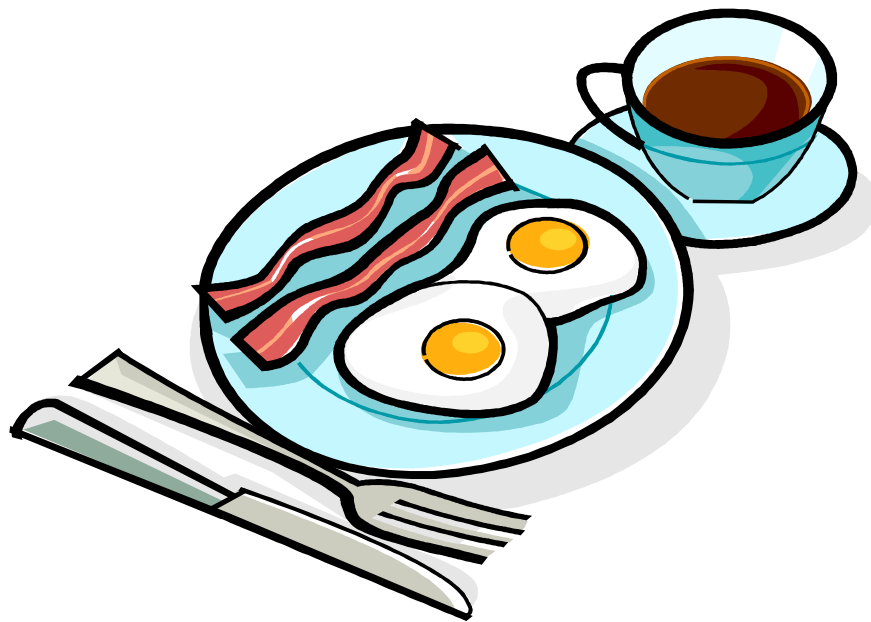


SPOTLIGHT

Seend & Bulkington

SUMMER Saturday Breakfasts



9th & 23rd JULY,
6th & 20th AUGUST & 3rd SEPTEMBER
FROM 8AM-10.30AM IN SEEND COMMUNITY CENTRE

July 2016

DIARY DATES FOR LATE JUNE

- 28th Seend Parish Council meeting, Community Centre, 7.30pm
29th Nosh & Natter Lunch Club, Community Centre 12 for 12.30pm

DIARY DATES FOR JULY

- 1st Seend Ramblers Skittles evening, Community Centre, 7.30pm
3rd Café Church, Seend, 11am
6th Bulkington Village Lunch Club, The Well Inn
6th Seend Shuttle shopping trip to Salisbury (ring 01225 706526 by Monday to book)
8th Fawltly Players' melodrama & supper, upstairs in Seend Community Centre, 7.30pm
9th Summer Saturday Breakfast, Community Centre, 8-10.30am
12th Deadline for applications for Seend Parish Council vacancy
17th Seend & District Ramblers, walk in Box area, 10am start
19th Seend Playgroup end of term party
20th Historic Houses Club outing to Mapperton House
22nd Seend Playgroup Teddy Bears' Picnic
22nd School's Out for Summer BBQ, Seend Community Centre 6pm
23rd Summer Saturday Breakfast, Community Centre, 8-10.30am
25th Mobile Library: 9.40am Seend The Lye; 10.05am Seend Cleeve phone box; 11.05am
Well Inn Car Park, Bulkington
26th Seend Parish Council meeting, Community Centre, 7.30pm
27th Brewery Inn Monthly Fun Quiz, 8pm
30th Wessex Fuchsia Group Annual Show, Pavilion, 1-4pm
31st Benefice Service, Seend Church, 10am

DIARY DATES FOR AUGUST

- 1st-12th Partial closure of Seend High Street
6th Summer Saturday Breakfast, Community Centre, 8-10.30am
7th Vintage Garden Party, Millcroft, Mill Lane, Bulkington, 3.30pm
13th Seend Fete and Flower Show
20th Summer Saturday Breakfast, Community Centre, 8-10.30am

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 July Spotlight



Whatever the weather may suggest, summer is really here. To prove it, the Summer Saturday Breakfasts at the Community Centre start on 9th July on alternate Saturdays until 3rd September – always a good way to start the weekend. Plus we have a ‘School’s Out’ Family BBQ on 22nd. Meanwhile, the cooks and helpers at Nosh & Natter are taking a well-earned summer break, while the church-hosted Bulkington Lunch Club continues to meet at the Well.

Less season-specific, if you have ever thought of joining Seend and District Ramblers you are invited to meet them at an informal Skittles Evening on 1st July (perhaps encouraging you to join them on a walk on 17th), and Seend Fawltly Players are offering you an Edwardian Extravaganza on the 8th. You can give your brain a bit of a workout at the Brewery Inn Quiz on 27th. You can also go shopping in Salisbury on the Shuttle on the 6th and visit the annual Wessex Fuchsia Group show on 30th.

We have reports of the generosity of the village from the RNLI and Christian Aid, and of successful events for the Queen’s birthday party, the Great Bulkington Railway and the Seend Cleeve Open Gardens.

There’s a vacancy to fill on Seend Parish Council – applications by 12th please – and news of a trial replacement for the RUH Hopper bus as well as more details of Seend High Street closure in August and of the Neighbourhood Plan.

We’re afraid we’ve had to edit quite a number of items this month to keep down to the optimum number of pages. Apologies to those contributors affected.

Advertising: At the time of writing there are still a few spaces available if you want to advertise for the next nine issues of Spotlight and thought you’d missed the boat! Contact Chris Brooker on 01380 828047. Otherwise, please do take note of the new advertisements in the centre of this magazine.

Spotlight Contacts: Contributions for the August/September 2016 edition (copy by Saturday 16th July) can be mailed to spotlight@seend.org.uk or delivered to Seend Post Office. Editors: Tessa Doe (01380 828617) and Sue Isaac (828461). Joanna Goddard (828488) organises 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 them.

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 July and beyond

(For Bulkington events see p. 12)

Seend Fawty Players present
an Edwardian Extravaganza of
Melodrama, Music and Munching
for your Delight and Delight



upstairs in Seend Community Centre at 7.30pm on Friday 8th
Tickets £6, including buffet supper, available at the Centre or call 01380 828617.



Seend & District Ramblers' Skittles Evening

Friday 1st July from 7.30pm in Seend Community Centre

Friends and potential ramblers welcome. Bring a plate of food for a shared supper. Entry charge will depend on the number of people who turn up for this informal game of skittles, but likely to be between £2 and £3.50.

School's Out for Summer BBQ

Seend Community Centre Lounge & Patio

Friday 22nd July 6-8pm

Families with children welcome - Free Entry



BREWERY INN MONTHLY FUN QUIZ - WEDNESDAY 27th JULY AT 8PM. ALL WELCOME!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Joan Savage

As many of you will be aware Joan Savage died on Saturday 11th June. Joan worked for many years for Wiltshire Council and especially for Seend Parish Council. She was committed to serving our community and contributed in many ways, some of which we may not all be aware of.

She was forthright, thoughtful and no one could ever accuse her of 'sitting on the fence'. She brought her many years of experience in local government to bear on her work as a Parish Councillor. The Parish Council has lost an experienced and committed councillor.

