

SPOTLIGHT

Seend & Bulkington



May 2015

DIARY DATES FOR LATE APRIL

- 25th Buffalo Gals, (Rural Arts Touring) Community Centre, 7.30pm
- 28th Seend Parish Council, upstairs in Community Centre, 7.30pm
- 29th Monthly fun quiz, Brewery Inn, 8pm

DIARY DATES FOR MAY

- 2nd Beer Festival, Community Centre, 12 noon – 11pm – SOLD OUT!
- 5th Start of summer 3-a-side skittles competition, Community Centre, 8pm
- 6th Seend Shuttle Shopping Trip – call 01225 706526 by Monday 4th to book
- 6th Bulkington Lunch, Well Inn, 12.15pm
- 6th Seend Acoustic Club, upstairs in Seend Community Centre – Phil King, 8pm
- 6th Buzzzz Group, 4 Northfields, Bulkington, 7.30pm
- 9th Deadline for receipt of new advertising in Spotlight
- 9th Gardening Club visit to Westonbirt
- 9th 'Happy Days are Here Again!' VE Day anniversary, Community Centre, 7.30pm
- 10th-16th Christian Aid Week – envelope enclosed
- 12th Annual Parish Meeting, Pavilion, 7.30pm
- 12th Service Licensing Rev Maureen Allchin, Holy Cross Church, 7.30pm
- 13th Historic Houses Club visit to Stonehenge
- 16th LAST DAY FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO JUNE SPOTLIGHT
- 16th WI Coffee Morning for Beekeeping project in Ghana, Pavilion, 10am-Noon
- 16th Wine Circle, Community Centre, 8pm
- 16th Young Musician of Wiltshire Final, Devizes Town Hall, 7pm
- 16th-17th Keevil Scarecrow Trail, 10am-4pm
- 17th Seend Ramblers walk in Castle Combe area – call 01249 652422 for details
- 17th Quarterly Seend Church bell ring in memory of WWI fallen, 6.30pm
- 18th Mobile Library: 9.35 am Seend The Lye; 10 am Seend Cleeve phone box; 10.55 am Well Inn Car Park, Bulkington
- 20th Link Scheme AGM, Pavilion, 8pm
- 20th Seend Acoustic Club, upstairs in Seend Community Centre – Ash Mandrake, 8pm
- 21st WI Craft Afternoon, Pavilion, 2-4pm
- 26th Seend Parish Council, upstairs in Seend Community Centre, 7.30pm
- 27th Nosh & Natter Lunch Club, Community Centre, 12 for 12.30pm
- 27th Monthly Fun Quiz at the Brewery Inn, 8pm

DIARY DATES FOR JUNE

- 1st Mobile Library: 9.35 am Seend The Lye; 10 am Seend Cleeve phone box; 10.55 am Well Inn Car Park, Bulkington
- 11th Lye Field AGM, Pavilion, 7.30pm
- 13th Seend Open Gardens, 1-6pm
- 13th Summer BBQ, Community Centre, 6pm
- 14th Seend Open Gardens, 1-6pm
- 24th Parish Plan presentation, Pavilion, 7-9pm
- 27th Parish Plan presentation, Pavilion, 3-6pm
- 28th Armed Forces Day – Drumhead Service, Lye Field, 3pm
- 28th Garden Party, Millcroft, Mill Lane, Bulkington.

Newcomer to Seend?

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

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

Welcome to May Spotlight



If it's early May Bank Holiday, then it must be Beer Festival time. However, we've just heard that it's sold out already, so we hope you took note of the warnings and booked early! Other events this month include the licensing of the Revd. Maureen Allchin as Priest in Charge, the Annual Parish Meeting, a party to celebrate the 70th anniversary of VE Day, the annual 3-a-side skittles competition that will fill your Tuesday evenings until the end of June, an evening devoted to Italian wines and some excellent guest musicians at Acoustic Club, plus assorted lunches, teas and club meetings.

Inside Spotlight this month, you will find an envelope for Christian Aid. In 'Happenings!', also enclosed, you'll find the tale of the founding of Seend Working Men's Club (precursor of the Social Club and Community Centre) researched by Richard Whitehead. The full record is viewable at the Community Centre on request.

ADVERTISING IN SPOTLIGHT

It's time for the annual intake of new ads to be published in the ten editions of Spotlight between July 2015 and June 2016.

Rates are: £80 per half page and £45 per quarter page. We try to give preference to businesses that are local to Seend and Bulkington. Adverts and cheques (payable to Seend PCC) must be received by Chris Brooker **by 9th May**. Because of giving precedence to local businesses, and the fact that we are often oversubscribed, we cannot guarantee you a space. We will, of course, return your cheque as soon as possible if you are unsuccessful.

Please email your advert to cp.brooker@btinternet.com or deliver it on a CD to Spotlight Advertising, c/o Chris Brooker, 2 Somerset Close, Seend, SN12 6QH. If you need to talk to him, call 01380 828047.

Spotlight Contacts: Contributions for the June issue (copy deadline 16th May) can be mailed to spotlight@seend.org.uk or delivered to Seend Post Office. Editors: Tessa Doe (01380 828617) and Sue Isaac (828461). Joanna Goddard (828488) organises volunteers on printing Mondays (do contact her if you can help). Juli Wilfort types up the items left at Seend PO. Fiona Johnson is the contact for delivery (828401) and Chris Brooker (828047) for advertising.

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

When sending emails to spotlight@seend.org.uk please include the word **SPOTLIGHT** in uppercase as the first word of the Subject. This will help the editorial team sifting through all the messages stopped by the SPAM filter, which sometimes include genuine messages for SPOTLIGHT.

PDFs: We cannot normally use PDF files of posters etc as they require a specific shape and space. Word documents give us the flexibility to adapt your wording and pictures to fit the space available. Thanks.

Village events in May and beyond

(see pages 9-11 for Bulkington events)

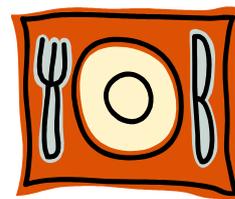
Nosh and Natter Lunch Club

in Seend Community Centre

Only £5 for two courses!

Wednesday 27th May, 12 for 12.30pm

All welcome, but please call 01380 828638 to book your place in advance.



Seend Wine Circle - Italy

8.00 pm on Saturday 16th May 2015

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

For May, we're going back to where our trip around the world's vineyards began – Italy. Email seendwinecircle@gmail.com if you require more information or would like to confirm you're coming. Tickets are £12 each including cheese and bread. Contact details for Simon and Steve are inside the back cover.



Seend Acoustic Club

Seend Community Centre - 7.45 for 8pm

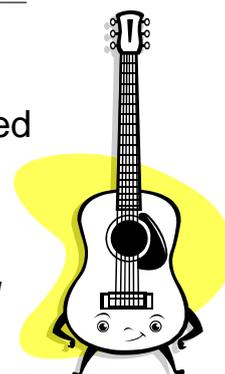
in the upstairs Village Room. All welcome! £4 unless otherwise stated

Special guests:

6th May – Phil King

20th May – Ash Mandrake

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



MONTHLY FUN QUIZ at THE BREWERY INN

WEDNESDAY 27TH May at 8PM

Seend Beer Festival

Saturday 2nd May 2015

12 noon till 11pm at Seend Community Centre



SOLD OUT!

