 parishes with flood plans and 170 trained flood wardens in the county. Communities can make preparations but so can individuals. This could be as simple as clearing leaves from blocking a drain or gully on your morning walk. Who knows - that may be the critical drain or gully that stops a small area from flooding. There has been the spectre of the concept of fracking in Wiltshire taking place in the area. After the Government had offered licences to a shale gas extractor on four distinct areas in Wiltshire, including our area, I was delighted to hear that the company had decided not to take up the licences. This is really good news for our area since this company is focusing its activities in Somerset and Dorset now. However, it is one of the issues that we must continue to monitor.

Villages continually evolve. However we can all engage in the process for development of our communities. This may be the production and adoption of a neighbourhood plan or it may simply be taking careful account of each application as it comes forward and making a recommendation to the Local Planning Authority (Wiltshire Council). In Seend a great deal of local work is being done on a neighbourhood plan as well as the Parish Council assessing every local application and I work closely with the Parish Council on every application. I am also available to discuss applications with individuals be they applicants or objectors.

jonathon.seed@wiltshire.gov.uk, 07770774463

SEEND PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP

The **Business Survey** that I mentioned in the last update has now been sent out, and so please fill it in if you are one of the Recipients. If you have not received one and think you should have been included, please get in touch via the contact details on our website. www.seendparishplan.org

The **Road Traffic Survey**, that is the result of the consultation exercise in June as well as research by the Traffic Sub-Group, will be presented to the Parish Council at their next meeting on Tuesday 25th. October. After any necessary revisions, it will be available for you to read on our website.

There are many more phases before we have completed the Neighbourhood Plan, and we continue to work on these.

Please get in touch with any of the Steering Group members if you think you might like to attend one of our meetings. You will find the names of the Committee members and links to further information about this complex process on the website.

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

SEEND SPORTING AND DRAMATIC NEWS

October and November are always quiet months on the sports field and this year is no exception with most clubs going into semi hibernation whilst focusing on attracting new members for next season, although the Short Mat Bowls squad realise that the bar at the Community Centre continues to rely on their patronage through the cold quarter.



Cricket: chair Brian Hunt

The season is now well and truly finished with the only outstanding event being the Presentation night later in the year. Full details to come from match reporter and erstwhile captain Ben King....good luck to Ben and Lucy who are about to have their second child whose health the team look forward to drinking any day now.
Stop Press : it's a.....!

Tennis: chair Elaine Davies

The club is playing in the winter league this year. Any interested players please contact Elaine.

Short Mat Bowls:

The winter league is under way and Colin tells me that notwithstanding that so far the results are played two, lost one and won one, which most would think is not too bad, the captain says that he is not feeling too optimistic. Come on Colin things are not that critical yet !

Equestrian:

The nearby West Wilts Equestrian Centre continues to hold events throughout November but if your pony just needs parking for the cold season then I am told that the equine B&B down at Henmarsh farm is worth checking out.

Ornithology:

Sightings of the red kites are becoming too common for this publication so if anyone has spotted something either very large, eagle sized, or very small, as in humming bird, then please let us know. (*Saw an eagle in Scotland. Will that do? Ed.*)

The Stage:

Since this column seeks to address both the dramatic and the sporting we will be giving full coverage of the village panto preparations in our next issue but in the meantime we would also like to detail other local stage shows and opera streaming which has become exceedingly popular.....so please let us have any advance information of such events. We went to see Don Giovanni at the Tobacco Factory in Bristol a fortnight ago and it was superb...the best Zerlina I have heard for many years.

All info for the next issue to the box office by November 18th 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.)

FREE TO GOOD HOME – Bagged pony poo can be collected from outside Juli Wilfort's house at 108 Seend Cleeve.

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



Dauntsey's

BITS AND BOBS

Thursday 17th November 2016 at 7.30pm
in the Memorial Hall

A full school concert at Dauntsey's School with Chamber Orchestra,
Junior Concert Band, Female Voices and other ensembles.

Programme will include an orchestra medley from "Frozen", a Gershwin and Stevie Wonder Medley from the Concert Band and the Choral Society with school choirs singing Bob Chilcott's "Salisbury Vespers"

Refreshments available in the interval.

The concert will be in aid of Wiltshire Air Ambulance.

Devizes has been a **Fairtrade Town** for **10 years!** You are invited to come and celebrate the recent renewal of this status at the **Town Hall** on **Thursday 17th November at 7.30 pm.**

Enjoy a glass of Fairtrade wine and watch some short films about the difference Fairtrade makes to producers in developing countries.

Entry free. Donations welcome.



STEEPLE ASHTON FILMS

"Love & Friendship" Saturday 19th November

at Steeple Ashton Village Hall 7.30 pm (doors open at 7 pm for refreshments)

Tickets are £6 and available from Steeple Ashton Village Shop



Love & Friendship, directed by Whit Stillman, is a witty adaptation of a little known novella by Jane Austen. With 5* reviews it is surely **Kate Beckinsale's** finest performance. She plays the scheming Lady Susan Vernon, a beautiful single mother in 1790s England. Recently widowed, Lady Susan, has no money and no husband, but these are only minor inconveniences as she pursues wealth and status for herself and her daughter.