Tony Murch, Chair of Seend Parish Council

THE CHURCH'S WATER PROJECT

Since our update last month, fundraising is continuing and we have received a modest grant of £2,000 from the All Churches Trust for which we are grateful. Thanks are due to Sarah Todhunter who has been helping with framing grant applications. Our new architect is looking at ways of reducing the cost of the project and we are currently exploring soakaways and composting toilets. Our aim is to try to minimise the amount of digging necessary in the churchyard and avoid the additional cost of pumping water and sewage back up to the High Street.

Anne and Tina - Churchwardens

Thanks to Sarah Chard: In June's Spotlight and in my report on the activities of the Parish Council, I inadvertently omitted Sarah Chard's name from those who have been extremely active on the Neighbourhood Planning Group. My apologies to Sarah and thanks to her for her commitment to and support for our Group.

Tony Murch

SEEND CLEEVE OPEN GARDENS EVENT

In spite of the weather last Saturday, many visitors came to view the beautiful gardens in the village and to enjoy a delicious tea. There was a happy atmosphere and many compliments from those who attended and the result was that the magnificent sum raised was in excess of £1400 for our church.

Special thanks must of course go to our resident garden owners without whom this could not have taken place and to Mark, Geoff and Anne Newman who gave us the loan of their field for car parking.

We are enormously grateful to all those who participated and we would like to thank everyone who kindly donated cakes and scones and everyone who offered their services to help serve the teas. We had a great response to our appeal for support all of which was very much appreciated and for which we were thankful. We couldn't have done it without you.

Last but not least is to thank our Shuttle drivers, Max and Les who did a stalwart job of transporting our visitors around the village.

We look forward to 2018 when we can do it all again !! Not forgetting of course that it will be the turn of Seend next year.

Tina Yockney

Temporary Closure of A361 from the junction with School Road to the junction with Dial Close for the installation of vehicle activated signs

This work is expected to be completed between 1st and 12th August, subject to weather conditions. The alternative route will be via A361 (unaffected length) – A365 – A350 – A361 (unaffected length) and vice versa. Access will be maintained for residents and businesses but may be subject to delays because of the nature of the work. The full notice and map of detour can be seen on the Spotlight facebook page.

For further information please call Kirsty Rose on 01225 756182 during office hours or Steve Fish on 07703 751285 after office hours.

SEEND PARISH COUNCIL - Notice of Casual Vacancy

Notice is hereby given that by reason of the resignation of Mr John Padfield a vacancy has occurred among the members of the Parish Council. Any person willing to fill this vacancy should apply to the Clerk in writing on or before **12th July 2016**

The applicant's name must appear on the current register of the Voters List or the applicant should during the whole of the twelve months preceding the relevant date resided in or within three miles of the parish or the applicant's only place of work during the whole of the twelve months preceding the relevant date is in the parish.

The applicant must not be debarred from standing as a Councillor.

PUBLIC elections cannot be held until the year 2017 but for the interim period election to the aforesaid Council will be voted for by the present sitting number of Councillors.

Mrs Rosemary Fisher, Clerk, 12 The Stocks, Seend Cleeve, SN12 6PH

HIP HIP FOR THE QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY TEA

Well done to all who put together the brilliant birthday tea in honour of the Queen's landmark birthday. The sun shined and much fun was had by all the children and adults.

Thank you,
Jack and Lottie Churchill

RNLI House to House and Devizes Flag Day Collection: May 2016

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

The overall total – flag day + village collections was £3900 – down on last year by about £2000. In the village, we collected £439.25 (£464.43) – 5.4% lower than last year. The Flag Day in Devizes raised £682.60 (£759.48) 10% down on last year. This was partly because we had far fewer collectors available this year. The average per person on flag day last year was £25.32; this year (with fewer collectors) it was £28.56. So – despite the lower number of collectors, we did very well indeed. Thank you once again, everyone, for another outstanding effort for a worthy cause supported wholly by charitable contributions.

This has been my last time for organising the Flag Day and village collection. Having done it for 14 years, I think the time has come for a new person to take over the flag day. Regarding the village collection, the RNLI policy now is that there will not be any future village collections.

Thank you for the support you have given over the 14 years – not only those who still collect but those who have helped in the past. I have greatly appreciated your support – both for me and the RNLI. If anyone would like to help and spend an hour on Flag Day in Devizes (we collect from 08.30 to 14.30) please get in touch with Catherine Tarrant on 01380 720546.

Bob McCulloch

Christian Aid Collection May 15th – 21st

Ethiopia has been suffering its worst drought for 30 years. Christian Aid sent £50,000 to help some of the most vulnerable members in the hardest-hit communities, such as feeding more than 4,000 children whose families are unable to give them even one meal a day and making sure that 700 children have access to safe drinking water. In the days before the start of Christian Aid week the focus shifted. Torrential rain caused landslides and flooding, with an estimated displacement of 200,000 people. Responding to such cruel quirks of fate is fairly typical of the work done by the emergency branch of Christian Aid operating worldwide.

It is therefore especially pleasing to report a further improvement in our collection which raised £1442.00, a 28% increase on last year. This was mainly due to Poulshot joining but 7% more – over £80 - was collected in Seend and Bulkington. Many thanks are due to all those giving so generously, especially those increasing their donations or giving for the first time and to those able to complete Gift Aid forms. Nearly one half of contributions were gift aided, also an increase, and the 25% extra income generated raised the total for Christian Aid by over £160 to £1608.45.

Particular thanks to the collectors who generously give of their time each year, virtually the same team once again on the same rounds making it a more familiar and sociable exercise for everyone involved. Special thanks to Tina Yockney who joined us for the first time. Spotlight as usual gave us a flying start in terms of informing everyone and inserting 720 envelopes into the magazine. It makes it so much easier for contributors to prepare in advance, especially completing the Gift Aid slip, whilst those on holiday in Christian Aid week can return their envelopes before departure or on their return.

This is a record total for Seend and Bulkington and now with Poulshot we can look forward to next year with confidence. Christian Aid week will be May 14th – 20th in 2017.

Dick Church

SEEND PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP

Since the update last month this group has been busy. We have circulated all Chairs of **Stakeholder Organisations** (interest groups with responsibility for a community asset or other group activity), with a request that they confer with their committees and draw up a list of ideas they would like to see included in a realistic wish list for the parish. **Thank you to all those who have responded but we still await replies from others.** We welcome fresh ideas so please contribute to that if you can. The next job is to repeat the exercise with the **Businesses** that operate within our parish. The **Area Designation Consultation** period closes on 30/6/2016 and provided there have been no objections or snags found, the first stage of our Neighbourhood Plan Development will have been completed. Do check the website for confirmation after 30/6/2016.

The draft report from Wiltshire Council as to the outcome of the **Rural Housing Needs Survey** has just come in, indicating a return of 42% with 214 replies. This

represents a good response so thank you to all who did as requested. Presently further details are confidential until confirmed, which they will be through the summer, so if you are interested do please check the Parish Council website as there will be no more information in Spotlight until October. The outcome will be on the Parish Council website for various reasons, as it comes under their umbrella not ours.