We tried to warn you!



The ANNUAL Three-a-Side SKITTLES Competition

starts on Tuesday 5th May at 8pm in Seend Community Centre
Teams can be all male, all female or mixed. Entry £9 per team.

All welcome. Lots of prizes!

The competition continues on selected Tuesdays until 30th June.

Entry forms available at the Centre or see: seendsummerskittles.weebly.com

Victory in Europe! Happy Days are Here Again



70th Anniversary - Dancing – Food - Exhibition of memories

Time: Saturday 9th May from 7.30 – 11.00pm

Place: Seend Community Centre Dress: Demob

Music: Moscow Drug Club

Tickets £10 from the Shop, the Centre, or call 828380

(Your VE Day photos or stories to Marion on 828612 please!)

SEEND OPEN GARDENS

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

Programme £6.00 to all participating gardens (Children Free)

Summer Flower Festival in Church - Plant Sale

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

FREE PARKING

Restricted wheelchair access to some gardens

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

for further information if required

Would you like to open your garden?

**Please do contact Tina Yockney for further details
827139 or tinayockney@btinternet.com**



Community Centre BBQ dates:

13th June at 6pm (not 5pm as previously stated) & 17th July at 5.30pm

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

A visit to the Houses of Parliament has been arranged and an expert Blue Badge guide will accompany us throughout the 90 minute tour through The House of Lords and House of Commons commencing at 11:20am. Highlights include :- Westminster Hall (with 2015 banners exhibition); Norman Porch; Queen's Robing Room; Royal Gallery; Lord's Chamber and many other interesting areas

Entry is £19pp, plus travel expenses which are yet to be confirmed. The coach leaves Dial Close at 0745am and will depart approx. 1630-1700hrs. Following the tour the remainder of the day will be free for you to enjoy as you please.

The day is open to all villagers and friends. These day trips have proved to be immensely popular and early booking is advised. For further information contact Tina Yockney on 01380 827139 or tinayockney@btinternet.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on **TUESDAY, 12th MAY** at 7.30 p.m. in the Irene Usher Pavilion, Rusty Lane. All are welcome to attend. Representatives of village organisations are cordially invited to report on the previous year, and any forthcoming activities.

Rosemary Fisher, Clerk, Seend Parish Council



Christian Aid Week - 10th – 16th May

Christian Aid works to bring an end to poverty in 40 countries, helping people in Africa, Asia and the Middle East as well as Latin America and the Caribbean. They work with 726 local partner organizations, some are Christian, some Muslim, Jewish or Hindu – some are of no religious persuasion at all. Christian Aid's primary concern is that partners are good at what they do. The work is inspired by Christian values of faith, charity, hope and truth. "Put simply 'aid' is what Christian Aid does, 'Christian' is why they do it."

Christian Aid spends approximately half of the money collected on long term development projects and a quarter on emergencies. The remainder is divided between campaigning and fundraising with 1% spent on making sure the organization runs properly. No money is given to governments.

A Christian Aid envelope is inside this Spotlight. Collectors will call during the week of 10th-16th May. It helps them considerably and is more convenient to you if the donation is ready when they call. I appreciate it is a nuisance but if you pay income tax please complete the Gift Aid slip too. It increases your donation by 25% at no extra cost to you. Please give generously, because the need is great. If you miss your collector, please hand it in to Whites Farm, Cleve, Seend.

Thank you, Dick Church

A PARISH PLAN for YOUR VILLAGE

The Steering Group have continued with preparations for the presentation we are arranging for you. We hope you have already noted the dates that the presentations will be on show in the Pavilion.

WEDNESDAY 24TH. JUNE (7.00 – 9.00pm.)
and SATURDAY 27TH. JUNE (3.00 – 6.00pm.)

This is your chance to be involved with minimal effort! It is an opportunity to think about ways in which we may, or may not wish our village to develop. What have we got? What are we lacking? Change is an inevitable part of any community and we need to try and make sure the changes that happen are ones we want, and are not imposed on us. The displays will help you think about these questions and there will be a variety of ways you can share your opinions. One such is the website we have set up, which gives you details on various facts and figures about our village. It is 'work in progress' and is being added to as we gather information. There is an email icon, which gives you access to a page for messages that can be read by all users.

HAVE A LOOK. GO TO: www.seendparishplan.org

For those who do not use computers there will be other ways to record your views available at the presentations.



SAVE THE DATE: Saturday 8th August from 1pm!

The fete committee have been working hard to produce a really great day this year and we've got some interesting new things happening (see below). However with reduced volunteer help and increased demands on the committee's time, we're having to ring some changes in order to make the fete easier to organise. So instead of producing programmes this year we'll be having boards up on fete day displaying what's on, the arena timetable, and thanking our sponsors.

You've already heard about the giant lobster in the main arena act, but we also have a new puppet show & walkabout act coming along and there will be a merry-go-round for the little children. The Wiltshire School of Gymnastics will be giving us a spectacular performance and Melksham Ukelele Social Club will be performing in the covered area by the beer tent. We even have a walkabout organ grinder coming along! Also new this year will be a fabulous veggie food stall featuring falafels, olives, mezze and roast potatoes. With that and our BBQ, ice creams, fudge, sweets and Wiltshire Cream Teas make sure you arrive at the fete hungry!

Keep up to date with what's happening by following us on twitter @seendfete and on our facebook community page 'Seend Fete'. Plus if you fancy lending an hour or so of your time manning a stall then please call June on 07590 818750.

Jo McManus on behalf of Seend Fete Committee

LYE RECREATIONAL FIELD COMMITTEE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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

Philip Proven Chairman

CHURCH AND CHAPEL NEWS

CHURCH SERVICES IN MAY

Sunday 3rd May

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

Sunday 10th May

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

Thursday 14th May (Ascension Day)

7.30 pm	Cluster service	at St Nicholas' Church Bromham
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Sunday 17th May

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

Sunday 24th May

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

Sunday 31st May

10.00 am	Benefice Communion	at Seend
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Rev. Renée Coulson's Retirement

Renée's last service here in our Benefice was on Easter Sunday and to her delight Seend church was packed, with standing room only. It was a wonderful service to celebrate not only Easter but Renée's ministry here in our three parishes.

After the service there was a lunch party in the Community Centre for 150 people. During this event Renée was presented with gifts from Bulkington and Seend parishes. She was given one of Peter Hick's bronze sculptures entitled 'Man of Seend' which she was delighted with. She was also presented with a bouquet of flowers, John Lewis vouchers and a cheque. Renée was overwhelmed by the size of the gifts she was given and has said she will enjoy choosing some new things for her home with the money, starting with a carriage clock. The churchwardens of the parishes would like to thank everyone who contributed so generously to the collection and attended the Easter Day service in order to say their farewells to a much loved Vicar who will be greatly missed.



