

SPOTLIGHT

Seend & Bulkington



Seend Cleere
Open Gardens
11th June 2016
2-6pm

June 2016

DIARY DATES FOR LATE MAY

- 25th Nosh & Natter Lunch Club, Community Centre 12 for 12.30pm
- 30th Great Bulkington Railway rides, 1-4.30pm
- 31st Wessex Fuchsia Group, Pavilion, 7.45pm
- 31st Seend Parish Council meeting, Community Centre, 7.30pm

DIARY DATES FOR JUNE

- 1st Seend Shuttle Shopping Trip. Call 01225 706526 by Monday 30th to book.
- 1st Village Lunch, The Well at Bulkington, 12 noon.
- 1st Ladies' Night & Swishing Party, Community Centre, 7.30pm
- 4th Wine Circle, Community Centre, 8pm
- 6th-12th Carers' Week
- 9th Parish Highways Workshop, Pavilion, 2-9pm
- 11th Seend Cleeve Open Gardens, 2-6pm
- 12th Queen's 90th Birthday Tea Party, Pavilion & Lye Field, 2-4pm
- 16th Seend WI Craft Afternoon, Pavilion, 2-4pm
- 16th Lye Field AGM, Pavilion, 7.30pm
- 18th LAST DAY FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO JULY SPOTLIGHT
- 19th Seend Ramblers – details tbc
- 24th Seend School Sports Day
- 25th Midsummer Disco & BBQ, Community Centre, 7.30pm
- 26th RBL Drumhead Service, Lye Field, 3pm
- 27th Mobile Library: 9.40am Seend The Lye; 10.05am Seend Cleeve phone box; 11.05am Well Inn Car Park, Bulkington
- 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
- 8th Fawlty Players' melodrama & supper, upstairs in Seend Community Centre, 7.30pm
- 9th Summer Saturday Breakfast, Community Centre
- 23rd Summer Saturday Breakfast, Community Centre

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 June Spotlight

June is about to bust out all over, and that must mean Open Gardens time. This year it's the turn of Seend Cleeve to strut its stuff, and there is a variety of beautiful gardens for you to enjoy on June 11th. The following day you can partake of a Royal Tea Party to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday in the Pavilion and on the Lye Field. There are also special church services to celebrate this event.

The coming of summer also brings out the BBQ chef in some of us (not necessarily your editors!) and there is a midsummer BBQ and disco at the Community Centre on June 25th.

On 26th there is the annual Drumhead Service on the Lye Field, and on 16th all those of you who would like to support the Lye Field, which is hosting this event and others during the summer, are invited to attend the Lye Field AGM.

Other events includes a Ladies' Night on the 1st, a Wine Circle on the 4th and various lunches, gatherings and meetings throughout the month in our two busy villages.

And in certain parts of Seend Cleeve, the residents are debating whether the peace and quiet from the lack of traffic during the canal bridge closure outweighed the inconvenience of having to drive the extra mile or so to get from one end of the Cleeve to the other. On the whole, we're probably glad the road is open again - and the pubs certainly are!

You will find flyers inside this magazine about the Royal Tea Party, the Parish Highways Workshop and the Flower Show.

Advertising: At the time of writing there are a few advertising spaces still available in Spotlight starting next month for ten issues. Contact Chris (01380 828047).

Spotlight Contacts: Contributions for the July 2016 edition (copy by Saturday 18th June) 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 to print or deliver.

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 June and beyond

(For Bulkington events see p.10)

Nosh and Natter Lunch Club

Wednesday 29th June

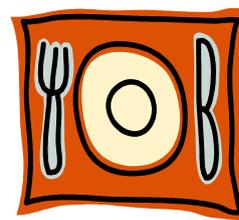
in Seend Community Centre

12 for 12.30pm

Only £5 for two courses!

Please call 01380 828638 to book your place.

There are no Nosh and Natters in July or August,
so make the most of this one!



Ladies' Night & Swishing Party

*Wednesday 1st June, 7.30pm
in Seend Community Centre*

Food stalls, beauty stalls, demos, nibbles, cocktails and a raffle
Bring some nearly-new clothes to swap for the "swishing".

No entry fee (but donations are welcome!)

Seend Wine Circle

Seend Community Centre, 4th June at 8pm

Wines from south of the Tropic of Capricorn

Tickets £12, including wine, bread and cheese

Please email seendwinecircle@gmail.com to book in advance



The Cleeve Open Gardens

at Seend Cleeve Saturday 11th June from 2-6pm

Beautiful gardens and views

cream teas – cakes – ice creams

plants for sale

£5 entry (children free) including parking and Shuttle service

Follow signs to car park (post code SN12 6PU)

Limited wheelchair access.

In aid of Seend Church funds.



Seend Fawltg Players præsnt
an Edwardian Extravaganza of
Mælodrama, Music and Munching
for your Dælætation and Dælght



upstairs in Seend Community Cèntrè at 7.30pm on Friday 8th July.

Tickets £6 including buffet supper, available at the Cèntrè shortly.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

TIM VINCE

We are very sad to report that Tim died at home on Friday 6th May and the well-attended funeral was held at Semington Crematorium on Monday 16th May. *(Your editors will miss the witty emails that always accompanied Tim's Gardening Club report to explain why it was late yet again. Our thoughts are with Carole and the family.)*

DENNIS HILLIER: of Seend Cleeve passed away peacefully after a short illness at The Royal United Hospital, Bath on 15th May 2016 aged 73 years. He will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. The funeral service takes place Friday 27th May, 11.30 a.m. at West Wiltshire Crematorium, Semington. Family flowers only please, donations if desired in memory of Dennis are for Dorothy House Hospice Care and Forever Friends Appeal RUH c/o D J Bewley.

WHEELCHAIRS

We have been asked to remind residents that two wheelchairs are kept for use by the residents of Seend and Seend Cleeve if required.

They are kept by Sue and Graham Jones, tel: 01380 828354 in Seend Cleeve.

Vacancy for Clerk to the Council / Responsible Financial Officer

Applications are invited for this part-time position (9 hours a week).

The Council meets on the last Tuesday of the month, and there may be other committee meetings in addition. The salary scale is currently under review by the Society of Local Council Clerks.

Applicants must be computer literate, and have administrative and accounting experience. Job Description and further information can be obtained from the Clerk, Rosemary Fisher, email clerk@seendparishcouncil.co.uk or telephone 01380 828281.

A 361 ROAD CLOSURE POSTPONEMENT

Because of the impact on access to Seend School and Melksham Oak School during term time, the closure of the A361 for approximately two weeks for the installation of vehicle activated signs planned for 20th June onwards has been postponed until 1st August.

A SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND THANKSGIVING

on the occasion of the 90TH BIRTHDAY OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II
will be held on Sunday, June 12th 2016
at 9.15am in Seend Church
11.00am in Bulkington Church
6.00pm on Poulshot Green



THE CHURCH'S WATER PROJECT

We are delighted to inform the village that the final final permissions have come through from the diocese for our building project. After a great many years of trying we can now go ahead with our to bring water to the site and from that to install a toilet and servery. There are certain conditions attached, one of which is that we have to have 80% of the funds in place or pledged so we will now be pushing forward harder than ever to raise the necessary funds. In this day and age it is unthinkable that such a major building in the village, that is central to village life, does not have a water supply.

