

# SPOTLIGHT SEND & BULKINGTON

HAPPY  
EASTER

APRIL 2015

## DIARY DATES FOR LATE MARCH

- 28<sup>th</sup> Soup Lunch, Bulkington Village Hall, 12 noon
- 28<sup>th</sup> Wine Circle, Community Centre, 7.45 for 8pm
- 29<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday
- 31<sup>st</sup> Last day for £1 discount off Seend Club membership
- 31<sup>st</sup> Seend Parish Council meeting, Community Centre, 7.30pm

## DIARY DATES FOR APRIL

- 1<sup>st</sup> Shuttle Shopping Trip to Salisbury. Call 01225 706526 by Monday to book
- 1<sup>st</sup> Seend Acoustic Club – Georgia Lewis – upstairs in Community Centre, 8pm
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Good Friday Workshops, Seend Church, 10am-12 noon
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Live music in the Brewery Inn, from 8.30pm
- 4<sup>th</sup> Bulkington Playing Field Maintenance Day, from 10am till lunchtime
- 4<sup>th</sup> Help for Heroes disco in Brewery Inn, from 8.30pm
- 5<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday (Renée's last service before retirement)
- 5<sup>th</sup> Easter Egg Hunt and hat competition, Brewery Inn from 11am
- 6<sup>th</sup> Great Bulkington Railway, 1-4.30pm
- 9<sup>th</sup> Bulkington Village Hall AGM, 7.30pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> Grand Easter Holiday Quiz Night, Community Centre, 7.45pm
- 12<sup>th</sup> Gardening Club AGM and talk, Pavilion, 7.30pm
- 13<sup>th</sup> Coffee morning for church flowers, 25 Dial Close, 10.30am-12 noon
- 13<sup>th</sup> Bulkington tea and chat, 46A Bulkington, 2-4pm
- 15<sup>th</sup> Melksham Area Board Meeting, Semington Village Hall, 6.30 for 7pm
- 15<sup>th</sup> Seend Acoustic Club – Rob Lear Band – upstairs in Community Centre, 8pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> Seend & District Ramblers skittles social evening, Community Centre, 7.30pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> LAST DAY FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO MAY SPOTLIGHT
- 19<sup>th</sup> Seend & District Ramblers meet in Rusty Lane for 9.30am departure
- 20<sup>th</sup> Mobile Library: 9.35 am Seend The Lye; 10 am Seend Cleeve phone box; 10.55 am Well Inn Car Park, Bulkington
- 21<sup>st</sup> Link Scheme Village Meeting, Pavilion, 7.30pm
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Nosh & Natter Lunch Club, Community Centre, 12 for 12.30pm
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Shakespeare's Birthday/St George's Day do, upstairs, Community Centre, 7.30pm
- 25<sup>th</sup> Buffalo Gals, (Rural Arts Touring) Community Centre, 7.30pm
- 28<sup>th</sup> Wessex Fuchsia Group, Pavilion 7.45pm
- 29<sup>th</sup> Monthly fun quiz, Brewery Inn, 8pm

## DIARY DATES FOR MAY

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Beer Festival, Community Centre, 12 noon – 11pm
- 5<sup>th</sup> Start of summer 3-a-side skittles competition, Community Centre, 8pm
- 9<sup>th</sup> Gardening Club visit to Westonbirt
- 9<sup>th</sup> 'Happy Days are Here Again!' VE Day anniversary, Community Centre, 7.30pm
- 13<sup>th</sup> Historic Houses Club visit to Stonehenge
- 17<sup>th</sup> Quarterly Seend Church bell ring in memory of WWI fallen, 6.30pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> Mobile Library: 9.35 am Seend The Lye; 10 am Seend Cleeve phone box; 10.55 am Well Inn Car Park, 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](http://www.seend.org.uk) and remember that we now have a **facebook** page:  
[www.facebook.com/seendspotlight](http://www.facebook.com/seendspotlight)

## Welcome to April Spotlight



Firstly, on behalf of all villagers (churchgoers or not) may we bid a fond farewell to Renée Coulson whose presence, exploits and adventures have been a big part of village life over the last few years. We wish her well for the future. You can read her final Vicar's letter on page 6 and attend her final service on Easter Sunday.