Seend Bell Ringers WW1 Remembrance

This quarter Seend Bell Ringers will ring on **Sunday 17th MAY at 6.30pm** in remembrance of:

MOORE, Frederick Lionel

Lance Corporal, 2nd Battalion, Wiltshire Regiment, Age 17

ESCOTT, Frederick Arthur

Private, Royal Marine Light Infantry (HMS Goliath), Age 28

HAINES, Mark

Private, 2nd Battalion, Wiltshire Regiment, Age 21

HALE, William George

Private, 'X' Coy. 2nd Bn., King's Shropshire Light Infantry Age 28

SWANBOROUGH, Francis Edward

Private, 1st Battalion, Wiltshire Regiment, Age 25

Maureen's (slightly more than) Ramblings.....

On May 12th 2015 at 7.30pm it will be my privilege to be licensed as priest in charge of the Benefice of Seend, Bulkington and Poulshot. I will be a Transitional Minister, working with you and alongside you for 3 days a week (Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays), for 18 months. The licensing service will take place at Holy Cross, Seend, led by Bishop Edward Condry and I do hope that you will come to this important service.

I have lived in Bulkington for 10 years and am a familiar face around the area, having supported both the Revds. Sacha Pearce and Renée Coulson as Assistant Priest in the Benefice. So what else might you want to know about me.....??

I was born in 1950 and brought up in Ealing, West London, living on a council housing estate with my parents and two older brothers. My secondary education was at a school which seemed to specialise in producing teachers and nurses. I eventually joined the ranks of the former, and taught in inner-city schools (11-19) in Liverpool, London and later in West Sussex, where I became the Pastoral Deputy of a school with 2,300 students. Having had an atheistic background (my father was a member of the British Humanist Association), God surprised me with his love and I became a Christian in my 20's, joining a Baptist church. I spent 5 years on a Christian community at Whatcombe House in Dorset, running a Conference and Counselling centre which particularly focused on the healing ministry of the church. I grew to love the Anglican liturgy and

centrality of the Eucharist and was confirmed into the Anglican Church. I was ordained priest in 1994 – and celebrated my 20th anniversary with you last year. I left teaching after 23 years and became a Curate in Storrington, West Sussex and then a parish priest for 10 years in the Bridport area of Dorset before moving to Bulkington in 2005. I am physically disabled with limited mobility and therefore do not work full time now, but over the past few years I have been the Rector of the Canalside Benefice (around Hilperton) and Trinity Church, Trowbridge. I am a member of the Bishop's Council and other related Diocesan committees.

I am an obsessive traveller, and for many years led pilgrimages to Israel/Palestine, the Middle East and South Africa, etc. Over the past 3 years I have been a voluntary chaplain with P&O cruises – a wonderful way to see the world - and have just returned from a month in Australia, driving 5000kms (with my friend Anne Saywell) from Sydney to Adelaide via Tasmania! I swim almost every day and am passionate about genealogy with now over 19,000 names on my family tree! I continue to be a learner in watercolour painting and will be holding an exhibition at my home on September 12th entitled “Around the World in Eighty Paintings!” You can contact me at 4 Northfields, SN10 1SE, on 01380 828931 or at maureen@mallchin.co.uk. I look forward to invitations to coffee and a chat!

The Revd. Maureen Allchin

**A Service for the Licensing of the Revd. Maureen Allchin, M.A
as Priest in Charge of the Benefice of Seend, Bulkington and Poulshot
at 7.30 on Tuesday, May 12th, 2015 at Holy Cross, Seend. All are welcome.**

THE LIFE of CHRIST - FRIDAY 26th JUNE 2015

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

The greatest story of all time, movingly recreated by a cast of over 200 – authentic detail, outstanding quality sound and music – the Life of Christ is an experience not to be missed. It is both educational and entertaining, amusing and serious.

Enjoy the beauty of the Wintershall Estate while you experience the biblical presentation of the life of Jesus. Running from 10am to 4pm, this is a promenade performance in three acts with a brief interval, takes you back in time to Palestine of Jesus' day. Experience the emotions and events of the Biblical characters and the lasting story. Everyone should be familiar with it of whatever religion. This is a wonderful open air play and if you would like to join us on the day you would be most welcome. Tickets for this event are £17:50 pp plus travelling expenses. **Names to be submitted no later than Tuesday 17th June please**

If we have sufficient number of people wishing to go I will book a shuttle bus otherwise travel will be independent and car sharing is advised. We would need to depart from here at 0730am . It is also good to take a picnic + chairs and /or rugs to sit on . Generally it will be a really good day for all and a very special experience.

For further information please contact Tina Yockney 01380 827139 or tinayockney@btinternet.com

POLITE NOTICE – Churchyards – a reminder

There are very strict rules concerning church burial grounds and an extract of the Churchyard Regulations, giving more detail, is either on display in the porch of this church or available from our Benefice Administrator. In particular artificial flowers, containers (of all kinds), statuettes, toys and shrubs are not permitted.

We asked in April's Spotlight that such items be removed by families by Easter, or would have to be removed. Items of a more lasting nature are available for collection until the end of June, after which they will be disposed of.

We do not wish to appear insensitive, or to cause additional distress for families and of course we recognise there will be very real pastoral issues in individual cases. Please contact a Churchwarden (details on church noticeboards), so that arrangements can be made for collection of memorabilia and - if you wish - to discuss your needs and find a way in which we can meet them that will be personal and meaningful to you and other members of your family.

Thank you for your understanding.

SEEND METHODIST CHURCH : Services for May 2015

10 th May	10a.m.	Revd Di Whittall with Holy Communion
24 th May	10a.m.	Hopefully, there will be a Service, but it is still to be arranged. Please see the Chapel Notice Board for information or phone me on 828502.

Everyone always welcome.
Anne Salter

BULKINGTON NEWS

BULKINGTON 100+ CLUB

The last draw of the 2014-5 year will take-place on 5th May. We will then be harassing you to join or continue membership for the 2015-6 year.

A reminder of what the 100+ Club is all about – it is Bulkington's own lottery, with a prize draw every two months or so, five in all, with two objectives:

- A bit of fun for the village:
- To raise funds to keep the church and its surroundings in good fettle.

You don't need to use all the village's assets to recognise the importance of each to the village. The Well, the playing field, the village hall and the various village clubs all contribute to our community spirit. Likewise the church, and the 100+ Club's 50 members help raise valuable funds to ensure that we keep this asset.

Good luck to members for the next draw.

David Whiteley, Bulkington 100+ Club



BUZZZZ Group

**will meet on Wednesday 6th May 2015 at 7.30pm
at 4 Northfields, Bulkington, led by Maureen Allchin**

This group, for all in Seend, Bulkington and Poulshot, meets to discuss various issues of Christian thought. We will be exploring an Old Testament theme and its meaning for us. Everyone is welcome to this informal and pleasant evening.

THE BULKINGTON TEA, CHAT AND CRAFT SOCIAL GROUP

will meet on the Monday, 11th May at Millcroft, Mill Lane (46A Bulkington) from 2-4pm
Bring your own craft item or leave it at home and just come and chat!
(Contact Anne Saywell on 828931 for further details).

**The Mobile Library will visit The Well, Bulkington from 10:55-11:25am on
Monday, 18th May.**

(4th May 2015 is a bank holiday and no visit will take place).

Please support this important facility.


**KEEP
CALM
AND
PUB
LUNCH**

*The church hosted **Bulkington Lunch***

takes place on Wednesday, 6th May at 12.15 at The Well.