The **Parish Highways Workshop** took place on Thursday 9th June 2:00pm – 9:00pm. at the Irene Usher Pavilion. About 60 parishioners attended and offered a good number of views relating to all aspects of the roads we use within the Parish. These ideas will be reflected in the more comprehensive survey that will go out to you all later in the year. Over the summer do check for updates on our website: www.seendparishplan.org

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 FETE 13TH AUGUST 2016 1.00 pm to 5.00 pm

The date is in your diary, sunshine is on order and you may be wondering what the day looks like. Fancy Dress entries should be on the field at 12.45pm to join the parade – cash prizes to be won!.



We have a vintage feel to the fete this year, with Betsy Harmony “the vintage singer” singing hits and songs, the Melksham Rock and Roll Club giving demos and help with your rock n roll technique, a vintage sweet stall and of course “steam” train rides for the children with the popular railway. Rows of vintage cars for the enthusiasts, and a windup gramophone mounted on a coach-built perambulator dispensing “Tune and Tipple” and not forgetting the old favourite “Punch and Judy” show.

By popular demand we also have the Melksham Ukelele Band and the Organ Grinder with his amazing punch-card driven Dutch style organ, a beer tent with ales, ciders and wine, the Pimms tent, and teas and that vintage favourite CAKE!

We have vintage games and stalls, with the famous White Elephant bargains and not so vintage burgers, pork rolls and ice creams, Grand Draw prizes to win and a Fancy Dress parade – any fancy dress welcome, but Vintage could win you a special prize!

Volunteers: Thank you to all who have already volunteered to help on a stall, if you are still waiting to volunteer we will be pleased to hear from you. FREE breakfast bap on fete morning (7.30-8.30am) as usual for the early birds who can help with gazebos, tables, chairs, bunting, etc. etc. Fantasy Radio (97.0 FM) will be doing their morning show from the field too, so maybe a chance to be heard on local radio.

I am sure you will have items to donate for teas, toys, white elephant, books, tombola, please either call 828970 if you need collection. As usual we will be taking collections of donations at the Lye Field Pavilion during the week leading up to the fete. All donations are much appreciated; re-cycling items is no longer a retro idea.

Follow us at www.seendfete.co.uk, like us on facebook and help to make this a real community event.

Tombola Drum: Does anyone know the whereabouts of the Fete tombola drum – if so please let us know – 828970 or seendlrf@gmail.com. Thank you!

Seend Fete Committee



SEEND FLOWER SHOW IS ON SATURDAY AUGUST 13TH

We are looking forward to another successful show because it is very probable that you will support it by entering one or more exhibits - or by coming to see what enthusiasm there exists and what it produces. The organisation of the flower show depends upon the work of a small band of enthusiasts who are pleased to do the work leading up to and during the show but they would dearly like to have some extra help if possible in order to spread the physical efforts of constructing the tables and laying out 'other stuff'. We will be asking exhibitors if they can stay on for an hour after the show closes to help us clear things away and tidy up. We would welcome help from other people too; on the day before the show as well as on show day. **Please consider helping us** – contact me at 01380 827137.

An important part of the show is the efforts of children. Do encourage your young ones to participate. **This year there is an additional less formal feature for young children** (8yrs and under). In the show programme and on the website (www.seendflowershow.org.uk) there is a flower picture to be coloured in. We will display those brought to the show and invite spectators to choose the best. A voucher for £5 to the winner. Details are in the programme and website.

We are very pleased to have received donations of articles to be raffled or sold at a silent auction from Windsmere Stone & Granite, Avonfield Gardens, and Altfield. Thank you to them for supporting us in this manner. Thank you too to those who advertise in the show programme.

Grateful thanks to the Spotlight distributors for delivering copies of the show programme. If you do not want your copy please drop it into the Seend Shop or Community Centre so that we have reserves. If you have any difficulty getting a copy contact me at 01380 827137 or see www.seendflowershow.org.uk for information and downloadable entry form and schedule (and the flower picture to be coloured in).

2015 Trophy Winners : Please return your award trophy to me at View Rosa, High St, Seend as soon as possible and certainly **not later than July 17th**. Please do not return it to anywhere else.

EXHIBIT FEE: Previously there was a two tier fee system. Now it is a single £2 **for as many entries as you want**. Children's (16 & under) entries in all classes are free.

Brian Jaques



Wiltshire Rural Music School's ambassador for Seend is:
Phil Springate tutti.springate@btinternet.com or phone 01380 828294.

CHURCH AND CHAPEL NEWS

Maureen's Ramblings.....

It takes some courage these days to admit that you are a Christian and that you go to church. At a lunch recently I was asked what my job was. I had the response, “do you actually believe that stuff?” from a new acquaintance across the table. People turn toward me and I searched for a profound and gentle response. It was time, yet again, to defend my faith.....

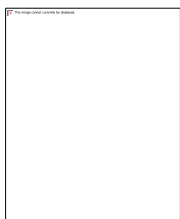
That situation got me thinking. Are we able to give a defence of why we believe what we believe and are we able to talk confidently, gently and non-confrontationally to others about our faith? At its core, faith is about three things. **Faith is an explanation.** It is our framework for how we make sense of the world. Is our existence meaningless or is there some purpose behind why we are here? Secondly, **faith is a confidence** that our belief of how the world works has integrity and makes sense. Thirdly, **faith is an action.** The way we live our lives reflects the explanation that we hold to be true. As Christians, our explanation of the world is that there is a loving God who wants us to be in relationship with him. Our confidence comes through our experience of God, through the evidence of the beauty and the complexity of creation and through the revelation of Jesus in the Bible and the church. Our lives reflect this explanation in the way we live; the centrality of worship and prayer in our lives and the way we love and serve others.

But what of those who don't share my Christian faith? Well they have faith too. In fact, we all live by faith. We all have an explanation that we are confident in and which helps us make the daily decisions that guide and make sense of our lives. For example, when someone tells me that they are an atheist, my response could be “Wow – that's interesting! Tell me about your faith”. “But I don't have faith. I am an atheist”. “Of course you have faith. I look at the world and at my life experience and I conclude that there is a God. You look at the world and at your life experience and you conclude that there is no God”. I cannot prove God to you but I have faith that there is a God. You can't prove that there is no God but you have faith that there is no God! So share with me how you have come to your conclusion and let me share with you how I have come to mine”.

I love to have such conversations. They are always learning times for me. I wonder if, in our desire to be loving and inclusive (and our fear of conflict and confrontation!), we fail as Christians to engage and inspire others to explore something that is exciting and life affirming for us. We need to allow God to use us in helping others think through whether their logic really is as fool proof as they think it is. For example, when someone explains that their faith is in science, or in only what they can see and measure and nothing else, we could ask them if they have ever had any spiritual experiences or whether love ever seems to be more than just a chemical reaction in the brain? Part of my response to those at lunch was “how can you not believe in Jesus?” - a question which sparked an interesting debate! I think it is time to be pro-active!

The Revd. Maureen Allchin. Rector

CHURCH SERVICES IN JULY 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
in the Benefice. There is something for everyone!*

Sunday 3rd July 2016. Trinity 6

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.

A lively service, without communion, for all the family.

6.00 pm Evening Prayer (Traditional) at Bulkington

A gentle, reflective, traditional evening service.

Sunday 10th July 2016. Trinity 7

9.15 am Parish Eucharist (Common Worship) at Seend .

11.00 am Parish Eucharist (Common Worship) at Bulkington.

6.00 pm Evensong (Traditional) at Poulshot.

Sunday 17th July 2016. Trinity 8

8.00 am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at Seend.

9.15 am Morning Praise at Bulkington.