A major fundraising event is planned for Tuesday 4th October when we will hold a promises auction in the church led by Paul Martin so please put that date in your diaries.

Tina and Anne - Churchwardens

THE CLEEVE OPEN GARDENS

Volunteers are needed on the day (11th June) to organise car parking, to serve refreshments and to provide home-baked cakes. Please contact Tina Yockney (01380 827139) or Anne Ewing (01380 828557) if you can help.

Notice of Annual General Meeting - Seend Lye Recreation Field

The Annual General Meeting of the Seend Lye Recreation Field will be held on Thursday 16th June 2016 at 7:30 pm in the Irene Usher Memorial Pavilion, Rusty Lane, Seend. The AGM will be followed by the quarterly meeting.

Seend Heritage: Seend Trust and Community Centre has a few copies of the slim paperback booklet on the vernacular architecture of Seend, written by Edward Bradby with Jack Dunton and John Hutchinson in 1985, for sale at the then cover price of £2.50. Please call Tessa on 01380 828617 if you would like to buy a copy. Proceeds to Seend Trust and Community Centre.

SEEND PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP

The application to designate our Neighbourhood Plan Area was submitted to WC, but Victoria Burvill (our Link Officer at Wiltshire Council) has just informed us that further work on it is needed, so that is being undertaken. This means that the six-week consultation period has been slightly delayed, but should now be open on 23rd May. Do check the website.

Meanwhile the Group has circulated all Chairs of Stakeholder organisations (and by Stakeholder we mean 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. We welcome fresh ideas so please contribute to that if you can.

We await the draft report from Wiltshire Council as to the outcome of the Rural Housing Needs Survey, and hope that there was a good return of the questionnaires.

The next event will be the **Parish Highways Workshop**

The Irene Usher Pavilion, Rusty Lane: Thursday 9th June 2:00pm – 9:00pm

As part of the development of the Neighbourhood Plan we want to understand the views and priorities relating to all aspects of the roads we use within the Parish. We are holding a drop-in workshop for you to share your views with us and others who live in the Parish of Seend. Whether you are a cyclist, a pedestrian, a horse-rider, a car owner, drive farm machinery or are a bus user in the village - or just live on or close to one of our roads, we would like to hear from you. Please pop in. Light refreshments provided.

Please get in touch with any of the Steering Group members, if you think you might like to attend one of our meetings. Take a look at the website www.seendparishplan.org where you will find the names of the Committee members and links to further information about this complex process.

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

SEEND FETE 13TH AUGUST 2016

Looking out of the window today, I hope that the weather will be more like last week's glorious sunshine and top temperatures, than welly weather, and that umbrellas will be shading us not keeping the rain off!

The fete preparations are gathering pace, with the Church providing cakes and tea, various attractions booked including the wonderful petting farm from DaveandEwe and music from the Melksham Ukele Band, and Fantasy Radio coming along to broadcast their morning show.

Talking of wellies – we have a new event this year of Welly Wanging – come along and have a go, test your skills and see if you can match a world record (yes there is one!) .

We are still looking for lovely things from all of you, for our tombola stall, white elephant, books, toys and plants. Just call 828970 if you need anything collected, or drop into Bradley Farm (opposite the pavilion).



The famous early breakfast will be available to everyone who can come along and help set up and for anyone who can volunteer a few hours on a stall or help to clear away will also be most welcome and thank you to those who have already volunteered.

Most of all, make sure you book the day, invite friends and family to come, like us on facebook, and wish for the sun to shine on Saturday 13 August. Keep up with the fete news on www.seendfete.co.uk, facebook and twitter.

Seend Fete Committee



SEEND FLOWER SHOW IS ON SATURDAY AUGUST 13TH

Seend Flower Show is well established having been inaugurated in 1950 to be held in conjunction with the then Horse Show. Eventually the Horse Show was discontinued but the flower show went from strength to strength. It moved into the WI hut and then into the building which is now the Community Centre. To take advantage of the show's popularity, Seend Fete was scheduled to take place on the same day. The two operations have since run side by side for many years.

It does not appear to be well known that, although they take place simultaneously and people visit the delights of both events, the Flower Show and the Fete are quite independent of each other; both from their organisation and finance. The fete supports the Lye Field fund since all its activities take place on the field whereas the flower show rents the Community Centre – and since that takes nearly all of our net income it explains why we have to charge an entrance fee. We are grateful to Altfield for sponsoring the show in recent years; it enables us to put on a show for you.

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 on the Saturday show day and on the day before if possible in order to spread the physical efforts of constructing the tables and laying out 'other stuff'. **Please consider helping us** – contact me at 01380 827137.

The show is a success only if the exhibits are there in quality and numbers. Although the quality is good in recent years (the independent judges say so) the numbers have dropped a little. The show needs **YOU** to contribute your effort in any, and more than one if you can, of the many classes in the show. Do not think that your exhibit(s) will be poor in relation to any others – this is NOT an RHS show but a traditional village show so the more the merrier. An important part of the show is the efforts shown by children. Do encourage your young ones to participate.

The Spotlight distributors deliver a free copy of the show programme and show schedule to all in the locality for which we are grateful. It will appear with the July issue of Spotlight. If you do not want your copy please drop it into the Seend village shop so that we have a reserve. If you have any difficulty getting a copy contact me at 01380 827137. Alternatively see the show website at www.seendflowershow.org.uk for information about the show and downloadable entry form and schedule.

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

Brian Jaques

CHURCH AND CHAPEL NEWS

View from my window

A heat wave in May! Alleluia (well for a weekend anyway), but what a difficult season it is proving to be in the garden. I have been worried about my fig tree and my wisteria which at the time of writing is overladen with buds, but I'm anxious it might have been frosted. If the buds survive it will be a wonderful sight. This is not a gardening column however.

It's amazing how often Jesus uses plant analogies and stories in the bible; fig trees and olive trees, and wheat and tares together sown, (whatever they might be) and seeds. Whatever your Christian leanings, who can ever forget the wonderful picture of Adam and Eve in the Garden; paradise; a picture of heaven (that is before Adam bit into the apple)?

Another example is that of the parable which talks about giving people another chance and in précis it's this: "A man planted a fig tree and waited for three years for it to produce fruit, and it didn't, so he said to the gardener 'cut it down, it's wasting soil', but the gardener replied 'leave it alone for one more year and I'll dig round it and fertilize it. If it bears fruit next year then fine, but if not cut it down'." I tend to be like that in my garden, trying to rescue plants which are not fruitful, (as I said I am worried about my fig tree this year, but I will go on tending it and nurturing it.) I hope I am like that with people too, i.e. I hope I do give them another chance; it's a good idea. When we look after people and give them another chance it's amazing how often they do indeed come good.

Just recently I led a retreat which focused on the 23rd psalm and I was reminded of the colour green; greenness. Is it a noun or an adjective or even a verb? It is so strong and so vivid and so action packed in the rain. Following on from that I have often asked myself the question, and maybe there's a mathematician out there who can answer me, "How much water does it take to make the leaves of a horse chestnut tree grow turgid and how much more water does it take for the flowers on a horse chestnut tree to become glorious candelabra shining in the sunshine?" Isn't that an amazing phenomenon that such a huge amount of water can be sucked up in to the tree; just one of the wonders of creation?