*It is a great village plus friends occasion with a good value two course meal
for £12.00 a head. Contact Jane Coles in advance for the menu (828145).*

New people are always welcome to join us.

Sunday 17th MAY, 2015 at 18.00

at ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, WEST LAVINGTON

DEANERY EVENING SUMMER SERVICE.

A great opportunity to worship with our wider church family

Ascension Day Cluster Eucharist for all the Benefice

On Thursday 14th May at 7.30pm at St Nicholas Church, Bromham.

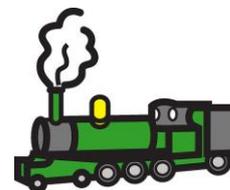
Contact Anne Saywell (828931) for lift info.

Bulkington Ladies Group

Bulkington Ladies Group meets on the last Thursday of the month. We usually meet in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm. Our next meeting is on Thurs 30th April at 7.30 pm when we are having a Chocolate Quiz with a chocolate prize! There will be the usual bring & share light refreshments and a small raffle.

At our last meeting we had a brain storming session to get ideas for future meetings. We came up with a visit to the Bowood Rhododendrons, a canal trip or a theatre outing, a summer BBQ, a speaker from the Air Ambulance or Animal Ambulance, and entertainment by the Serendipity Handbell Ringers. If we go with some of the outings, times and days may need to change, so look out for notices or ring either Angela on 828925 or Liz on 828485.

Easter Monday Great Bulkington Railway - Report



Easter Monday dawned dry and rapidly got warmer – the first locomotive (a Class 8 diesel) complete with goods wagons was on site and running by about 11 o'clock. By 1300 hours the first customers were arriving and starting to have rides pulled by the Class 20 diesel - by about an hour later we had line of people waiting their turn for a ride. Soon after that a second train hauled by the Class 45 diesel locomotive was put into service and working very hard until about 1640 hours (when we closed down). We gave rides to over 200 very well behaved children and adults. Meanwhile in the village hall our team of three hard working ladies led by Jane Coles were busily selling teas and sticky buns to our good natured visitors who sat in the garden watching the trains going around. I understand that the cakes (all non-fattening of course!) were kindly donated by ladies from the village and that the proceeds of £120 will go to Christ Church Bulkington funds. The event was supported by the West Wilts Society of Model Engineers and we are very grateful to everybody who came along to support us. Next GBR event-August Bank Holiday Monday 31st August.

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

Nev Boulton Station Master GBR.

BULKINGTON VILLAGE HALL

Easter for us here at the Hall means **Trains!** This year was perfect: the sunny weather drew record crowds to ride **The Great Bulkington Railway** and enjoy a spring afternoon tea in Nev. Boulton's beautiful garden. Thank you to all who made it a **Grand Day Out!** We have had another event close to our hearts for which Nev. worked long and hard. The work on repairs to the Hall is nearly complete, but has left a hole in our resources (as well as the floor, some might say). Taking care of our old building, we have to look to the future as well, keeping a step ahead of possible problems resulting from its age. Having been built without foundations, the walls suffer from an excess of damp, for which there are several controls available. They are all very costly, so we have been applying for funds from the Area Board, via Councillors Jon Hubbard and Jonathon Seed. We were delighted when they helped us to **success:** we now can afford to give our Old Lady the loving care she needs to continue to serve us, namely damp-proofing! In the meantime, we continue to welcome our regular users and any new ones needing space for their **Grand Day Out!** Enquiries to Roger Futter 828485 or Nev. Boulton 828101, please.

Angela Read, Chairman.

Dates for your diary: Sunday 28th June at Millcroft, Mill Lane, Bulkington, a 1940s themed **Garden Party** with entertainment (not sure what yet) and Saturday 25th July at Leaze Farm, Mill Lane, Bulkington, a traditional **Village Fete** - many attractions etc. More details next month.

SEEND CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

IN MEMORIAM

This month we remember:

Frederick Arthur Escott	Royal Marines Light Infantry	13 th May 1915
Mark Haines	1 st Bn Wiltshire Regiment	16 th May 1915
William George Hale	2 nd Bn Kings Shropshire Light Infantry	25 th May 1915

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

County Parade and Service of Dedication

This will take place in Melksham at St Michael and All Angels Church on Sunday 7th June 2015. The Parade will form up at 1415 hrs and the Service will commence at 1500 hrs. The Shrewton Silver Band will play for the Parade and the Service. Further details of the Parade will be published in June's Spotlight. All Members are encouraged to attend.

Call My Bluff

On Saturday 21st March 2015 a hilarious reconstruction of the old TV game was witnessed by nearly 90 people. A host of impossible words was produced by the Compère, Robin Heatley, followed by very plausible interpretations by the two teams. A delicious light supper was enjoyed by all and a total profit of £792.58 has been passed to Branch funds. Many thanks to all those who contributed to the evening.

Dates to Note

VE Day Activities

8th May - Day of Remembrance National 2 minutes silence at 3.00pm.

Beacons lit across the Country at 9.30pm.

9th May – Day of Celebration Cathedrals invited to ring bells at 11.00am (Salisbury does not have any). Concert held on Horseguards Parade to be broadcast on BBC1.

10th May – Day of Thanksgiving Service of Thanksgiving in Westminster Abbey followed by a Parade along Whitehall. Reception for Veterans in St James' Park.

28th June - Armed Forces Day Drumhead Service on the Lye Field at 3.00 pm followed by light refreshments in the Pavilion.

3rd October – DS Big Band DS Big Band Night – dinner to be included.

Roger Brind/Robin Heatley



AT THE HEART OF
OUR COMMUNITY

SEEND COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

See our quarterly newsletter 'Happenings!' enclosed in this magazine, as well as the events pages at the beginning of Spotlight.

SEEND SHUTTLE COMMUNITY BUS

First Wednesday Shopping Trip to Salisbury on 6th May

Please contact Rex or Janet Gudge on 01225 706526 by Monday 4th May to book your place.



SEEND & DISTRICT RAMBLERS



A most successful **skittles evening** took place at Seend Community Centre on Saturday 18th April, with 29 members plus two family guests enjoying a friendly 'roll-up' and a buffet supper. Top scoring gent was Brian De'Ath and Tessa Doe was top scoring lady.

Sunday 19th April. 19 ramblers met at Overton Hill (The Ridgeway and The Sanctuary) just off the A4, between Beckhampton and Marlborough, to commence a walk of 5¼ miles following the historic Ridgeway Trail, dropping down into Avebury. We followed the blue White Horse Trail sign on tracks passing Silbury Hill. Crossing the very busy A4, well-worn paths were followed into East Kennet. A steep climb towards the end brought us full circle back to our cars. A very enjoyable walk on a bright, but chilly, day. Thanks to Gerald for organising this route.

The next walk is on Sunday 17th May. Wendy Miller and Reg Cox will be organising this walk, probably in the Castle Combe area and for a distance of 5½ miles. Assembly details will be clearer nearer the time. Members will receive a phone call – or you can contact Wendy and Reg on 01249 652422. Bring light refreshments.

Lin Salter



SEEND WI

Our speaker in April was Deanne Desburgh of Cocobella who gave a fascinating demonstration and talk on the Art of Hand Crafted Chocolates. We all thoroughly enjoyed the evening, especially when it came to tasting the chocolates!