Alison Wilson, Steeple Ashton Films



The September restart for **Lavington Community Choir** began with us welcoming lots of new members and seeing our old friends who have returned after a break.

We have begun singing 'And the Glory of the Lord' from Handel's Messiah, also we are learning 'Peace white Dove', 'Shona Malanga' and 'Sold Down the River' which consists of three separate songs sung at the same time and is great fun when each section of the choir takes a turn at singing the tunes!!

We would love to have more people enjoying a sing on a Thursday and if you don't read music, do not be deterred as we spend time learning each part, and some of the music is backed up by learning tracks to help you practise in your own time.

So, If you would like to add your voice please come along and join us, you will be enthusiastically welcomed. We meet on Thursdays at the Market Lavington Community Hall at 8 for 8.15pm. There is a weekly fee of £3.50 and there is a bar available for refreshments at the break.

More information is available from paula@paulaboyagis.plus.com our musical director.

**Lavington Community Choir invites you to
an Evening of Christmas music and a festive buffet supper
On Thursday December 15th at 8pm in Market Lavington Community Hall**
Tickets £6 will be available from Devizes Books, Market Lavington Post Office or
Sue Ivey at Yew Tree Cottage, Little Cheverell from November 17th.



Christmas in Mellstock

The Mellstock Band return to Edington Priory Church on Saturday 26th November to give a rambunctious concert of rural Christmas music from Thomas Hardy's Wessex AND a Gallery Carols workshop in Bratton during the afternoon.

The show is built around the descriptions of Christmas festivities in the works of Thomas Hardy and his friend, the Dorset dialect poet William Barnes. The band perform in period costume, with village band instruments of the nineteenth century including fiddle, concertina and serpent. The programme consists of West Gallery carols, harmony songs and rousing dance music, all linked together with spoken extracts, and incorporating a Dorset Mummers' Play.

The **Gallery Carols Workshop** from 2.30 to 5.30pm at Bratton Church Institute will be given by Dave Townsend, who plays concertina and fiddle and sings, and who has been a leading light in the rediscovery and teaching of this old tradition. These carols are a fascinating window on rural church music of the late 17th, 18th and 19th centuries and will be easy to learn – Cathedral music they are not! The workshop is open to everyone, and there's a special deal if you do the workshop and go to the concert.

Workshop places are £10; concert tickets are £15, but £10 if you do the workshop as well. For information and tickets, phone Maggie Atterbury on 01380 830452 or email her at jmda1@btinternet.com.

Advent choral music from the choir of Magdalen College Oxford



Edington Arts' very successful 2016 concert series comes to a festive conclusion at 7.30pm on Saturday 10th December in Edington Priory Church. An Advent Concert with mulled wine and mince pies will be given by the wonderful choir of Magdalen College, Oxford. If you love the Carols from Kings on Christmas Eve radio, you'll love this.

Tickets; £20 front nave, £15 rear nave and £10 sides: 18 and under come FREE, 10% discount for Edington Angels. Phone Chrissy on 01380 831256 or email sue@edingtonarts.org. More information, including a chance to sign up to their mailing list for news of 2017's interesting events, on www.edingtonarts.org.



The sixth *CHRISTMAS COUNTRY FAIR* in aid of The Soldiers' Charity will be held on SATURDAY NOVEMBER 12th 10am to 2pm

at the *MARKET LAVINGTON COMMUNITY HALL*

Start your Christmas shopping with us!

Lots of stalls featuring handmade crafts and produce including:

Wooden Toys, Cards and Stationery, Glass crafts, Skincare, Textiles, Bags, Bee products, Cakes and Jams, Jewellery, Home decor
Christmas decorations and lots more!

Free Entry - Donations to The Soldiers' Charity - Coffee and cakes! Tombola!

To book a stall, please contact Sue Bonney on 01380 812757
or email: thebonneys@waitrose.com

MELKSHAM CHORAL SOCIETY

Melksham Choral society will be holding their next concert on Saturday the 3rd of December at 7.30pm in the United Church. It will be an Italian evening with organ accompaniment and excellent soloists and will include Puccini's *Messa Di Gloria* and a selection of opera choruses from Mozart to Bizet but all in Italian. Tickets are £10 from choir members or the Tourist Information in Melksham or £12 on the door. We would love to see you there.



FRIENDS OF ERLESTOKE PRISON - CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Saturday 3rd December 2016 7pm (doors open 6.15pm)

St John's Church, Long Street, Devizes, SN10 1NP

with Wessex Male Choir and Shrewton Silver Band

Mulled wine and mince pies will be available during the interval

Tickets £15 - under 16s free

To download a seat order form, please visit: www.friendsoferlestokeprison.com or email: info@friendsoferlestokeprison and we'll send you a form.