I'm sure you can all think of something in creation which just fills you with wonder particularly at this time of the year. What about all those blue bell woods? Surely they lift the soul.

There's a beautiful modern psalm or prayer called "greenness", (sadly out of print), and it starts off,

"Dear God, there are times when I hear your voice most clearly in greenness; in the singing of sap; the conversations of the leaves; the whisperings of shoot and stem,

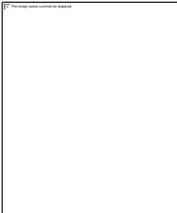
root, sap and cell calling me back to creation, to feel again the freshness of you running through everything like a bright emerald current.”

So, I urge you all to take time to notice. Jesus did.

Stop press: The wisteria is fine.

Jane Knowles

CHURCH SERVICES IN JUNE 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 5th June 2016. Trinity 2

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 Morning Praise at Seend

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

6.00 pm Deanery Summer Service at St James' Devizes

(no service in Bulkington today)

Sunday 12th June 2016. Trinity 3

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

(An additional service)

9.15 am Morning Praise at Seend in celebration of The Queen's 90th birthday

11.00 am Morning Praise at Bulkington in celebration of The Queen's 90th birthday

6.00 pm Evening Praise at Poulshot in celebration of The Queen's 90th birthday

Sunday 19th June 2016. Trinity 4

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 at Seend

Sunday 26th June 2016. Trinity 5 / St Peter's Day

11.00 am Patronal Festival on Poulshot Village Green

11.00 am Parish Eucharist (Common Worship) at Seend

3.00 pm Drumhead Service on The Lye Field Seend

6.00 pm Parish Eucharist (Common Worship) at Bulkington

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

Every Thursday at 9.00am Morning Prayer will be said at 4 Northfields, Bulkington.
All are welcome.

**You are invited to meet the Diocesan Director of Ordinands,
the Revd. Charlie Allen, who will be leading worship at our Benefice
Service on Sunday, May 29th 2016 at 10.00 in Poulshot Church.**



**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**

FROM THE BENEFICE REGISTERS

Baptisms

The newest members of our church family are:

Ivan Jeremy Bowen and his father Philip Bowen, baptised at Bulkington on 8th May

Weddings

We celebrate with:

Oliver Breach and Harriet Cole, who were married at Bulkington on 23rd April

David Hammond and Philippa Underwood who were married at Seend on 30th April

**The church hosted Bulkington Village Lunch Club
takes place on Wednesday, 1st June, 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 and a great lunch for the entire village and area.



Benefice BUZZZ Group

**meets on Wednesday Wednesday, 1st June 2016 from 4-
5.30pm 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. At this meeting we will be exploring the Acts of the Apostles. Everyone is welcome to this informal and pleasant afternoon.

SEEND METHODIST CHURCH – Services for June 2016

June 5 th	10.30am	Villages Together at Bromham with Rev Sue Henderson
June 12 th	10am	Holy Communion at Seend with Rev Wendy Tucker
June 26 th	10am	At Seend with Rev Susan Holden

Everyone welcome at any service.

Thank you, Anne Salter

BULKINGTON NEWS

THE TEA AND CHAT SOCIAL GROUP

will meet on the Monday, 6th June 2016 at 1 Mill Lane, Bulkington
(Thelma Boulton 828101) from 2.00 – 4.00pm.

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, 27th June 2016 from 11.05-11.30am at The Well. Please support this.

BULKINGTON VILLAGE HALL

A busy month for our little Hall, which received some lovely compliments. (You could almost feel it swell with pride: I know I did!) Aside from the PCC election which brought a disappointing turnout, the **Cloth Road Artists** seemed to fare better. A small gathering of artists and admirers was there when I went to view the collection of artwork. The paintings were eclectic to say the least; from the surreal to abstract, impressionist to representative, the Hall was alive with colour. I tend towards the conventional, so should have loved to buy a gentle landscape scene: maybe I should save up for the next Exhibition. We also had the trains running on the May Day Bank Holiday and they'll be there again for the 30th May. Birthday parties seem to be on the increase, too, so we are looking forward to a splendid year: thank you to all our supporters!

Angela Read, Chairman.

SEEND CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

SEEND SHUTTLE COMMUNITY BUS

Shuttle Shopping Trip to Salisbury on Wednesday, 1st June

Please phone Rex or Jan Gudge on 01225 706526 to book a place on the June shopping trip by Monday, 30th May.



WESSEX FUCHSIA GROUP

Thursday June 28th in the Pavilion at 7.45pm – Derek Dexter from Woking. A new speaker to the group, talking on “Fuchsias, my way”.

WEA DAY SCHOOL

A date for your diary: Paul Chapman, who gave an excellent day school on the Vienna Secession last autumn, is coming to talk to us about the American artist Edward Hopper on Saturday 1st October in Seend Community Centre.



HISTORIC HOUSES CLUB

The first visit of the season has been to Houghton Lodge and Gardens, near Stockbridge. We can definitely recommend this 'Cottage d'Orne' as well worth a day out. The trip was enjoyed by us all.

On June 15th we go to Cothay Manor near Wellington, in Somerset. All members should have been notified. However, new members are always welcome. Just contact one of the names in the back of Spotlight, and we would be pleased to see you.

Following visits are to Mapperton, and Bowood, in July and August, and a Bletchley Park special in September.

Mary Warren



THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

This month we publish another poem by pupils from the 2014 Sycamore Class from Seend School. This one is called **Dead or Alive** and was written by **Harvey Bines & Daniel Williams**.

Fear rippled through my bones,
As we were dead silent,
If we make a sound; all hell would be let loose,
We checked our weapons repeatedly,
Looking for ammunition,
Would we end this day dead or alive?

Trembling with fear,
Our commanding officer yelled out,
“Advance men!” Isolated we all moved through the trench.
Heart pounding,
As we looked at all the dead bodies on the floor.
I thought we would be next to be killed...

ARMED FORCES DAY (Sunday 26th June 2016)

Armed Forces day will be celebrated by the Seend Branch of the Royal British Legion having a Drumhead Service on the Lye Field. The Service will commence at 1500hrs, will last approximately 30 minutes and will be open to all comers, regardless of whether they are members of the Royal British Legion or not.

Medals may be worn. The collection will be donated to the Royal British Legion.

A limited amount of seating will be provided.

On completion, light refreshments will be available in the Pavilion for all those who have attended the Service.

In the event of inclement weather the Service will be held in the Pavilion.

DATES TO NOTE:

Committee Meeting - The next Committee meeting will be held on Thursday 14th July 2016 in the Kennet Room in the Community Centre commencing at 1930hrs.

County Parade And Service Of Rededication, Sunday 12th June 2016

The Service of Rededication will be in St John's Church Devizes and the refreshments after the Parade will be provided in the Wyvern Club. The Parade will form up at 1415 hrs in the Main Car Park and will march to St John's Church. The Service will commence at 1500 hrs. Following the Service the Standards will be trooped outside the Church. The Parade will then march past the saluting base to the Wyvern Club. The Shrewton Silver Band will be leading the Parade and playing for the service. All members are strongly encouraged to attend this Parade. Let's have a good turnout for this local event and provide a good sized marching contingent.

There will be a raffle during the refreshments and any prizes donated will be gratefully received.