Next month's meeting is on Wednesday 13th May when our speaker will be a representative from the Bobby Van Trust who will be talking to us about security and feeling safe in our own home. Visitors are always welcome.

The WI is holding a **Coffee Morning** on Saturday 16th May in the Pavilion from 10.00am until 12.00 in aid of ACWW (Associated Country Women of the World) Beekeeping Skills Project in Hohoe, Ghana. The aim of the project is to train a group of women in beekeeping skills. Plants, cakes and produce will be on sale.



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

The next **Craft Afternoon** will be held on Thursday 21st May in the Pavilion from 2pm until 4pm. All are welcome.

SEEND AND DISTRICT LINK SCHEME - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Seend and District Link Scheme will be held in the Irene Usher Pavilion on Wednesday 20th May 2015 at 8pm. All are welcome. Anyone who would like to help to keep this scheme going, which is so vital to some villagers who can access no other form of transport, will be particularly welcome.



SEEND AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

The last of our season of meetings was the club's Annual General Meeting. Carole, our Chairman, gave an account of the club's activities over the past twelve months, a variety of most interesting and informative speakers, as well as trips to Bowood House and Cothay Manor, and looked forward to this year's visits, to Westonbirt Arboretum in May, and to Kent and East Sussex for three days in June. She also re-affirmed her intention to stand down from her position as Chairman at the end of this coming year, after five years. The Treasurer then gave his report on the club's financial position which, despite an overall loss in the region of £400, is still quite healthy. However, with the rising cost of visiting speakers and no other significant source of income, it was proposed that the annual subscription should be increased to £8, which amounts to £1 per monthly meeting and this was proposed, seconded and accepted by the membership. The Treasurer also re-affirmed his intention to stand down after one further year. The President then took the chair for the process of Election of Officers and this amounted to a re-election of the committee en bloc.

There being no further business the meeting was closed and we turned our attention to the speaker, Peter Holloway, who delivered an illustrated talk on Fuchsias - the illustration being mostly practical and in the form of little pots, compost and little plant cuttings - so good to see it done so simply and straightforwardly by an expert. There is, we learnt, a huge variety of Fuchsias, many of the species coming from as far away as New Zealand.

Before we adjourned to the food and drink end of the pavilion, your correspondent briefly entertained, if that's the right word, the members with two songs penned specially for our Gardening Club and its characters, though I've no doubt they'd apply to many other gardening clubs.

We meet again in **September, Tuesday 8th**, to be exact, same time - **7.30pm** - same place - **Irene Usher Pavilion, Rusty Lane**, and we'd be very happy to see you then - happy gardening.

Tim and Carole

WESSEX FUCHSIA GROUP

Tuesday 26th May, 7.45pm in the Pavilion – Speaker Sid Garcia from Slough.





SEEND SCHOOL NEWS

The new term has got off to a great start at Seend Primary School and we are pleased to announce that we are now officially part of the Academy Trust of Melksham (The ATOM) along with six other schools in

Melksham. This is the beginning of a new chapter for the school and we look forward to seeing how we all work together to improve life chances for the children.

The new topic in Holly Class is 'To infinity & beyond!' and the children are already excited to be learning about the planets and aliens!

Oak Class' topic is 'Living Things' and they'll be learning all about plants and humans. Over the course of this year, Oak Class have also been studying their own microhabitat in the school grounds and observing how it changes over the year.

Chestnut Class have started learning about WW2 and the Battle of Britain. The children are excited too about their trip to the Fleet Air Arm Museum later on in the term which will support their learning on this topic. Chestnut Class have already had a visit this term...from the police! PCSOs Helen and Chris came to Chestnut Class to talk to them about using the internet and staying safe online.

As they got so involved with their topic on rainforests and Brazil, Mrs Hunt decided to move Sycamore's 'What happened to the Mayans?' topic to this term. The children will be discovering where and when they lived, what daily life was like as well as hoping to discover what happened to this ancient civilization. After this, Sycamore Class will be focusing on the question: 'What would it be like to take a journey through your body?' In this topic we will be studying how our bodies work, learning about some of the systems that keep us alive, how to keep ourselves fit and healthy and how movement can be depicted in art. Sycamore Class will also be joining Chestnut Class on their trip to the Fleet Air Arm Museum where they will be learning to build ejector seats!

All the children had an introduction to street dancing this week as Jasmine from Go Active taught them some basic moves and a routine. Street Dancing Clubs for KS1&2 started this week and it looks like it's going to be popular. We're looking forward to the next disco to see some of these new moves!

The staff and children at Seend School were very pleased to welcome Judith and Jane to our assembly this week. Judith and Jane are part of the Open The Book team and have very kindly agreed to read the children stories in some of our whole school assemblies this term. We are looking forward to some of the other members of the team also joining us to extend the children's knowledge of the Bible. The children always enjoy listening to stories, but especially from such great storytellers!

Nicola Coleman, Deputy Headteacher

SEEND PLAYGROUP NEWS

Welcome to the new term. The sun is shining and we hope it will last. We are pleased to be able to play and learn outside. Our Sun Protection Policy has gone out to all parents, so please remember to bring a sun hat and apply the sun cream.

We hope you all had a good Easter. Our Easter Coffee Morning and Bonnet Parade was very well attended. Thank you to everyone who supported us. The children enjoyed their egg hunt in the Millennium Garden and all went home with a large Easter Egg. The weather was kind to us too, so we were able to play outside.

This term the children are learning about shapes and numbers. On Tuesday 12th May we are walking to Love Lane with a picnic of homemade wraps. We are hoping to visit Seend School, but are not sure of the date yet.

Sadly we are closed on Thursday 7th May, as it is Election Day and the Pavilion is required for the Polling Station. Why that should take precedence over the children's education I am not sure! We are trying to fit the children in on another day of the week.

Laura Awdry is our new webmaster and is updating the website with new photos, so do take a look at www.seendplaygroup.com

Don't forget we have polo shirts in various colours with our logo. We also sell legionnaire's style sunhats. The price list is on the board.

Best wishes for a happy term,

Liz 828485 (Playleader)

SEEND PARISH COUNCIL

N.B. These notes are from the draft minutes of Parish Council meetings, and may not yet have been ratified.

The meeting held on **Tuesday 31st March 2015** was attended by nine Councillors with Mr T James in the chair. Apologies received from Mr J Padfield.

Cllr Jon Hubbard – Chairman of Melksham Area Board

Cllr Hubbard thanked the Parish Council for the opportunity to attend the meeting. He said Parish Councils should not forget about the grants that the Area Board have available; they can give up to £1,000 for unmatched funding, plus up to £5,000 for matched funds. Cllr Hubbard went on to speak about the change of the community led youth model and how it will affect members of public. He thanked Seend for donating their old community bus, and said that it will be used it after Easter, running a service on evenings of youth club meetings, providing free transport to young people attending, although it will be dependant on volunteers. There are three youth clubs, in Atworth, Melksham and at Bowerhill in the new Pavilion. This will be co-ordinated so that meetings take place on different evenings. He mentioned the next Area Board meeting on 15th April in Semington, and advised that the Area Board alternates meetings between the town and local villages. Cllr Hubbard was asked how youngsters register their interest? Mr Schell said that the Youth Officer will send notices to parish magazines and it will be placed on Facebook. Cllr Hubbard mentioned LYN (Local Youth Network) that organises trips for young people, who don't need to pay, but take part in volunteering activities. Mr Murch said that he has names of young people in Seend who could be interested in these activities. Cllr Hubbard advised that on Saturday April 25th there will be a consultation meeting at

the Assembly Hall in Melksham, to ask young people what activities they are interested in.