11.00 am Parish Eucharist (Traditional) at Poulshot.

6.00 pm Evening Prayer (Common Worship) at Seend.

Sunday 24th July 2016. Trinity 9

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.

Sunday 31st July 2016. Trinity 10

10.00 am Benefice Eucharist at Seend.

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.

BENEFICE SERVICE

is on Sunday, 31st July at 10am at Seend Church. Our speaker is Colin Brady, the Social Justice Programme Manager for the Diocese.



There will be NO Benefice BUZZZZ Group in July. The next meeting will be on August 3rd at 4pm

From the Benefice records

Weddings.

We celebrate with:

Richard Waylen and Nicola Skedgell who were married at Seend on 28th May.

Funerals

We pray for the family of:

Dennis Hillier of Seend, whose funeral took place on 27th May.

The church hosted Bulkington Village Lunch Club takes place on Wednesday 6th July, 2016 at The Well. Contact Jane Coles in advance for the menu (828145).

New people from the Benefice and friends are always welcome to join us. It is a good social event for the entire village and area.



Café Church on Sunday 3rd July 2016 at 11am at Seend
Cake, singing, stories and activities for all the families of
Seend, Bulkington and Poulshot.

The theme is **A SUMMER'S PICNIC.**

The next Café Church is on 4th September 2016

Promises and Silent Auction (to include the sale of surplus pews) led by Paul Martin
on Tuesday 4th October at 7.30pm. Viewing and Silent Auction in the afternoon
Holy Cross Church - In aid of the Church Water Project

Full details in September Spotlight. Please put this date in your diary and if you have something you can offer for either the silent or promises auction we would love to hear from you.

Tina and Anne - Churchwardens

SEEND METHODIST CHURCH

Dear Friends,

New Ministers like me get quite a bit of 'training' about time out. People often ask me 'are you taking your day off?', 'have you booked your leave?' My supervisors, my college tutors and other Ministers all warn me that I need to guard my time off, or I will become burnt out and no use to the people I care for. I had always known this was important in my previous working life, but hadn't realised how hard it can be when you are in church ministry and, to all intents and purposes, your diary is yours to organise, but there are so many competing calls on your time to juggle and so much that just has to happen. Not everyone is understanding of the need for other's time off either, which adds its own pressure.

This is of course not unique to ministry. Many of you will have (or have had) careers and jobs that are very demanding, or are self-employed or working on zero hours contracts and feel the pressure of the need to keep things going and bring the money in. Many will also volunteer in your communities on top of busy working lives, or have filled retirement with such service. If we are not careful the busyness can catch up with us, or we can see work as an extreme competitive sport, or we can think ourselves indispensable.

When these temptations loom I am reminded of the example of Jesus. I often think when I read the stories in the Gospels that his life must have been constantly filled with noise and bustle and people demanding his attention. There was a lot to do, people needing healing of mind, body and spirit, a message of Good News to tell the world and disciples to train up to carry on the work. The stories tell us that large crowds followed him around all the time and were camped outside whichever house he was staying in; the pressure must have been immense. On one occasion, he had just been told that his cousin John has been brutally executed and decides to take some time to himself on the other side of Lake Galilee, but when he gets there the crowds have got there before him and are waiting on the beach. Once again he is there for them, heals their sick and teaches them. But once it quietens down he goes for that much needed break up a mountain, to talk to his Father.

Jesus knew that he needed rest and recuperation, sleep, times with friends and time with his Father God in order to refuel himself for the next period of work. The stories are punctuated with occasions where he goes for a boat ride, a walk up a mountain, a meal with friends, or has a nap. And we need these things too. All work and no play don't just make Jack or Jill dull, but also potentially exhausted, depressed and out of touch with family and friends.

Summer is often a time for thinking about time off and I hope that you will have the opportunity, if not for a holiday, then at least for an odd day out, drink with friends, walk in the countryside, or sit (hopefully) in the sunshine in your garden or the local park. It's worth trying spending time with our Father God too – just talking as you would to a friend, no big words needed, you can tell God anything – and if you listen to the quiet and also to the noise of life you may hear God responding too.

Every blessing, Wendy <><

Rev Wendy Tucker, Minister for Bromham, Calne and Seend Methodist Churches

SEEND METHODIST CHURCH – Services for July 2016

10th July 10 a.m.	Rev Wendy Tucker with Holy Communion
17th July 10.30 a.m.	At Whitley Methodist Church. Villages Together with Rev Cathy Arscott (with Holy Communion) for their Chapel Anniversary
31st July 10 a.m.	Mr Bob Farrimond

Everyone welcome at any service.

Thank you, Anne Salter

BULKINGTON NEWS

THE TEA AND CHAT SOCIAL GROUP

will meet on the Monday, 1st July, 2016 at The Old Stables, Bulkington (Andie Elliott: 828277) from 2- 4pm. Bring your own craft item or leave it at home and just come and chat!



The Mobile Library will be visiting the car-park of The Well in Bulkington on Monday, 25th July 2016 from 11.05-11.30am at The Well. Please support this.



VINTAGE GARDEN PARTY

with entertainment by 'The Keevil Singers'
(Vintage attire would be good but optional!)

Sunday 7th August at 3.30pm at Millcroft, Mill Lane, Bulkington
By Kind Permission of Mr & Mrs N. Boulton

Tickets £8 Available from Seend Post Office, Jane Coles 828145, Liz Futter 828485, Sue Noad 870343 and Anne Saywell 828931

BULKINGTON VILLAGE HALL

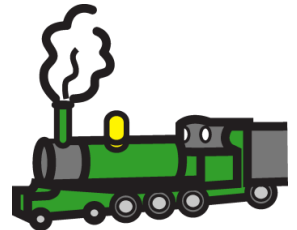
By the time you read this, history will have been made. Will we be 'In' or 'Out'? I feel proud that our little Hall will have played a small part in this momentous decision by being the Polling Station for the area. We are having a good year so far with a slight increase in party bookings, plus the Great Bulkington Railway, if my ears do not deceive me. This month we welcomed a newcomer, Ian Crook, with his *Tai Chi* classes. I do hope these will attract more people to try this delightful form of exercise. It is practised world-wide, helping young and old to health with gentle, graceful movements. Our Ladies Group will be back in the Hall soon, our meeting place as the evenings grow dark again. We love having this variety of events to keep our Hall going: long may it continue!

Angela Read, Chairman.

Great Bulkington Railway Report Monday 30th May Running Day

The weather was dry with a brisk northerly wind and we had a steady flow of happy families riding our two passenger-carrying diesel trains around the track.

Also present was a coal fired steam locomotive (GWR Pannier tank engine) pulling a mixed goods train. All three engines ran successfully from 1-4.30pm. Volunteer helpers worked hard to make the rides for both children and adults both enjoyable and safe. The children, in particular, had a lot of fun going through the tunnel. The ladies from Christ Church worked hard in the village hall serving lovely cakes and teas for visitors to sit at tables on the lawns and enjoy. Altogether we raised £185.



Last year we did several birthday parties for children – (parents get the village hall for the day (BYO food) and two hours of train rides for £110 for 20 children) and as a

result of the income from these parties and Monday's event, I am able to send Wiltshire Air Ambulance a cheque for £500.