Roger Brind

SEEND COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

www.seendcommunitycentre.com – bookings 07703 814111

All persons of the feminine gender are invited to a free **Ladies' Night and Swishing Party** in the Peter Fisher Hall of the Community Centre from 7.30pm on Wednesday 1st June. Details in the Events section. There's a crèche in the Club lounge for male companions (temporary one-day Club membership available for just £1 if you're not already a member!)

There's a **Wine Circle** gathering on 4th June – call 07896 711764 to book.

On Saturday 25th June we have **our first BBQ of the season, with disco**. The all-you-can-eat BBQ runs from 7.30pm-9pm to fuel you to dance the night away thereafter. Tickets cost £7.50 and are available from the Centre or Steve and Karen.

Saturdays 9th & 23rd July, 6th & 20th August & 3rd September – The return of the **Breakfasts!**

Summer opening times: The Seend Club Members' bar will be opening from midday at weekends for the summer period, starting at the beginning of June. It's not too late to join! And Rob is willing to open at 7pm weekdays if there is a demand.



SEEND & DISTRICT RAMBLERS

On **Sunday 15th May**, 20 members took part in a 4.5 mile walk starting at the junction of Workway Drove and the Alton Barnes and Lockeridge Road, making our way uphill passing above the cantering White Horse. Skirting Milk Hill we followed paths which finally picked up The Ridgeway back in a full circle to the car park. The walk took place in glorious sunshine, with cowslips in abundance and spectacular panoramic views: a truly beautiful morning. Many thanks to Anita and Pete for planning such a different route which we would love to repeat!

Next walk: Sunday 19th June. Leaders Geraldine and Brian De'Ath (01335 705806). Details are not yet finalised. Members will be contacted nearer the time.

A Skittles Evening is arranged for Friday 1st July in Seend Community Centre, starting at 7.30pm. Please bring a plate of food for a shared supper. This evening is open to friends, villagers, prospective ramblers and anyone wishing to enjoy a friendly game. The cost of entry will depend on the number present. Come and join in. We are a welcoming group and look forward to seeing you.

Lin Salter - 01225 706451

SEEND WI

Last month Val Procter gave us a fascinating talk about the history of Christening Robes through the ages. She brought her whole collection of robes to show and we were given the opportunity to handle them all. Everyone found the talk very enjoyable and informative.

Next month's meeting is on Wednesday 8th June and is entitled **Guide Dogs and More**. There will be a demonstration of gadgets used in the training and work of guide dogs. Anyone is welcome to join us for this meeting.

The next Craft afternoon is on Thursday 16th June, 2pm to 4pm in the Pavilion. You don't need to be a member of the WI to take part.

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

As we near the end of term 5 at Seend CE Primary School, there's still lots going on and exciting things planned for the months ahead.

Holly Class were treated to a visit from playgroup recently. The reception children had fun showing the younger children around the classroom and very much enjoyed being the 'older' children for once! It won't be long until some of playgroup joins Holly Class for real.

Some of you may know that Rhys Lythell, in year 4, was diagnosed recently with type 1 diabetes meaning he needs his blood sugars checked and insulin injections regularly throughout the day. A team of parents, children (including Rhys himself) and staff are taking part in the London Bridges Challenge which entails walking 10 miles across 13 London Bridges in October. If you would like to sponsor any members of the team then please contact the school or go on to Just Giving and look up Sian Lythell or Jackie Chalk.

We are pleased to announce that we have appointed a teacher for Sycamore Class. Mrs Lucia Hugill will be taking over the reins from Mrs Hunt, who will be leaving us at the end of the year. Mrs Hugill has a music and performing arts background which

will be a great addition to our school. She comes with superb references and is very excited about being offered a position at Seend. It is hoped that she will be able to visit for a few days at the end of the summer term to ensure an effective handover and so the children can start to get to know her. We are sure she will soon become an asset to the school and will be made to feel very welcome.

We're very excited that our new school path will be laid over half term. This will be great for the children and will hopefully keep them a bit cleaner during the muddier months of the year! Members of the village who walk through our grounds before and after school will hopefully feel the benefit too.

The school has successfully achieved a Bronze Award for Healthy Schools. Not content with that we are soon going to be working towards Silver which will involve a major project to improve the health of the children at the school. We already have some ideas so watch this space.

During PE lessons, preparation has already started for our annual Sports' Day which is on Friday 24th June. Children compete in four teams: Awdry, Usher, Thynne and Schomberg. They take part in a variety of races including the sack race, bean bag on head and the mini marathon. Fingers crossed for good weather!

Nicola Coleman, Deputy Headteacher

A ROYAL TEA PARTY TO CELEBRATE THE QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

LAST CALL FOR TICKETS TO THE ROYAL TEA PARTY!



In case you haven't heard, FoSS are organising a Royal Tea Party for the Queen's 90th Birthday, on Sunday 12th June, 2-4pm, at The Pavilion and Lye Field: a sit-down tea party for the children, the National Anthem, refreshments (licensed bar plus tea & cakes), and plenty of fun activities including a tug-of-war to finish.

Tickets are only £3 per child to include tea party and commemorative mug. ALL children are welcome to attend, not just those children who attend Seend School, but children's tickets MUST be purchased in advance. Please contact the School Office admin@seend.wilts.sch.uk for all ticket sales AS SOON AS POSSIBLE – we need to know numbers for catering purposes. Entry is free for adults.

We are also running a Homemade Victoria Sponge Competition. If you would like to enter, please bring your cake along to The Pavilion between 10am and 12noon on the Sunday morning, with your name on the underside of the cake. The judging will take place shortly after 2pm and all the cakes will then be sold by the slice, with a cup of tea. All proceeds to go to Seend School.

We do hope you will come along and celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday with us.

Thank you, Mel Steel & Victoria Bowes

SEEND PLAYGROUP NEWS

During May we managed to play outside most days, but have not really been bothered by too much sun so far! The sun protection policy has gone out to parents, so please remember the hat and sun cream.

At the end of April we made snowman shaped sandwiches, and walked to Love Lane for a picnic. It snowed on the way there and hailed on the way back. The children were very excited about it. They enjoyed running down and up the hill, and climbing on the big tree stump. Everyone was tired out by the time we got back to base.

Later that week they visited Holly Class at Seend School.

On May 5th we were unable to use the Pavilion as it was Election Day. We took the children on a train ride from Westbury to Bradford on Avon where we played in the park and had our snack. It was a lovely sunny day and we all had a good time. In June there is another Election Day. We have booked to go on our annual outing to Woodland Adventurers near Box.

Liz Futter (Playleader) 828485

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 26th April 2016** was attended by nine Councillors with Mr J Padfield (Chairman) in the chair. Apologies received from Mr K Rigg, Mr M Wiltshire & PCSO Helen Wilson; also present Cllr J Seed and members of the public. Cllr Seed said that part of his Cabinet role is housing, and this includes homelessness. He said the problem is not straightforward; although there is no need for anyone to be homeless, it sometimes comes about because of drug or alcohol abuse or rent arrears. The number of homeless in Wiltshire is not large, some people simply do not want to live in houses. There is a strategy to deal with it, which is multi-agency. If anyone is concerned about an individual sleeping rough, they should contact Wiltshire Council's Housing Department.