Cllr Hubbard went on to say that for 2014/15 a number of new networking groups have been set up; the community has to deliver what happens for three groups. The area needs to be more attractive for employers. The CATG will look at feedback from the economy group about roads. The wellbeing group will be looking at health and how they can improve services. Cycling and transport will be considered by the sustainable transport group. He said that the Area Board has ability to influence these issues. Cllr Seed added that Melksham Area Board works well and positively involves villages. The Chairman thanked Cllr Hubbard and Rhys Schell for attending.

Police and Local Councillor's Matters

PC Thomas reported that in the last few weeks there have been no incidents in Seend. There has been a break-in at a stable in Great Hinton. On 26th March a quad bike was stolen from Poulshot, and there have been other break-ins in Worton and the surrounding area with tools being taken. She mentioned that Helen will be attending the fête.

Cllr Seed mentioned boundary decisions relating to potential housing sites. He said that Seend should decide if they want any smaller developments in the parish. On a personal note, he said there had been a cabinet re-shuffle and he has now taken on responsibility for council housing; there are 5,500 social houses in Salisbury and around the county. He said there may be areas in the village that people feel could be developed. There is a consultation map which had been circulated to Councillors, and it was important to recognise what are the local needs. Cllr Seed advised that the Parish Council could ask for a housing needs assessment. Mrs A'Bear asked about funding for production of a Parish Plan. Cllr Seed said that grants are only available for capital projects.

Items for discussion from members of the Parish

Mr Bruce Talmage raised the issue of HGV traffic passing through Seend. He had sent an email to the Parish Clerk but had not received a response. He was concerned that this traffic is eroding the character of the village. Cllr Seed said that the problem is that a main A road runs through the middle of the village; these problems had been discussed in depth at the January Parish Council meeting, when a member of the Wiltshire Highways Department had been present, to discuss traffic management in the High Street. This had resulted in a proposal for intelligent reactive signs at the pinch point at the western end of the High Street. He added that it is not possible to put a weight limit on the road, and it would cost local companies many thousands of pounds in increased costs to take an alternative route.

Mr Murch said that the A365 is a designated trunk road and is more suitable for heavy traffic. Cllr Seed said that Melksham Oak School is situated on the A365, and parents of children at the school would prefer that heavy traffic didn't use this road; there will always be a balance of people that prefer that traffic used a different route, but it is not possible to get an enforced change. Mr Manning said that the problem is

not specific to Seend it is a countrywide problem, and more effort was needed to educate drivers about speeding; he added that Dorset has undertaken a lot of work on the feasibility of road markings. Cllr Seed added that metro counts that had been undertaken did not indicate a significant problem, with an average speed of 34 mph being recorded.

Canal bridge at The Barge – Email received from Mel Read, Senior Engineer, Highways & Transportation. The latest information is they have instructed the term maintenance contractor (BBLP) to undertake works to preserve the integrity of the carriageway until major maintenance is undertaken later in the year. The works due to be undertaken require a short term road closure which is currently being processed, once this has been communicated correctly BBLP can programme the works accordingly. As and when the works are programmed, notification in the form of advance signage and letter drops in the locality will be undertaken to assist with the communication process

Neighbourhood Plan – Mrs A’Bear advised that they had a very productive meeting, and a website seendparishplan.org was being built. The presentation will take place in June. Mrs A’Bear will host the next committee meeting. They are looking for funding for material from Awards For All to help with the production of the Parish Plan. They are producing posters, flyers and a banner for the Lye Field. The costing for about 25 corex boards is under £100. It had been agreed that it was best to wait until after the consultation to decide whether to produce a Parish or Neighbourhood Plan. There was a vote of thanks to Mrs A’Bear and Steve Vaux for all the work they are undertaking.

Car parking Rusty Lane – It was agreed to obtain two quotes for possible improvements to the surface of Rusty Lane.

Wiltshire House – Email received from Steven Jenkins, the rear boundary wall is permitted development. The Clerk had spoken with Mike Milton, Agent (Milton Architects, Marlborough) with regard to the number of contractors’ vehicles at the property, and parking on the verge. He confirms there has been a concerted push to complete the work, and it should take only another 3-4 weeks. Any damage to verges would be repaired and paid for by the contractors.

K & A Canal – Email to Wilts Council about Council Tax, and to Canals & River Trust about which months are considered 5 winter months. Wiltshire Council confirms that residents on canal boats only pay Council Tax if they are resident on a marina; others pay for a licence from the Canals & River Trust. The C&RT confirm that the five winter months are November to March inclusive.

Seend Hill – A reduction in the speed limit issue has been submitted to the Area Board.

Bath BS – A business savings a/c application has been made.

Facilities for teenagers – It was agreed to go back to the Lye Field when the issues with Mr Macdonald had been resolved.

Parish boundary at Bowerhill - The email from Melksham Without PC had been circulated to all Councillors, and they discussed the proposals and MWPC's preferred option for joining back up to the existing boundary. Councillors were quite happy that a picnic area had been installed at the site, but were not in agreement with the change to the parish boundary. Mr Rigg proposed that Seend Parish Council opposes the proposed change because of the costs involved, seconded by Mr Murch. Eight in favour, one abstention. The Clerk to advise MWPC.

Planning Matters

15/02539/FUL 88 Seend Cleeve

Proposed rear single storey extension and hardstanding
Councillors voted unanimously in favour of this application.

15/02279/FUL 3 School Road

Double storey side extension
Councillors voted unanimously in favour of this application.

15/01993/LBC 8 Weavers Cottages

Replace first and second floor rear windows
Councillors voted unanimously in favour of this application.

15/02064/LBC Moiety Manor, Spout Lane

Structural repairs of the cross wing frame of the north elevation
Councillors voted unanimously in favour of this application.

15/02004/FUL Hilltop, 19 Seend Cleeve

Rebuild previously demolished detached garage, replace porch to front door, fence existing wall

Councillors voted in favour of this application, with the proviso that the current breeze block wall is faced with stone, in keeping with other walls in the area.

Accidents in Seend – Mr Manning said that he had received statistics from the Police with regard to accidents in the parish of Seend; however, these appeared to be inaccurate and contained pages of figures. There had been four accidents between Seend and the Smith's farm (Bell Hill) since January, and these were all unrecorded. The Clerk to write to the Police, via the Community Beat Manager.

Ash die back – It was noted that a number of ash trees in the village have been affected. The Clerk to write to the Tree Warden to ask if there are any plans to replace these trees.

Cleeve House, brick wall – it was noted that parts of the perimeter brick wall facing the A361 have fallen down and are unsightly. This wall is not listed.

Date of next meeting: The date of the next meetings are Tuesdays, 28th April and 26th May 2015, at Seend Community Centre at 7.30 p.m.