It may be of interest to know that since the signalling system was installed back in 1998 that 19,545 trains have gone around the track to date. 30th May's total was 150. The next public running day will be the August Bank holiday Monday 29 August.

Nev Boulton 01380 828 101

P.S. You can see a video of the BGR on:

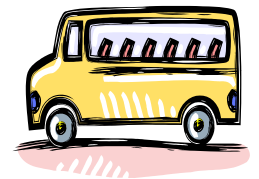
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SEEND CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

SEEND SHUTTLE COMMUNITY BUS

Salisbury Shopping Shuttle Trip - Wednesday 6th July

Please ring Rex or Jan Gudge on 01225 706526 to book a place on July's shopping trip by Monday, 4th July latest.

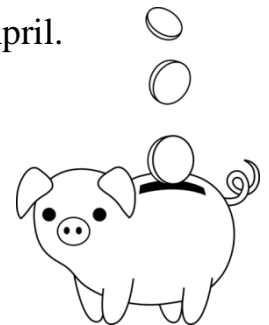


100+ CLUB DRAW

The Lye Field 100+ Club draw for April 2016 took place on the 15th April.

The results are as follows:-

£35.00	No. 05	Mrs J Hawkins
£30.00	No. 053	Mrs S Todhunter
£25.00	No. 146	Mrs R Walker
£20.00	No. 142	Mr C Waldeck
£15.00	No. 003	Mrs A McMillan
£10.00	No. 198	Ms R Newman



This was the last draw of 2015/2016. Congratulations to all the winners over the last year.

Karen Cubberley, Seend Lye Field Committee



HISTORIC HOUSES CLUB

Our forthcoming trip on Wednesday 20th July will be to Mapperton, situated in the heart of Dorset near Beaminster.

Mapperton House is the home of the Earl and Countess of Sandwich. The family moved here from Hinchbrooke House, near Huntingdon, in the 1950s. The Sandwich collection includes pictures by Lely, Van de Velde the Younger, Scott, Reynolds and Hogarth. There are portraits of Edward Montagu, 1st Earl of Sandwich, who served under Cromwell and became Charles II's first general-at-sea. He helped his young cousin, Samuel Pepys, to become the Navy's first great administrator and the ship models and naval paintings date mainly from this period.

I'm sure this will be a most enjoyable and interesting visit. All members have been notified. New members are most welcome and the joining fee is only £4 annually. Do get in touch with Tina on 01380 827139 or Len 828513 for further information. In August we will be visiting Bowood House. See next month's Spotlight.

Mary Warren

DAY TRIP TO BLETCHLEY PARK on THURSDAY 15th SEPTEMBER 2016

This annual trip which welcomes all villagers and friends is extremely popular. This year we are visiting Bletchley Park, the central site for Britain's codebreakers during World War II (see www.bletchleypark.org.uk). Run by the Government Code and Cypher School it regularly penetrated the secret communications of the Axis Powers – most importantly the German Enigma and Lorenz ciphers. The official historian of World War II British Intelligence has written that the "Ultra" intelligence produced at Bletchley shortened the war by two to four years; without it the outcome of the war would have been uncertain.

The entry fee is £13:50 plus travel - yet to be confirmed but will be around £12pp and hopefully we will be able to have a guided tour. The coach will leave from Seend at 0800hrs for a journey of just over two hours. Facilities are on the coach. We will leave Bletchley at about 4.30 - 5.00 pm. Early booking is advised. For further information please contact Tina Yockney on 01380 827139 or tinayockney@btinternet.com

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION



IN MEMORIAM

This month we remember:

George Henry Lewin Gingell	1 st Bn Wiltshire Regt	7 th July 1916
Herbert Jessie Wiltshire	2 nd Bn Wiltshire Regt	8 th July 1916

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

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Joan Savage who died in RUH Bath on 11th June having never regained consciousness after suffering a severe stroke. Joan served on the RBL Committee for a number of years and during this time organized the Poppy collection in the village. She was a very well respected member of the Community and will be sorely missed by her many friends.

Committee Meeting

The next Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday 20th July 2016 and the subsequent meeting and the AGM on Thursday 27th October 2016. All meetings will be held in the Kennet Room in the Community Centre commencing at 1930hrs.

10th September 2016 at 7pm – The Heartbeats - an evening of 60s and 70s Music

Further details will be included in August/September Spotlight but:

- a three-course meal will be included (Gluten free and Vegetarians catered for if ordered).
- tickets will cost £15 and will be available from Robin Heatley (01380 828491) or the Post Office.

There will be a raffle. As The Heartbeats events are always well attended, it is likely to be a good evening, so don't forget to get your tickets early in advance.

Roger Brind



SEEND COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

www.seendcommunitycentre.com – bookings 07703 814111

We've got some exciting events coming up in July and beyond: Seend Fawltly Players' '**Edwardian Extravaganza**' upstairs on 8th July

(tickets available from the bar - £6 including supper – numbers limited so book early); the famous **Summer Saturday Breakfasts** start again on alternate Saturdays from 9th July until 3rd September from 8am-10.30am; and we have a **School's Out family BBQ** on 22nd July (and there will be a Taster Evening & BBQ on September 2nd – but more of that in next month's edition). Also, if England are still in the **Euro2016** tournament, their matches will be shown on the big screen TV.

The experiment of opening the Club bar from midday on summer Saturdays and Sundays seems to be gaining in popularity – come and see!

WESSEX FUCHSIA GROUP - 47th ANNUAL SHOW

IRENE USHER MEMORIAL HALL, RUSTY LANE, SEEND

Saturday 30th July 1p.m. until 4p.m. Plants – Refreshments – Raffle.



WEA DAY SCHOOLS

Dates for your diary: Day school with Paul Chapman talking about the American artist Edward Hopper on 1st October, and day school with Elizabeth Barrett on an introduction to Islam on Saturday 14th January, upstairs in the Community Centre. Details of fees and how to book will appear nearer the time.

SEEND & DISTRICT RAMBLERS



Sunday 19th June: 12 members completed a six-mile circular walk led by Geraldine and Brian De'Ath, starting from Blacklands Small Grain Picnic Site. We followed well-defined tracks on chalk downland, skirting the Cherhill Monument on our left, walking single file through crops of barley and wheat and walking wider tracks adjacent to the

Devizes/Marlborough road and along the Wansdyke Ridge with banks adorned with orchids - a truly lovely morning. Thanks to Geraldine and Brian.

Skittles evening on Friday 1st July at 7.30pm in Seend Community Centre. Please bring a plate of food towards a shared supper. There will be a small charge per person to cover the hire of the hall etc. The cost will depend on numbers supporting this event! Friends, villagers, prospective ramblers and anyone wishing to enjoy the company of our friendly group in an informal skittles game will be welcome.

Next walk – Sunday 17th July, 10am start: Travel along the A4 from Atworth towards Box, passing the Northey Arms on right. There is a turning right immediately after the railway bridge signposted Middle Lane to Ditteridge/Colerne. The start of the walk is 200 yards down the lane when you reach a crossroads. The walk is five miles distance, including two hills with a few stiles. Bring the usual refreshments for a stop. Leaders: Denise and Colin Noad.

Lin Salter - 01225 706451

SEEND WI



Last month Verna Clifford gave us amazing, and very amusing, talk about the various gadgets she uses to help her live an active life in spite of being registered blind. Verna also spoke about the intensive training needed in preparing puppies to become guide dogs. Unfortunately her guide dog Koddy was unable to accompany her as he was recovering from an operation.