Cllr Seed reported that the C&RT is clamping down on abuse of regular travelling permits and is enforcing movement; he will speak with Claire Perry about the problems being experienced by villages.

Cllr Seed said that there is a notice at Baldham Bridge, advising that the bridge will be closed for two nights in May to enable repairs to take place.

Email received from PCSO Helen Wilson. One crime reported since 29th March, on 1st April, overnight, unknown suspects have cut the catalytic converter off a vehicle in Spout Lane.

Metro count. This has been requested for Seend High Street, location outside Elcot, telegraph pole DP10.

Defibrillation unit in village. An email has been sent to Martin Render at Community Heartbeat Trust for information. It was suggested that contact should be

made with local companies and organisations to obtain sponsorship towards the cost of installation. Mr Wood suggested a Fun Run to raise funds.

Tree matters. Natural England has been advised, as the site is part of a SSSI (Seend Ironstone Quarry and Road Cutting).

Clerk's Job Description. The Clerk offered to continue in post until a replacement Clerk is recruited.

Neighbourhood Plan Update. Mrs A'Bear said that she had chased up the Housing Needs Survey, the draft report should be available for the next Parish Council meeting. There was no further news of the NP designation. There will be a meeting shortly with the Link Officer. The traffic sub-group met last week and the date of 9th June was agreed for a public consultation; this will take place at the Pavilion between 2 – 9 pm. This will provide material for a questionnaire later in the year about traffic/road safety concerns.

Road Safety Matters - Email received from Highways: "It has to be borne in mind that there are no restrictions for HGVs on the A361 through Seend at the present time, so there is little we can do in terms of challenging Wiltshire Concrete's use of the route. However, we will write to Wiltshire Concrete reminding them of Wiltshire's Advisory Freight Route Network and Wiltshire's Freight Gateway to see if they can be encouraged to use our recommended freight routes. When we undertake our next traffic count on the A361 through Seend (planned for around June/early July) we will also take a look at the other hauliers that appear to be using the route and write to them with similar information. We do not have access to the details of damage only accidents as these are not reported to the Council, so we are unable to provide any further comments on this. Where a vehicle has caused damage to a highway structure, and where the Police have obtained the relevant driver/vehicle/insurance details, we are however, able to chase third parties to recoup the costs of any damage. In terms of freight management on the route, our next action is the implementation of Vehicle Activated Signs at the pinch point through Seend; this should take place in late spring/early summer." (*Postponed until August. Eds.*)

Application Ref: 16/03383/FUL

Equestrian Heights, Berhills Lane

Erection of an equestrian manager's dwelling and the permanent retention of the existing log cabin for use by customers

Councillors voted unanimously to accept

Comments: Request that there is an equestrian tie on both the new dwelling and the log cabin; also that the log cabin is not to be used as holiday accommodation.

Application Ref: 16/03274/FUL & 16/03556/LBC

Rowcroft Cottage, Spout Lane

To demolish existing lean-to and erect single storey side extension

Councillors voted unanimously to accept

Comments: As this is a Grade II listed building, Councillors did not feel that the glass canopy over the door is in keeping.

Mr Wood reported that potholes in The Lye had been repaired swiftly following reporting on MyWiltshire App. The general condition of the road is satisfactory. It was agreed that once works are completed at Seend Bridge, repairs should be effected in Seend Cleeve by The Barracks.

It was agreed to advertise the vacancy for a Clerk in the next issue of Spotlight. The Clerk to investigate advertising on the SLCC website and Melksham News, once the salary has been evaluated.

Mrs Savage asked if warning signs “Unsuitable for vehicles over a certain length” could be installed at the top and bottom of Bollands Hill. The Clerk to contact Highways. Mrs Carr suggested this was passed to the CATG for their June meeting.

Mr Murch presented the Clerk with a card and gift to mark her retirement, and presented Mr Padfield with a card to mark his retirement as Chairman and Parish Councillor. The Clerk to advise Democratic Services of the vacancy on the Council.

Date of next meeting: The date of the next meeting is **Tuesday, 31st May 2016**, at Seend Community Centre at 7.30 p.m.

Mrs Rosemary Fisher, Clerk

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

N.B. Dates of all Parish Council meetings and Area Board meetings in 2016 are available on the website.

SEEND PARISH COUNCIL Annual Meeting – Tuesday 10th May 2016

Annual Report of Seend Parish Council: May 2015-April 2016

At the Annual Parish Meeting held on 12th May 2015, John Padfield was elected as Chairman for the coming year, with Tony Murch elected as Vice-Chair.

One of the main items of concern at this time last year was the proliferation of solar farms springing up in and around Seend. One of the largest, at Snarlton Farm, Sandridge, went to appeal and has now been installed. This came with a promise of a Community Benefit Fund to help support local community projects aimed at economic, social and environmental improvements in the area. It is hoped that the Parish Agreement will be available to sign in the very near future, although there is no indication at present how much Seend is likely to receive. The calculation is based on the number of dwellings that are located within 2.75km from the centre of the site. We are still waiting for St John Hughes, from the developers, to confirm the percentage payment. We will continue to pursue this although the amount accruing to our Parish is likely to be small.

There were two vacancies on the Parish Council during 2015; in July, Mark Wood was co-opted to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Chris Waylen, and in November Anita Heatley was co-opted to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Darren Nichols. John Padfield has also decided to step down as Chairman and Parish Councillor, and so another vacancy will need to be filled either by an election or co-option. Notices have been posted on Parish noticeboards. A cost now falls on

the Parish Council if an election is called. Wiltshire Council used to fund this. The cost for each election is likely to be at least £500

Following agreement by the Parish Council in April 2015 to fund advertising materials and meeting costs, a Neighbourhood Plan constitution was drawn up, with Georgina A'Bear chairing the group; two consultation events took place in June 2015, following which the Parish Council agreed to go ahead with the process of developing a Neighbourhood Plan, at their October meeting. There has been a monthly progress report at each Parish Council meeting. We are expecting to recover the costs associated with developing the plan, from the various grants that are available. A huge amount of work has been undertaken by Georgina A'Bear, Paul Manning, Kevin Rigg, Aldetha Raymond, Carola Thorpe, Pamela Akerman, Sue McCulloch and Steve Vaux.

The Parish Council discussed plans for Winter Snow preparations and at the end of 2015 purchased a grit/salt spreader for use around the roads in the village not covered by Wiltshire Council's general grit spreading during icy weather. This has been used to good effect during a couple of icy spells in January and February around minor roads, the Lye and Seend Cleeve. Thanks to Martin Wiltshire for agreeing to undertake this work. Martin is only able to grit when Wiltshire Council says he can. The gritting has made a major contribution to road safety on the Parish's minor roads. A large project which has now just been completed in the village is the re-building of the bridge over the canal at The Barge. This has entailed the road through Seend Cleeve being closed for almost six months, and diversions being in place. The Parish Council pressed for this essential repair for several years, whilst seeing the bridge gradually deteriorate, and fearing a catastrophe if it collapsed at some point. The bridge work is now complete and re-opened on the 7th May.

The PC would like to express its thanks to the residents of Seend Cleeve, in particular, for their forbearance during this disruptive time. Sadly a small minority of drivers refused to obey the diversionary signs. Most of these were reported to the Police, via the Clerk.