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www.seendparishcouncil.co.uk

Rosemary Fisher, Clerk

Wiltshire Council News from Jonathon Seed

By the time you read this, those of us who are heavily involved in political campaigning will either be celebrating or licking our wounds but either way we will be ready for a bit of a break from it all.

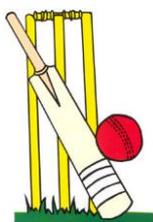
In the course of the General Election the law is that there should be no political announcements by either central or local government during the course of the campaign. Sometimes that means that things have to slow down a little in County Hall but generally it is business as usual which in itself is problematic as many Councillors from all parties are out campaigning and hundreds of staff are temporarily involved in election and voting preparations and counting.

One issue that has been progressing during the past weeks is the proposal to build a new link for the Canal between Semington and Melksham. This is estimated to cost £20million and will greatly enhance tourist and visitor use of the canal network, local villages and of course Melksham town centre. To enable this project a master plan has been drawn up by the canal link Trust and it is hoped that this plan will generate all the funding for the canal link itself.

The first draft of the Master Plan has been unveiled and it is very much in the pre-planning stage. Recently it was presented to the Semington Annual Parish Meeting where those residents present voiced real concerns with the layout. This was a useful exchange and it was critical that these concerns were raised whilst there is plenty of time and scope for altering the plans to accommodate the views of local residents. I very much support the principle of the canal link and will do all that I can to facilitate a reconciliation of the views of locals and the eventual plan.

Jonathon Seed 07770 774463

SEEND SPORTS RESULTS AND FIXTURES



Cricket : Captain John Wiltshire.

The new season will be under way by the time we go to print with the first fixture on 26th April away to Nomads at Wanborough.

Thereafter there will be regular contests each Sunday plus some cup and knockout competitions, so any keen players please contact the captain.

Tennis : chair Elaine Davies.

This season Seend will have four teams playing in the Chippenham and District Tennis League, two mixed plus one women's and one men's. Matches start in the week of 20th April with the men visiting Sherston, the women at home to Chippenham and the mixed teams going to Corsley and Freshford respectively. Anyone who is keen to play just contact Elaine.



Practice nights, which are for all club members, whatever their standard, will continue to be on Sunday mornings.

The Turf :

Good news on this front for Seend with the Seend filly Redstart, partly owned by Sir Mathew Thorpe, surprising the rest of the field with a confident win at Newbury on 18th April in the Fred Darling Stakes. Redstart, whose third dam was a Seend resident, now looks a likely runner in the 1000 guineas at Newmarket in early May.

The Newbury win was only her third time out, but, with two wins and one second, the three-year-old is looking good for her first group 1 trip. Much as I would like to call in at the bookies and declare that I am placing "a monkey on the nose" I think I'll stick to my modest stake, as at Newbury, of £1 each way ! Good luck Redstart !

Short Mat Bowls : club rep Colin Waldeck.

Holiday time seems to have come to Seend earlier than usual this year, the west end of the High Street having the air of an hairpin bend on a Greek mountain track with shrines, complete with flowers and lights, springing up, or so Colin told me as I drove him and some of the boys up to Gatwick following the controversial late night draw for tickets at the Mags for the five-day-midweek-pensioners-all-you-can-consume-break in Magaluf. Colin promised that on his return there would be a thorough enquiry, "in the fullness of time", as to how all the winners' tickets seemed, coincidentally, to have been won by "close family members", but the Mallorcan resort waits for no man, likewise the Easy Jet 4am shuttle.

If anyone has the consul's emergency number I feel that it would be a prudent precaution to text it to Colin without delay.

SMB Results page 94.

Running: Bishops Cannings 5000m Dash Saturday 11th July.

News etc for June Spotlight to the winners' enclosure by May 16th please.

Frankie Goddard 828488



'The Badgers'

Worton and Cheverell F.C.

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

Date for diaries: The Annual Club Fun & Presentation day is Saturday 13th June from noon onwards (Details of location to be advised).

For next season we are looking for a new manager (at U12 level). The team are looking for any interested parent or prospective footballer to volunteer. If interested please contact Ian Cook on 07825016411 or email iancook21@yahoo.com

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.)

For Sale: Computer Desk. A large blond wood desk about 5ft by 3ft 6in with a curved front is available to a good home for a donation to church funds. If interested please contact Anne Ewing on 828557.

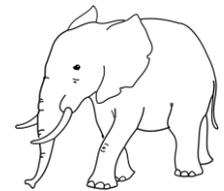
BITS AND BOBS

THE SEEND FUND:

Remember the Seend Fund is your local fund. Anyone living in or closely associated with Seend can apply by e-mailing the secretary (anitashea@hotmail.co.uk) or writing to her at 34 Seend Cleeve, Melksham SN12 6PY. If you find yourself in financial difficulties the fund might be able to help with anything from school uniforms to heating bills. Don't hesitate to send details, saying how much you need, what it is for and when you need it by. Even if the fund has helped you before, your request will be sympathetically and confidentially considered. Although the fund is intended to help individuals, if there are any organisations or groups who need support to include someone with special needs in an educational activity, or who know of members who are struggling financially, the Fund may be able to help.

Jo's Enormous Elephant Run

You may have seen me running around the alpaca field recently. It's ok, I haven't gone mad, I'm in training to run a 10k in June (which I'll be doing in an elephant suit) in aid of a fantastic wildlife charity that is working to protect elephants in Kenya. As you may know, in the last few years, elephant poaching has become a critical problem around the world. Fuelled by the Chinese ivory trade, if poaching isn't curbed soon then experts are predicting that elephants will become extinct in the wild within the next 10 years. If you'd like to support this cause then please sponsor me via justgiving.com/jomcmanus2. The elephants thank you.



Jo McManus

*(On the subject of sponsored challenges – congratulations to **Nick Keen**, who not only finished the gruelling *Marathon les Sables*, but was in the top third of finishers! You can still support his effort on www.justgiving.com/Nick-Keens-Les-Sables)*

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

The **West Lavington Church Fete** will be on **Saturday 11th July** from 2pm on the Village Playing Field. Attractions, include our **Fun Family Dog Show**, which last year's Judge declared to be "the best run in the area!". Also **Children's Games, Face Painting, Bouncy Castle, Classic Cars**, and the fantastic **Prize Draw!** Plus Bargain Bottles, Books, Bric a Brac, Produce, Cakes, Garden plants, homemade teas, ice creams, and a beer tent. Make a note of the date!

To book a stall, please contact Tony Morton on 812107 or Bob Giles on 813256.

Dawn Singleton wants to let her clients know that the **Aurora Beauty Salon** has now moved from Sells Green to be part of Aureate Beauty at: Suite 1, Elmsgate, Edington Road, Steeple Ashton, BA14 6HP. You are welcome to their Open Day on Saturday 9th May, from 10am-3pm. Come along, have a glass of something bubbly, meet the salon team, have a tour and possibly have a free manicure.

Edington arts CALLING ALL SINGERS!