Next month's meeting is on Wednesday 13th July when we will be visiting Beggars Knoll Chinese Garden in Westbury.

We are not holding a Craft Afternoon in July or August. Our next one will be on 15th September at 2pm.

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

SEEND SCHOOL NEWS



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

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

Sycamore Class have returned safe and well, albeit very tired, from their residential trip to Danywenallt in Wales. They took part in a range of activities including walking up very steep mountains, den building and studying a local river. A new head boy and head girl have been chosen; congratulations to Morgan and Isabel.

Chestnut Class have been writing adventure stories set in Ancient Egypt. They have been focusing on the 'action' part of these stories and have had fun acting these out before writing.

Oak and Holly Class are off to Bristol Zoo in the next few weeks to support their learning about animals and mini-beasts. Holly Class also have some new arrivals – a tank of baby frogs! The children have been enjoying watching them change from tadpoles into frogs.

The children have already started their preparation for Sports' Day during their lunchtimes and in PE lessons. Our Sports' Day is on Friday 24th June and is always a fantastic event. I wonder which team will win this year?!

Our new path was successfully laid over half term and it's looking fantastic. The children have been spending so much time 'trying it out' that the playground has been very empty during playtimes! Our next project is to install a variety of stations around the path to reflect our Christian ethos and the local community.

KS2 children have taken on the Road to Rio Challenge as part of Wiltshire's big pledge. They have all been given a pedometer and are tracking steps as the school team try to cover the 9281 km from London to Rio. After just one week they have already reached Munich so they are well on the way.

Nicola Coleman, Deputy Headteacher

SEEND PLAYGROUP NEWS

This term the children are learning about "people who help us". The Home Corner has been turned into a Fire Engine, a Hospital and a Vet's Surgery. Great fun has been had dressing up to perform the various roles. We will be visiting the fire station at some point in July.

On the day of the Referendum we will be visiting Woodland Adventurers near Box. The day involves, going on a bear hunt, playing in the mud kitchen, making dens in the woods, and visiting their collection of farm animals. We finish by toasting marshmallows round the camp fire.

Our end of term party is on Tuesday 19th July. Active Trowbridge will be here with an exciting inflatable play zone, and two sports coaches to organize games for the children. Our leavers' presentation and Teddy Bears Picnic is on Friday 22nd July.

Our final day of term is Friday 22nd July. The children have made some lovely fruit and vegetable collages for the art display at the Flower Show in the Community Centre on Fete Day, Saturday 12th August. Don't forget to include that on your busy afternoon. We will also be manning the "Guess the name of the Teddy Bear" game on the field, and will be looking for volunteers to take a half hour turn at that please.

Liz Futter (Playleader) 828485



The Royal Tea Party – Sunday 12th June

When we came up with idea for the Queen's 90th Birthday Tea Party, our intention (for once) was not to raise funds for the School but to create a fun and memorable celebration for our children; we achieved this and more!

To anyone who missed it, we had an afternoon of proper British fun. 120 children enjoyed their tea party in a marquee at tables decked in red, white and blue, with bunting everywhere, music playing and a big crowd around them. There were fun activities for them beforehand, a performance by the School Country Dance team, and the afternoon ended with a Tug-of-War. Team FoSS's victory in the Ladies Tug-of-War" competition has inspired our new tag line – "Team FoSS, we pull together!" The sun shone (thank goodness) and we made a small profit of just over £100 for the School.

The team of parent helpers was very large – far too many to list here. Without them and the help of the wider community this event would not have been so successful. If you played any part in our tea party, please accept our gratitude and heartfelt thanks. Sunday 12th June 2016, we hope, will be remembered as a day where the school and community came together to create wonderful memories for our children.

I would like to share a couple of the lovely comments we received after the event:
“What an amazing example of a group of people being pulled together to create a memory that will last a lifetime. The modesty, creativity, attention to detail, and generosity of spirit of the organising team and all those involved has set the bar very high for future events. Huge thanks to everyone.”

“It was a testament to the dedication and hard work of all involved and also how lucky we all are to be part of such a fabulous school and community.”

I must add one small thing, although it was me who came up with the idea many many months back, it was our brilliant, massively organised Vice Chair, Victoria Bowes, who gave the event the heart it truly deserved. From myself as Chair, I would like to thank Victoria and ALL of those involved for giving up their time and helping us create an event that will be long-remembered.

Mel Steel, Chair of FoSS

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 31st May 2016** was attended by 10 Councillors with Mr T Murch (Chairman) in the chair. Apologies received from PCSO Helen Wilson; also present Cllr J Seed and members of the public.

Prior to the public meeting, there was a closed session with Claire Crawford (Financial Director – Aster Homes); Lindsey Aldington (Project Leader – Aster Homes) and Paul Thomas (Planning Consultant).

Ms Crawford outlined the background to the requested meeting. Aster Homes has negotiated an option to purchase the **SHLAA site 1081 situated behind the Lye Field** from the landowner, this option is dependent upon them gaining planning permission within five years. The intention is to build private homes for sale, in order to fund the building of homes to rent. The problem that Aster Homes has is finding sites to purchase, as they have to compete with large building companies. There is no access to the site except through the existing estate; they have no pre-conceived ideas of what will go on the site. Councillors suggested it would be best to wait until the results of the recent Housing Needs Survey are known.

Cllr Seed advised that Wiltshire is 2,000 houses short of its target, and this is not likely to be addressed before the autumn. It could be better to accept a smaller development, in order to defend against a larger development being proposed. Any planning application would need to include 30% affordable housing.

The Chairman thanked the representatives from Aster Homes for having a dialogue with the Parish Council at an early stage, and advised that there had been a consultation in the village last summer, which indicated that residents preferred the SHLAA site option just off School Road. There were comments from Councillors about the impact access to the site behind The Lye would have on the A361.

The representatives of Aster Homes indicated that they are happy that their involvement is in the public domain. There is no indication at present how many houses are proposed, or how Aster see the access working.

It was **proposed** that when the Housing Needs Survey is ready, an extraordinary meeting should be called.

Report received by email from PCSO Helen Wilson. Between 7th -10th May, a trailer and mini digger were stolen, believed to be from G & S Patios. On 9th May an unknown male was seen trying car doors in Seend; CCTV footage had been circulated in local papers and on social media. On 20th May a serious traffic accident occurred at The Stocks. There was also a report on the Melksham NPT and changes that have taken place; this has been circulated to Parish Councillors.

Cllr Seed had met with the Chairman the previous week. Cllr Seed reported that the **installation of the VAS signs** at the High Street pinch point had been delayed until August, because of school exams; the work would be completed before the village fête weekend. There is an Area Board meeting on 15th June, community grants should be submitted for the September meeting. It was suggested that when the installation of the VAS signs takes place, there should be signs at either end advising “Businesses & Village shop open as usual”. Mr Wood proposed a diversionary route be advised at Semington roundabout for HGVs whilst the VAS installation work takes place.

Mr Wood asked about the clearance of land at the **SHLAA site acquired by Persimmon Homes** just off School Road. Cllr Seed thinks they will come forward with an application fairly quickly. The Chairman asked Cllr Seed for a contact with Persimmon Homes. Mr Wood suggested the PC asks them to come in for a meeting.