Another major project that was agreed during the past year will be the installation of Vehicle Activated Signs at the 'pinch-point' at the western end of Seend High Street. This work is scheduled to commence on 20th June, and it is expected it will take about twelve days to complete. It is hoped that this will help to reduce traffic speed and collisions and improve safety for pedestrians. The PC has also been pursuing the installation of a crossing point close to Church Walk. At every meeting of the PC road safety/highways issues have been discussed. The Seend Road Safety Initiative Group have helpfully pointed up issues that need to be addressed and are working as a sub-group of the Neighbourhood Planning group. The volume, speed and the number of cars and lorries using the two A roads through the Parish have become a real concern, as is the traffic using the C20 and the particular problem at the top of Bollands Hill, where the road is extremely narrow. Traffic speed is also a major concern on this stretch of road.

Sadly the Community Speedwatch Group decided to conclude their work but the PC have thanked them for the work they undertook, on behalf of the Parish.

We have considered re-surfacing of the area in Rusty Lane adjacent to the three community buildings. We have not been able to make progress on this to date, for reasons of cost.

Paul Manning is our Road Safety Coordinator and Thelma Carr sits on the Community Area Transport Group. Joan Savage is our representative on Melksham Area Board.

Several small improvements have been undertaken around the village including refurbishment of the notice board at the Post Office; installation of a kissing gate on footpath 24; application of reflective tape on the railings at the pinch point in the High Street and refurbishment of the red telephone box in Seend Cleeve. This was undertaken by the Honeybone family, with help from Fritz Schruff (who also replaced the notice board by the telephone box). Our thanks to them for undertaking this work. There is now a book exchange in the telephone box, and what was once a bit of an eyesore, is now a useful resource, and was festively decorated at Christmas and Easter.

A project that the Parish Council hopes to fulfil in the near future is the installation of at least one community defibrillator in the village; this will probably be installed at the Community Centre in Rusty Lane.

During 2015 there were proposed boundary changes to Seend Parish, these did not affect any residential properties but related to land between Bowerhill and the canal and the area of Giles Wood. At the end of November, Wiltshire Council voted in favour of Seend retaining the affected areas. Although there are no properties on the land the loss of this area would have had a considerable impact on the morale of the village. A number of Councillors attended the consultation meetings and Kevin Rigg attended the WC meeting at which the vote was taken. Kevin played a significant role in leading the opposition to this boundary change. Our local Councillor, Jonathon Seed, continues to attend most Parish Council meetings, and is always available to us for help or advice. Our thanks to him for his support on this issue and many others during the year, including the pursuit of the funding for the 'pinch-point'.

We have been approached by the Lye Field Committee about the deterioration and probable removal of the play equipment. Unlike most villages the Parish Council does not own the playing fields and a village hall. The Lye Field, as a registered charity, is responsible for its buildings and its play areas and raises funds each year for their maintenance.

The Parish Council would not want to see the loss of the play equipment but does not have funds, within its precept budget, to support the repair and maintenance of the equipment. The parish Council will need to have further discussions with the Lye Field representatives.

During the year, the Parish Council has invited experts to attend meetings and talk about work they are undertaking. In June, Aldetha Raymond, the local Tree Warden came along to talk about Ash dieback and tree replacement. In January, Mark Evans

of the Canal & River Trust came along, and the Parish Council raised the issue of parking around the entrances to the canal in the village, and people residing on the canal rather than using the moorings as they were intended, as visitor moorings. We have noted the apparent increase in canal boat ‘travellers’ moorings within our Parish and not simply because of the Barge Bridge Closure. In March, Mike Wilmott from Wiltshire Council Planning Department came along to answer questions from Councillors about various planning issues.

The Parish Council has considered 37 individual planning applications during the year.

Our Community Police liaise regularly and report on incidents around the village, but we have not had many visits to Parish Council meetings during the year. Anita Heatley is our police liaison contact.

With the cutbacks in Wiltshire Council’s budget, it is inevitable that some maintenance tasks will either not be done, or will take longer. Any resident can report issues using the MyWiltshire App on line.

We have seen how passions can run high and can have the potential for causing divisions within the village. Most noticeably the Solar Farms, in the area and within the last year Highways issues. These issues have had and can still have an impact on community cohesion. We need to consider how we can best work together to heal these divisions.

We all want to make our roads and pavements safer and to protect our environment. The difference of opinion arises from how best we can achieve that goal.

Finally I would like to thank members of the Parish Council and especially John Padfield and Rosemary Fisher who have decided to stand down for all the work they have undertaken during the past year. John and Rosemary have given long-service to our community. Rosemary has kindly agreed to continue as Clerk, until a replacement is appointed.

Some challenges for the year ahead:

1. Developing, consulting on and writing the Neighbourhood Plan
2. Possible further housing development and ensuring that any development meets the needs of our community and in locations that have minimum impact on existing homes
3. What can we do to address the problems caused by the increase in traffic, especially heavy lorries and traffic speed
4. Promoting community cohesion
5. Fracking - what is going to be our response and policy towards this?
6. The recruitment and appointment of a Parish Clerk
7. Developing a Parish Council plan so that we can become more pro-active
8. Building capacity within the Parish Council
9. Wiltshire Council may require us to take on more responsibility for maintaining the Parish

Tony Murch, Chair Seend Parish Council

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL NEWS FROM JONATHON SEED

I try to keep my columns as non-political as possible, however I did read the two quite personal letters in the last edition of Spotlight and I feel that both letters took items out of my columns out of context. There is no legal way of preventing traffic from using an A road and Seend happens to have been built along a highway that is an A road. I would very much like to see all grades of traffic limited along the A361 through Seend. Whilst we may not, for now, be able to prevent heavy traffic from passing through Seend, I will continue to work with Wiltshire Council and the Parish Council to achieve safer roads in our community. This includes better signage, speed restrictions and the new electronic reactive signs which are due to be placed at the pinch point in the High Street.

There are many other issues which generate far more interest and correspondence than the relatively recent road safety initiative in the village. One of these is the development of a village Neighbourhood Plan. Many residents are giving up a great deal of their time to develop this Plan and it is coming along really well. Georgina A'Bear is leading this work and doing a great job with both backing and funding from the Parish Council. I am pleased to be able to help, advise and attend meetings wherever asked. This Parish Council made a good choice in its decision to back the Seend Neighbourhood Plan and it will help shape the village and its development for a generation.

This is also the time of year when Annual Parish Meetings and AGMs take place and by the time you read this your annual village meeting will have taken place. I do my utmost to attend these meetings in the seven villages which I represent on Wiltshire Council and am generally invited to give a report on my work in the village. This report is usually delivered alongside reports of other village activities which are always genuinely informative and generally fascinating. Village meetings are great ways to find out what is going on locally. Next year all the Parish Councillors are due for re-election and I would urge anyone thinking of getting involved to consider standing as it is generally difficult to find willing volunteers for the Parish Council. Finally when those who give their time to the community decide to call it a day please do not forget to thank them for all the (often unseen) time and effort that they have given to the village and in particular we should all be very grateful for all the hard work of John Padfield as Chairman of the Parish Council in Seend and wish his successor the very best for the future.

You may contact me about this or any other matter by email to Jonathon.seed@wiltshire.gov.uk or by phone on **01380 850696**.