The Steeple Ashton Christmas Tree Festival

St. Mary the Virgin Parish Church

Sunday December 11th 2016 from 3:30 pm



Featuring: The Keevil C of E School Choir, St Mary's Church Choir,
The Steeple Rocks Choir, The Steeple Ashton A Cappella Soc.(MC Graham Dalby)

A fabulous festive programme of secular songs and carols old and new with some seasonal readings and poems (short ones!). Christmas trees galore, teas, cakes, mince pies, roasted chestnuts and mulled wine, audience sing along...and a REAL donkey!

ADMISSION FREE - Retiring Collection in aid of St Marys Church Kitchen

Organised by Ron and Chris Plum with the support of the
Steeple Ashton Community & PCC

An evening of understanding Youth Work in Our Community
Wednesday 9th November, 8pm till 9pm (Drinks will be provided)
Potterne Youth Club, SN10 5NJ

*We would like to take this opportunity to invite you to an open community meeting on
Wednesday 9th November, 8-9pm at Potterne Youth Club. All Welcome.*

Wiltshire YFC Director James Vaughton will give an update on current fundraising
and Steve Dewar will talk more about his role as a Parish Youth Worker.

**Contact Steve Dewar 07930 982520 or email steve@wiltshireyfc.org.uk if you
would like more information or pop along on the evening.**

Wiltshire Sight Treasurer Wanted

Wiltshire Sight is a local charity based in Devizes supporting people living with sight loss in Wiltshire and Swindon. They assist more than 2,500 people of all ages, as well as their families and carers.

The charity's current Treasurer is at the end of his term of office, this means they require a new volunteer to join the Board of Trustees and support them in the coming years. They are looking for someone with a strong grasp of charity accounting or who has experience of managing multiple complex budgets. An understanding of managing an investment portfolio and accounting software (xero) would also be beneficial. The Commitment and Duties are:

- Actively commit to the charity for, initially, a period of three years
- Attend around six board meetings a year and take part in other events
- Chair quarterly Finance Resources Sub Committee (FRSC) meetings
- Advise and guide the management team & Board of Trustees on financial matters and liaise with the auditors.

Full training and support will be offered to the successful applicant. Applications from people whose lives are affected by sight loss are encouraged. Informal discussions with Chief Executive, Leanne Hubbard are welcome. Expressions of interest and CVs should be emailed to lhubbard@wiltshiresight.org

EXERCISE WESSEX STORM

I have been asked to inform you about Exercise Wessex Storm, a joint military exercise involving British forces and which will be held between the 3rd and 20th of November.

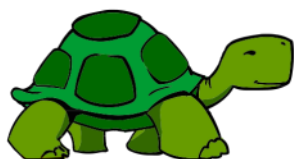
Keevil airfield will form part of this exercise and will be used by up to 15 Apache, Chinook, Puma, Merlin and Wildcat helicopters during this period. These aircraft will be supporting The Highlanders (4 SCOTS), a Mechanized Brigade, on Salisbury Plain and will be flying from Keevil airfield by both day and night. The anticipated periods during which exercise flying might take place are:

9 th November – 14 th November	0800 - 2359
15 th November – 18 th November	1200 - 0600
19 th November	1200 – 1700

Dave Howell, Flight Lieutenant

THE NHS IN WILTSHIRE - THE CHALLENGES, OUR RESPONSE

Come along for an opportunity to find out what is happening to local health services in your area from local GPs, what it means to you and how you can help- on Thursday 27th October 2016, 6.30 to 8.30pm at Devizes Bowls Club, Long Street, Devizes, or on Tuesday 1st November 6.30 to 8.30pm at Melksham United Church, High Street, Melksham



WILTSHIRE TORTOISE GROUP

Tortoises of the World

Talk by John Dickson, former Curator of Reptiles at Bristol Zoo
Sunday 27 November – Sutton Benger Village Hall – 2 – 4 p.m.

THE SEEND FUND – 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. 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.

And finally.....

“They couldn’t hit an elephant at this dist.....”

The last words of General John Sedgwick

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

Church: Priest in Charge: Revd Maureen Allchin 01380 828931. Benefice Administrator: Mrs Sue Taylor 01225 709360. Churchwardens: Holy Cross Seend: Mrs Anne Ewing, 01380 828557, 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 - 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

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

Seend Fund (village charity): 01380 828757

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

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

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

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

Bouncy Club - Paulette Pardoe 07944 300350

Brownies - Helen Hook 828477

Cricket Club - John Wiltshire 07791 144248

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

Fete – Nick Vaux - seendlrf@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

NEWSPAPERS & MAGAZINES

FRESH FRUIT & VEGETABLES

WINES BEERS & SPIRITS

GROCERIES

THE HEALTH LOTTERY

POSTCARDS & STATIONERY



	Village Store	Post Office
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	9.00 - 10.30	Closed
Holidays		

* note early closing