Email received from a resident of Cooks Close, concerning the **street lighting**, and asking whether the street light positioned outside her house could be timed to switch off at midnight and come on again at 5 am if required. Mr Wood agreed to deliver a letter to each house in Cooks Close, in order to gauge the views of all residents. It was suggested there should be a parish lighting survey.

C & RT. Nothing further has been received from Mark Evans since his email of 26th April. The Clerk was asked to write to Paul Kelly at the C & RT, and thank him for the way in which the work on the bridge at the Barge Inn had been undertaken. Mr James commented that now that the work was finished, several cars were parking on the newly seeded verge approaching the bridge, causing damage, and this was not acceptable. Cllr Seed to be asked if he could follow up enquiries about the responsibilities of the C & RT with Claire Perry.

Defibrillation unit in village. An email has been sent to Martin Render at Community Heartbeat Trust; he had sent information by email which had been circulated to Councillors. Mr Rigg questioned whether there was value in installing defib units. Mr Wood agreed to investigate other options for installation, and what other villages had done. It was suggested that funding could be sought from local businesses, and an application made for grant funding from the Area Board.

Tree matters. This matter is now with Katie Lloyd (Natural England Officer), and she is liaising with Highways about the best method to deal with the area. A site visit had been undertaken by Katie Lloyd with the Parish Clerk. The Clerk to follow up with Katie Lloyd, as the Parish Council may wish to take further action.

Lye Field Play Equipment. The Chair reported that he was meeting the following evening with Ric Ellinger and Steve Vaux regarding the play equipment on the Lye Field. He will reiterate the PC's previous response, but also that the PC does not want to see the play equipment lost.

Mrs A'Bear was awaiting the **Housing Needs Survey report**, and hoped that it would be a public document by the next meeting. She said that Seend now has an emerging Neighbourhood Plan. She has written to community stakeholders and has received 2 responses; responses have to be returned by 30th June.

The Agreement with **Sandridge Solar** had been signed last year. However, there had been additional clauses added when the proposed boundary changes with Melksham Without were being negotiated last autumn. The new agreement had now been received. Mr Wood agreed to go through the document, to see if the proposed community fund grant was index linked. The Clerk to contact Melksham WO PC, to ask what percentage they are receiving.

Local residents were present at the meeting, and expressed concern that Persimmon Homes intended to build on the **School Road site**, as it had been used for landfill and was contaminated; a previous plan to build on the site in 1993/4 was dropped because of this. The Chairman advised that it was the intention of the Parish Council to invite a representative from Persimmon Homes to come and talk to the Parish Council.

It was again suggested that the **layby at The Stocks junction** be shortened to improve visibility. It was suggested there should be a 30 mph limit at **Baldham Bridge**. It was noted that a speed gun was being used by Police in the village four weeks ago. Clerk to write to the Independent Police Commissioner, Angus McPherson, to ask Wiltshire's position on **speed cameras and speed guns**.

Application Ref: 16/03794/FUL

21 Dial Close

Single storey extension to form utility room.

Councillors voted 9 to accept, 1 abstention.

Application Ref: 16/04114/FUL

Oriel House, Bollands Hill

Change of use of part of existing paddock to domestic curtilage, provision of new vehicular access and driveway, plus associated works

Councillors voted 8 not to approve, 2 in favour.

Comments: Concerns expressed about vehicles exiting onto Bollands Hill from the new access.

Date of next meetings: Tuesday, 28th June 2016 and Tuesday 26th July, at Seend Community Centre at 7.30 p.m.

Mrs Rosemary Fisher, Clerk

We shall be publishing brief profiles of **Seend Parish Councillors** in coming editions of Spotlight. Here's the first one:

GEORGINA A'BEAR - PROFILE

My early years were spent in and around Chippenham and in the mid-eighties I met my husband through Young Farmers. I qualified as a Veterinary Nurse and after several years I had a change in direction and worked in an Accountants in Devizes and then went on to be a self-employed bookkeeper.

I moved to the village in 1987 and have been Treasurer for Seend Playgroup and a committee member for Friends of Seend School plus helping with the Youth Club. I have had a long involvement with The Rare Breeds Survival Trust Wiltshire and recently I have been a Junior Leader for Melksham Young Farmers.

I enjoy walking and riding around the Parish. I was co-opted onto Seend Parish Council in 2010 and am also the Chair of Seend Parish Neighbourhood Plan.

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL NEWS FROM JONATHON SEED

Many residents often raise the issue of highways maintenance to me and I am pleased to be able to report that a new Parish Steward service will be operated by our new highways contractors (Ringway) from October of this year. This service will run in parallel to the operation of the My Wiltshire reporting system which many of us use regularly. The key elements of the new Parish Steward system are:

- All statutory highways and other requirements should be reported using the My Wiltshire system(e.g. potholes).
- The Parish Steward service is for discretionary highways issues only - on roads, verges, ditches, footways, byways etc.
- Each Parish Council presents a rolling list of FIVE tasks in order of priority that they would like the Parish Steward to undertake.
- Most Parishes will be allocated one dedicated day each month from their Steward to do the work (some larger parishes might get more days). This allocation will be fixed in the first year and will be reviewed thereafter depending on demand.
- Each Parish Steward will be provided with a brand new, high-visibility pick-up truck complete with the tools and equipment needed to provide essential works such as strimming, hedge cutting, instant road repairs, drain clearing, painting, sign cleaning/repairs etc. They can also call on larger plant such as tractor-mowers, gully tankers and grip cutters if required.
- It is important that each Parish Council designates only one person as the point of contact, who then liaises with an Area Engineer but then on-site with the Parish Steward themselves if required.
- Resilience and reliability have been built into the service by not programming Fridays (to allow work to be completed from other weekdays and allow for sickness and training) nor the whole of May (in order to manage surge in seasonal growth), nor August (holiday season).

Locally I continue to work closely with the Parish Council on a whole range of matters including planning and community grants. This month we are looking together at potential development sites around the village of Seend.

I would like to conclude my monthly news by recording my deep sadness at the passing away of my great friend and political ally Joan Savage. Her community contribution as a former County Councillor, Parish Council Chairman and Parish Councillor was enormous. Joan was also a doughty political campaigner who will be greatly missed by her Party, her community and her many friends.

Jonathon Seed

RUH Hopper replacement

The Hopper service to the RUH ended in June, but A&G Minibuses Ltd are offering a new alternative service called RUH Rover. It will run four return journeys a day on Monday to Friday, initially for a trial three-month period. For details, please call 01985 212213.

Incidentally, if you have to pay for healthcare transport costs and you are on a low income, you may be eligible for reimbursement from the Healthcare Travel Costs Scheme. Call the RUH on 01225 824884 to find out.

SEEND SPORTS RESULTS AND FIXTURES

Cricket : Chair: Brian Hunt.

Seend took on Broughton Gifford on 5th June but unfortunately the opposition were short of a few players making the match less competitive than in past years. Seend knocked up 277 in their allotted overs with Ben King back in the zone scoring a pleasing 107. A depleted opposition were soon skittled out for less than 100 with most of the wickets being shared between Russell Collins and Charlie Waylen.



Seend's match on 19th June at home to Winsley was sadly cancelled as the opposition could not raise a team. This has now happened twice already this season and we certainly do not want Seend to find itself unable to put out full teams for matches.....so if you are keen to play please contact Brian on 828581.