Jonathon Seed

Letters to the Editor

The editors had hoped not to continue this correspondence after last month, but have agreed to include a slightly shortened paragraph of Cllr Seed's report above on the subject of disagreements about highways issues. We also received a letter from Joan Savage in support of the work Cllr Seed has done in this respect, an extract of which is quoted below:

'I was at the Freight Transport Review in 2013. I was also at the Road Safety meeting which was jointly sponsored and paid for (personally) by Jonathon Seed and Nigel Knott last July and it was a pity that very few villagers of Seend attended this meeting. At both these meetings (and since) Jonathon has made clear that he supports the moves to reduce HGVs on the A361 but he also has to represent that there is currently no legal way of doing this. Jonathon also works very hard to get things done on no end of road safety and other issues and this has included having the hump-backed bridge at Bollands Hill removed and getting a layby built at Spout Lane. In addition he has worked tirelessly to secure funding for the new reactive signs which are being installed at the pinch point on the High Street.

I think everyone should calm down on this subject and work together to solve all of the problems that we have in the village.

Mrs Joan Savage'

We are sure that last month's two letter-writers will be itching to respond, but the editors feel that everyone has now had their say and that this correspondence is now, finally, closed.

SEEND SPORTS RESULTS AND FIXTURES

The Turf :

Seend is really pulling its weight out there on the racecourse with two Seend connected horses appearing in the news of late.

The sad news is that Redstart, winner of the Fred Darling stakes last year, has had to retire following a freak accident a few weeks ago just days before she was due to run again. Hopefully she will now go on to produce some outstanding foals.

On a more positive note another Seend related horse, Imperial Aviator, romped home in the Zubarah London Gold Cup, a class 2 race, at Newbury last Saturday, cheered on by a lively Seend contingent who I met still celebrating at the Community Centre many hours later ! A good day out was had by all.

Cricket : Chairman Brian Hunt.

Unfortunately the match scheduled for 8th may was cancelled because of a shortage of players. Hopefully that will not be a problem on 29th May when the village team hosts Westover who I know will be given a very warm welcome....and a very delicious tea!

Football : post still vacant !.... but I think that Luke Ballinger may, hopefully, have something up his sleeve. In the meantime Luke continues with his very successful "Future of Football" Friday evening sessions on the Lye aided by his team including Seend footballer Jake Sainsbury.

Further congratulations to Luke who will shortly receive his 100th cap playing Futsal for England.



Tennis : Chair Elaine Davies

We are several matches into this year's league matches and things are going reasonably well.

The mixed under the captaincy of Susie Meharg have played 4, won 2, drawn 1 and lost only once and presently top their division.

The women's have played two and despite a good showing have yet to notch up a victory although every set won has earned the team a vital point.

The men's have likewise had a slower start with several new pairings being tried out for the first time, but the prospects look good if we can maintain some consistency. As always if there are any out there who would like to play in some league matches please let me know.

Short Mat Bowls : CPW v PSJ v YMC

Despite widespread reports in local parish magazines, the higher courts in the land have said there is no public interest in this matter that would permit wider publication, so I say no more other than rest assured, Colin, the details are safe with me.

Incidentally I had no idea that the P stood for "Plantagenet"! There was a ripple of laughter when that one came out ! Anyway MTW (mum's the word)

PPS: Recent SMB scores are all sub judice, or SJ.

Quiz teams

Recently recognised as a sport, albeit sedentary, the Seend Community Centre Quiz team of Ric Ellinger, Simon Harding, Brian Lewis and Tony Murch recently won the coveted Devizes Quiz Shield after a twenty year drought, and, on a sporting note, the team held on to the Sports Quiz Trophy for a second year, notwithstanding that none of them any longer play any sports ! Congratulations to the team and their trainer.

Ornithology : Chief twitchers Tony "the Maltese Falcon" Murch and Andy Waylen

Still no cuckoo to be heard in Seend. I had to go as far as Edward Elgar's birthplace near Malvern a few weeks ago to hear this elusive visitor. We now need to tempt it a few miles south so that spring once again sounds as it used to. However I did recently see two jays land in our garden for a few seconds and the yellow wagtail has also been spotted nearby.

Stag Night Reports : See page 94.....(these reports are only accepted if the event took place at a genuine sports venue!)

Results etc for the next issue by June 17th 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 – Now the bridge is open again, bagged pony poo can be collected from outside Juli Wilfort's house in 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. 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.

MELKSHAM COMPUTER CLUB

Call 0300 456 1000 to register with the computer club which meets in Melksham library on Thursdays from 5.30-7pm, or can visit people's homes on request.



Lavington Community Choir Summer Concert

Saturday July 9th at 7.30 Market Lavington Community Hall

Performing Vivaldi's Gloria, a medley from Guys and Dolls and other popular songs. Tickets £7 available from Devizes Books and Market Lavington Post Office. Refreshments available.

Profits from the concert and from a raffle will be for Cancer Research UK.

THE MANOR, STEEPLE ASHTON

is open for the NATIONAL OPEN GARDENS SCHEME

June 12th 2 pm to 6 pm to raise money for caring charities

Worton & Marston

22 Open Gardens in aid of Dorothy House

Plus an exhibition to celebrate the 175th anniversary of Christ Church

11am-5pm on 18th and 19th June

Entry £5 or £8 for the weekend (accompanied under-16s free)



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

Open Farm Sunday 5th June 2016 10am TO LATE

New and Old Farm Machinery - Ask the Farmer

Dorset & Wilts Fire and Rescue Services

Come and meet our animals - Pony Rides - Farm Quiz and Games

Refreshments, Hog Roast, Licensed Bar

5pm Free Entertainment, West Country Favourite The Mangled Wurzels !

All Welcome!

Five Lanes Fest

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

Tickets Only from Devizes Books, Gagier office.

www.potternecc.org.uk/five-lanes-fest.htm or call Teresa Chandler on 07970953557

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

Real Ales, Bands on Stage, Kids Entertainment.

Tickets on gate £10. Free car parking.

The ROYAL BRITISH LEGION, BR2597 Potterne Branch

invites you and your family to **AN AFTERNOON GARDEN PARTY**

Commemorating the Centenary of the Battle of the Somme.

And as part of the HM Queen Elizabeth 90th Birthday celebrations.

SUNDAY 10th July 2pm ONWARDS

Refreshments - Cream Teas - Licensed Bar - Music - Teddy Tombola - Raffle

Free car park and entry. Enquiries: Teresa Chandler 07970953557. **NO DOGS PLEASE!**

ERLESTOKE HOUSE FARM SHOP

H.M.P. ERLESTOKE, WESTBURY ROAD, ERLESTOKE, DEVIZES, SN10 5TU

OPEN: WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY 12.00-3.00pm

Volunteers needed please contact Janine 07917691034 or Juliet 07949249357



FLYING FREE

A concert by the Philomel Singers with the Wiltshire Sinfonia Orchestra

playing Concertos by Bach

St Michael's Church, Melksham

Saturday, 2 July 2016 at 7.30pm

ADMISSION FREE - Retiring collection in aid of Wiltshire Air Ambulance

SEEND MUSICIANS AND WOULD-BE MUSICIANS



As the Wiltshire Rural Music School's ambassador for Seend I am delighted to draw your attention to our new web site:

www.wiltshireruralmusic.co.uk

Here you can find out about how the WRMS might be able to help you as an individual musician or music group. Advice and support is available for music making groups in rural areas. There is also a special bursary scheme designed to help musical families.