Edington Arts is delighted that the international choral composer and 'hero of contemporary choral music' **Bob Chilcott** is coming to Edington Priory Church on **SATURDAY 20th JUNE** to take a day's workshop on his own St John Passion from 9.30am-5.30pm, followed by a full run-through public concert 6-7pm. Only £20, £18 Edington Angels, £10 students in full-time education or training. You can download an application form from www.edingtonarts.org, or phone Anne on 01380 831454. Concert tickets at £10 also bookable through the website, or ring 01380 871549 or 831256.



Melksham Villages

Co-ordinator Lise Griffiths: telephone 07541 353430 or email melkshamgnc@communityfirstorg.uk

Now that the longer days and lighter evenings are with us, maybe you would like to know more about social activities in your area, or you are thinking about taking up some exercise on a more regular basis? There are some great local walking groups, or gentle exercise classes in the Melksham area. Perhaps you need a bit of extra help with the garden? I can provide a list of trusted traders who may be able to help.

I can provide information for older people in our villages. I can visit you at home, or discuss your needs over the phone. Please contact me if you or someone you know would benefit from services offered by Wiltshire Good Neighbours.

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

takes place on Sunday 21st June 2015. Over the last nine years it has raised over £250,000 and will be trying to get to a total of £300,000 for Wiltshire charities.

Dog show, including fun classes for children; 'Have A Go' events; displays in the main ring; Dance Theatre (featuring guest appearance by Angelina Ballerina); dance displays; hip hop master classes; local food outlets; cookery demonstrations; stalls; falconry displays; craft tent; farm animals and other attractions.

See website: www.bowooddogshow.org or email bowooddogshow@aol.co.uk

The Rambler's give advice about walking with our dogs:

Keep to the Path: There's no law which says that a dog must be kept on a lead when using a public right of way, but local authorities can make orders under section 27 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 to make it a requirement on specific paths. Like its owner, a dog should remain on the line of the path – an act of trespass may be committed against the landowner if it wanders away from the official route.

Caution with grazing animals: Walkers with dogs should take particular care when crossing fields where animals are being grazed. Section 1 of the Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act 1953 makes it an offence for a dog to be 'not on a lead or otherwise under close control', in a field or enclosure containing sheep. Farmers are allowed to shoot dogs that are worrying, or are about to worry, farm animals. This is set out in

section 9 of the Animals Act 1971, which also states that the farmer isn't liable to compensate the dog's owner in such circumstances.

Stiles: The law doesn't require stiles to be 'dog friendly' as it's the dog's keeper who has the right of passage, not the dog.

Clear up after your dog: As a responsible dog owner, please clear up after your dog – leaving a stick in the middle of a field can damage farm machinery - dog mess is unpleasant for other walkers, contaminates livestock foodstuff, can cause infections in people and may cause farm animals to abort their young – which has a direct impact on farm incomes.



Keevil Scarecrow Trail - 16th-17th May 2015 - 10am-4pm

During the weekend of the 16th-17th May, Keevil will be hosting its annual Scarecrow Trail. This year's theme is 'Heroes and Villains' and there are great prizes to be won, each worth £100 (including most correct answers and best scarecrow). It is a great day out with 40 scarecrows on show, two of which will be made by local artists. A children's trail is available too. Opening the trail will be TV presenter Paul Martin.

Attractions include a tombola, stalls, children's entertainment and a generous raffle. To keep energy levels up there is a BBQ (all locally sourced products), bar/Pimms tent, cafe with home-made cakes, locally made ice-cream and candy floss.

All profits are ploughed back into Keevil C of E Primary School.

Sponsors – Sound Marketing Group, Ashton Properties and Howard Travel

Check out www.keevilscarescrowtrail.co.uk and like us on Facebook 

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And finally:

You'll love or you'll hate this:

Women and cats will do as they please, and men and dogs should relax and get used to the idea.

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

CHURCH: Transitional Minister: Revd Maureen Allchin 01380 828931. Benefice Administrator: Mrs Sue Taylor 01225 709360. Churchwardens: Holy Cross Seend: Mrs Anne Ewing, 01380 828557, Mr Steve Taylor 01225 709360; Christ Church Bulkington: Mrs Liz Futter 828485, Mrs Anne Saywell 828931; LPAs: Mrs Jane Goman 827121, Mrs Liz Futter 828485 & Mrs Tina Yockney 827139. Bell Ringers: L Murray 828513.

Irene Usher Memorial Hall (The Pavilion) Bookings - Richard Walker on 828250

Bulkington Village Hall - Nev Boulton 828101 or Roger Futter 828485

Bulkington Playing Field: Chairman Jamie Streeter - 828835 - jamiestreeter@hotmail.co.uk

Seend Community Centre/Club - 828796 (7.30-11pm only). Bookings: 07703 814111.

Website: www.seendcommunitycentre.com and find us on facebook

Seend Shuttle: Bookings and drivers: Alison Cobbing 07951030491 or 01380 850511

Seend Parish Council Clerk - Rosemary Fisher 828281 www.seendparishcouncil.co.uk

Seend's Wiltshire Councillor - Jonathon Seed 01380 850695 jonathon.seed@wiltshire.gov.uk

Seend Website: www.seend.org.uk - Neil Yockney 827139. **Seend School** - 828334

Bulkington Website: www.bulkington.org.uk

Rights of Way Warden – Paul Millard, 01225 712821

Connect 2 (transport to RUH; book at least one day ahead) - 08456 525255

Community Beat Manager for Seend PC Emily Thomas. Tel: 101, or e-mail

melkshamruralsouthnpt@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk. **Seend Fund (village charity):** 01380 828757

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

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

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

Acoustic Club - Malcolm Shipp 07702 967150 - www.seendacoustic.org

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

Bouncy Club - Paulette Pardoe 07944 300350

Brownies - Helen Hook 828477

Community Speedwatch - Brian Crisp 01380 828910

Cricket Club - John Wiltshire 07791 144248

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

Fete - Jo McManus 07866 516020 (www.seendfete.co.uk)

Flower Show – Brian Jaques 827137

FOSS (Friends of Seend School) Mel Steel 07739 899741

Gardening Club - Carole Vince 01380 871259

Historic Houses Club - Tony Ewin 828325

LINK Scheme - 075320 55560

Lye Field Committee – Philip Proven

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

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

Preschool - Liz Futter 828485

Poetry Group - Tessa Doe 828617

Ramblers - Gerald Salter 01225 706451

Royal British Legion - Roger Brind 828830

Seend Singers - Bob McCulloch 828508

Short Mat Bowls Club - Colin Waldeck 828946

Tennis Club - Ric Ellinger 828687

Theatre Club - Sylvia Ewin 828325; Marion Whitehead 828612

WEA - Pam Church - 828597

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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FRESH FRUIT & VEGETABLES
WINES BEERS & SPIRITS
GROCERIES
THE HEALTH LOTTERY
POSTCARDS & STATIONERY



	Village Store	Post
Mon	9.00 - 5.30	9.00 - 5.30
Tues	9.00 - 5.30	9.00 - 5.30
Wed	9.00 - 5.30	9.00 - 4.30*
Thurs	9.00 - 1.00	9.00 - 1.00
Fri	9.00 - 5.30	9.00 - 5.30
Sat	8.30 - 1.00	9.00 - 1.00
Sun	9.00 - 10.30	Closed
Bank Holidays	9.00 - 10.30	Closed

* note early closing