Tennis: Chair : Elaine Davies

The men's team seem to have turned the corner starting with a 4-4 draw against Sherston followed by a defeat, 2-6, at the hands of Bloomfield of Bath, which we felt that we should have won, but then last Wednesday the Seend men, in the shape of Matt Wordsworth, Harry Waylen, Tom Collins and Louis Ball, knocked Devizes off the court with a 7-1 victory.

The ladies are getting closer but still looking to secure their first victory whilst the mixed are holding their own in mid table with stalwarts Elaine Davies and Mark Newman assisted by Susie and David Meharg.

STOP PRESS: 20/6/16 : Seend Mixed v Malmesbury, Elaine Davies and Mark Newman with Pam Akerman and Jack Churchill - result: Seend 4 Malmesbury 4.

The Turf: This week's tipster Jamie Hiscock.

Whilst Redstart is having a well-earned rest, Imperial Aviator has been out and about with his latest trip being on 5th June when, unfortunately, his previous form could not be repeated, being overtaken in the latter part of the race on 5th June. We look forward to his next outing together with any news from Redstart's stable.

Running:

The 34th consecutive running of the Bishops Cannings 5000m Dash takes place on Saturday 9th July as part of the Bishops Cannings Church Fete. Full details and entry form are on the race website at bishopsconnings5000.org.uk. Seend has always been well represented at this race and we look forward to seeing many of you on the day.

One of the great problems runners face is accurately estimating how much fluid to take on board before each run taking into account ambient temperature and the likelihood of wind. Hence I must, on behalf of all who regularly pound up and down Seend High Street as part of their training, thank Hatty and Geoffrey Stafford-Charles for having kindly set up a Portaloo outside their home for the convenience of these local runners during the racing season.... and of course for their builders. Very public spirited!

Short Matt Bowls: Royal photographer Colin "the lens" Waldeck

During changes of ends in tense crucial matches Colin has often spent a good half hour or so leaning on the bar and regaling me with stories of the years he spent behind the camera lens on photo shoots and films, or "talkies" as he still nostalgically calls them. This tactic of keeping the opposition waiting can, so Colin tells me, be most effective in throwing them off their stride and generally winding them up. Colin calls it "sportsmanship". Others hold a different view, but the end result, that win, is what it is all about, a target that Colin has trained the team to ruthlessly search out, although why he then digresses and compares the boys to pigs rooting out for truffles I do not understand.

Results: European league, troisieme division: Seend nil points toujours : Full details on request . SAE to the captain please.

Skittles:

The 3 a side summer skittles competition came to an exciting finish on 14th June with the team of John and Mark Wiltshire led by Russell Collins finishing ahead of the other 9 teams and taking the cup. Russell achieved the highest score of 42 over four legs. The runners up cup was won by Graham and Jackie Hamblin with team member Mel Walker adding a touch of class to the proceedings.

Sports news for August/September edition to me by July 15th 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.

BITS AND BOBS

THE SEEND FUND

Remember the Seend Fund is your local fund. Anyone living in or closely associated with Seend can apply by e-mailing the secretary (anitashea@hotmail.co.uk) or writing to her at 34 Seend Cleeve, Melksham SN12 6PY. If you find yourself in financial difficulties the fund might be able to help with anything from school uniforms to heating bills. Don't hesitate to send details, saying how much you need, what it is for and when you need it by.

Stand up and be counted!

Put yourself and the support you lend to your local community on the new Wiltshire Roadmap for Dementia.

Are you a volunteer driver? Do you pop into your neighbour's just to see if they're ok? Do you walk a friend's dog? Do you run a small business such a mobile hair-dresser that goes the extra mile to support customers with special needs? If you are one of those unsung heroes of our communities, please step forward and let us know. The roadmap aims to recognise all the very local support that is outside the officially provided services. The roadmap is being created by a team from local charities Alzheimer's Support, Alzheimer's Society, AgeUk Wiltshire, Healthwatch Wiltshire and Wiltshire Council. It's free to be included. To get on the map please email roadmap@alzheimerswiltshire.org.uk or call 01225 776481.

An evening of song at Market Lavington Community Hall

7.30pm on Saturday July 9th with Lavington Community Choir

Tickets £7 available from Devizes Books & Market Lavington Post Office.

Profits for CANCER RESEARCH UK. Refreshments available

Events at Five Lanes Farm, Potterne, Devizes SN10 5PT

Enquiries: Teresa Chandler 07970953557.

Five Lanes Fest:

Friday 22nd July 2pm to 11.30pm - Some of the best ever Tribute Bands!

Potterne CC BEER FESTIVAL - SUNDAY 24th JULY 2016 12 Noon til 9.30pm

The ROYAL BRITISH LEGION Potterne Branch's **AFTERNOON GARDEN PARTY** commemorating the Centenary of the Battle of the Somme. **SUNDAY 10th July 2pm onwards. Free car park & entry. No dogs please!**

West Lavington Church Fete - Free Entry & Parking!
Saturday 16th July From 2pm at the Village Hall and Field including Fun
Family Dog Show! Entries £2, from 2pm. Classes: Golden Oldie (over 7 years);
 Prettiest Bitch; Most Handsome Dog; Best Puppy (under 1 year); Waggiest Tail;
 Most Obedient and Best Tricks; Best 6 Legs; Prettiest eyes: Best In Show!
Grand Prize Draw! Lots of Stalls, Displays, Games and Activities!



FLYING FREE

*A concert by the Philomel Singers with the Wiltshire Sinfonia Orchestra
 playing Concertos by Bach at St Michael's Church, Melksham*

Saturday, 2nd July 2016 at 7.30pm

ADMISSION FREE - Retiring collection in aid of Wiltshire Air Ambulance

Edington Music Festival

This year takes place in Edington Priory Church from Sunday 21st through to Sunday 28th August. Its theme is "The Seven Ages of Man", as described by William Shakespeare in "As You Like It", a link to the Bard's 400th Anniversary.

Three choirs of top Cathedral and Collegiate choristers, will sing a wide range of sacred music four times daily. The Wednesday Choral Evensong will be broadcast live by BBC Radio 3 as usual, and the Festival Musical Supper is on Wednesday 24th. Leaflets which contain all necessary information are available in the church and Bratton Stores. Ring Christine Allanson-Bailey on 831256 for supper info.

***Saturday 9th July 2016 at 4pm - In Ecclesia
 are coming to sing EVENSONG at Edington Priory Church.
 Tea and cakes available after the service. ALL WELCOME.***

Runner Up Spot for Wiltshire Sight at National Awards

Wiltshire Sight were runners up for the Innovation Award at this year's Vision Pioneer Awards on the 12th June at London's Grange Tower Bridge Hotel. The nomination was for Looking Out For Sight, a new project delivered by Wiltshire Sight and funded by Thomas Pocklington Trust. This service will bring essential sight loss awareness training to care home staff across the South West. The award ceremony was attended by the charity's Chairman (Mike Weston), CEO (Leanne Hubbard) and Operations Manager (Maggie Hemmings). If you would like to know more about Looking Out For Sight or Wiltshire Sight you can call 01380 723682 or visit wiltshiresight.org



And finally:

Another of those unfortunate church notices typos:

'Pot-luck supper Sunday at 5pm - prayer and medication to follow.'

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

Fawlty 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

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	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		