From the **Home** page follow **Information** to an interactive map, which will show you where music making is happening across Wiltshire. This is work in progress - there is yet no mention of Seend !

If you would like knowledge of your activity to reach out more around our community send me details and I will put Seend on the map!

Phil Springate tutti.springate@btinternet.com or phone 01380 828294.

EDINGTON MUSIC FESTIVAL 2016 - MUSICAL EVENING & SUPPER

at the Parish Field (adjoining the village Churchyard), by kind permission of Edington Parish Council, on Wednesday 24th August 2016, 6:30 for 7:00pm.

Tickets, priced at £23, may be ordered on or after 1st June from: Hugh Hancock Dunge Farm, West Ashton, Trowbridge BA14 6AX , tel: 01225-754626 or email: musicalsupper@hancock-office.org. Cheques should be made payable to 'Edington Priory Church Music Evening'. Please enclose s.a.e. If you require Disabled Parking please include this with your ticket request.

EDINGTON ARTS

A day of learning and singing from one of the UK's most experienced and entertaining conductors is on offer in Edington Priory Church on Saturday 18th June from 9.30am to 5.30pm, followed by a run-through performance from 6-7pm to which all are invited.

Brian Kay, a founder member of the King's Singers and an award-winning music broadcaster with the BBC, will be working on Morten Lauridsen's 'Lux Aeterna' and the opening movement of John Rutter's 'Magnificat'. Both these beautiful works are staples of the modern choral repertoire – tuneful, memorable, and eminently approachable. It will be a hugely enjoyable day for everyone who enjoys a good sing, whatever your level of experience.

Application forms for the workshop, (£20 plus £2.50 for music hire) are downloadable from www.edingtonarts.org, by phoning Anne on 01380 831454 or emailing her at anne@edingtonarts.org. Concert tickets are £10 from 01380 831256. Forms need to be with Edington Arts by June 17th.

The Leg Club

Venous leg ulceration currently costs the NHS an estimated £400m a year. The Leg Club is based on an award-winning model founded by former District Nurse Ellie Lindsay. Evidence shows Leg Clubs, which operate in a non-medical setting, lead to improved healing rates by encouraging members to become involved in their care. Its specialist nurses and health care assistants will treat and dress patients' legs in this non-medical setting, adhering to the Leg Club's recognised standards for hygiene and infection control. This innovative approach has been shown to be more cost-effective, and good preventative care will reduce the incidents of future leg ulcers.

The Devizes and Lavington Practices Leg Club is at Devizes Sports Club, London Road Bridge, Devizes, SN10 2DL every Thursday, 9am – 12pm and is drop-in. Patients who attend will automatically become lifelong members of the Club at their first visit and will be encouraged to continue to attend the Club once their legs are healed, for social and health promotion. The Leg Club is run by staff from the Devizes and Lavington practices with the help of volunteers, in addition to the traditional nurse appointment system already available.

For more information please contact: Helen Scott or Vicky Higginson, Market Lavington Surgery 01380 812500.

Looking Out For Sight

Due to **Wiltshire Sight**'s innovative work, taking on an exceptional piece of research from Thomas Pocklington Trust (TPT) they have pioneered a new service which will revolutionise the lives of people with sight loss within the health and social care system. Firstly, working with care homes and now developing the Looking Out For Sight project into domiciliary care, the Wiltshire charity are able to reach a greater number of people living with sight loss both now and in the future. Care home staff are not routinely trained or have no awareness of sight loss and the support it requires. Funded by TPT, Wiltshire Sight aim to further pilot the service in the South West with the view to expanding the project nationally within the next two years.

During the 2015 Pilot, visual awareness training was provided to 20 care providers and 208 professionals were supported. This new service ensures the best sight loss assistance in care homes in Wiltshire, Swindon and beyond.

Over half of all care home residents in the UK are living with sight loss, the majority of which are currently unidentified or otherwise confused with other conditions such as Dementia and Alzheimers.

It has been found that through our training, carers have enabled residents to participate in daily activities such as bingo, enjoying audio books and much more.

Wiltshire Sight are leading this project and providing training to other societies like ourselves in the South West so that they can deliver the training to care homes in their respective areas.

The charity is currently recruiting volunteer Sight Loss Ambassadors in Wiltshire to assist with delivering the training. Any enquiries should be sent to lofs@wiltshiresight.org or call on 01380 723682.

Carers Week 6th-12th June

Caring is part of being human and at the heart of family life. As our population ages and people live longer, often with complex health conditions, more and more of us will find ourselves caring with 3 in 5 of us becoming carers at some point in our lives.

A carer is anyone who cares, unpaid, for a family member or friend who cannot manage without their support. They might look after someone with a physical disability, long term health condition, mental health issue or a problem with substance misuse.

Many people don't identify themselves as carers, they feel they are just doing what anyone else would so they don't always know what support is available to them.

Carer Support Wiltshire is a local charity supporting carers in Wiltshire. They help them to access support, services, education and training, and breaks from their caring role. As part of **Carers Week (6th-12th June)** they will be celebrating the contribution unpaid carers make to families and communities in Wiltshire with their **Walk a Mile in My Shoes** sponsored walk. Walkers are encouraged to decorate their trainers or swap shoes with a relative or friend and show their support for carers. The walk will take place at John Coles Park in Chippenham. You can find out more at www.carersinwiltshire.co.uk or telephone 01380 871690.



SEEND 100+ CLUB REMINDER

Seend 100+ Club has started again! If you haven't renewed your membership or if you would like to apply, please contact me or send in your application form from the April edition of Spotlight. One third of the money raised goes towards the upkeep of the Lye Field, an important village asset, the rest is put into a monthly prize draw. You could be the next winner!

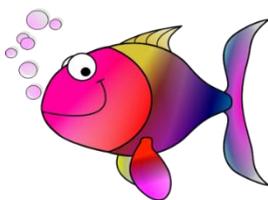
Karen Cubberley, Lye Field Committee
karenm@cubberley.com

And finally:

A couple of bits of wordplay for you.....

Two fish in a tank; one says to the other 'How do you drive this thing?'

Two birds on a perch; one says to the other 'Can you smell fish?'



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

Connect2 (transport to RUH; book at least one day ahead) 08456 525255 (Ends 10/6/2016)

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 - seendlr@gmail.com (www.seendfete.co.uk)

Flower Show – Brian Jaques 827137

FoSS (Friends of Seend School) Mel Steel 07739 899741

Historic Houses Club - Mary Warren 01225707357 or Neil Yockney 827139

LINK Scheme - 075320 55560

Lye Field Committee – www.seendlyefield.org

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

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

Preschool - Liz Futter 828485

Poetry Group - Tessa Doe 828617

Ramblers - Gerald Salter 01225 706451

Royal British Legion - Roger Brind 828830

Seend Singers - Bob McCulloch 828508

Short Mat Bowls Club - Colin Waldeck 828946

Tennis Club - Ric Ellinger 828687

Theatre Club - Sylvia Ewin 828325; Marion Whitehead 828612

WEA – Tessa Doe 828617

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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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
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* note early closing