Now for our annual appreciation of the daffodils in the grass verges around Seend and Seend Cleeve, planted over several seasons by the late Joe Burbidge MBE and friends with money raised from Joe's various village projects. They always make us feel that spring is really here. The tubs in the High Street are pretty impressive too!

There's a lot to think about in the following pages: we need people to save the Link voluntary transport scheme, there is news about the Parish Plan, musings about the Seend Shuttle timetable, and voluntary and paid opportunities with local and national charities and organisations.

And, of course, there are plenty of social events coming up. If you like food, music, quizzes, coffee, tea, steam trains, Shakespearean panto, beer or skittles – or any combination of the above – then there is something for you! Details are on the events pages starting on page 2, or on pages 8-10 for Bulkington events.

### Advertising

Full details and prices of our annual advertising programme will be in next month's Spotlight. The deadline will be a little earlier than usual, 9<sup>th</sup> May, so don't miss out.

**Spotlight Contacts:** Contributions for the May issue (copy deadline 18<sup>th</sup> April) can be mailed to [spotlight@seend.org.uk](mailto: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.

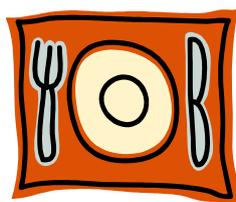
**Lost emails:** Emails to Spotlight sometimes go astray for no obvious reason. If email correspondents don't receive an acknowledgement by the end of the Monday after the Spotlight deadline, please ring Tessa or Sue (see above) to check if all is well. And please read the following:

**When sending emails to [spotlight@seend.org.uk](mailto: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 April and beyond

(see pages 8-10 for Bulkington events)



### **Nosh and Natter Lunch Club**

in Seend Community Centre

Only £5 for two courses!

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 12 for 12.30pm**

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

### **Seend Acoustic Club**

**Seend Community Centre - 7.45 for 8pm**

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

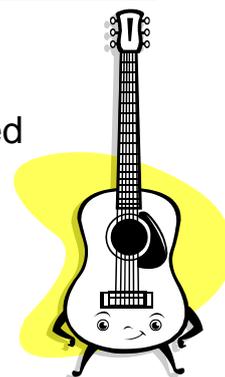
#### **Special guests:**

1<sup>st</sup> April – Singer & multi-instrumentalist Georgia Lewis & friends

15<sup>th</sup> April – the superb Rob Lear Band, £5 entry

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

*All in all, a great evening out!*



### **Easter Weekend at the Brewery Inn**

**Good Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April** – Live Music from 8.30pm with

Rioja Jacques and Jack Moore

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April** – Help for Heroes fundraising disco with

DJ Shep from 8.30pm. 60s, 70s, 80s dress or Forces uniform!

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April** – Easter Egg Hunt from 11am

+ Easter Hat competition, face painting and games  
and Karaoke from 8pm



### **\*Grand Easter Holiday Quiz Night!\***

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April, 7.45pm, in Seend Community Centre**

Teams of up to four - £2 per head entry

Seasonal prizes – including for best team name!

Bar and interval snacks available!

Quizmasters Graham Hickman and Tony Daly

Call 01380 828617 to book your table in advance

*(extra nibbles on table for pre-booked teams!)*



There will be a **Coffee Morning** at 25 Dial Close, Seend, on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April from 10.30am - 12 noon. This is to raise money for the flower fund at The Holy Cross Church, Seend. There will be a raffle and a Bring & Buy stall.

**North & West Wiltshire National Trust Association**

Following the sudden death of our Chairman, Mr Bryan Earp, the lecture planned for Saturday, 25th April 2015 at Seend Community Centre has been cancelled.

**SHAKESPEARE'S BIRTHDAY & ST GEORGE'S DAY PARTY!**

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2015, 7.45 for 8pm

Upstairs in Seend Community Centre. Buffet supper with entertainment from Melksham Ukelele Social Club & Seend Fawltly Shakespeareans including the world premiere of 'St George & The Dragon – The Panto' written in iambic pentameter (attribution to W. Shakespeare currently in dispute). **Numbers limited by size of room, so please book early!**

Tickets £6.50 from Seend Shop/PO & Seend Community Centre

Proceeds to Seend Community Centre



**THE BUFFALO GALS ARE COMIN' TO TOWN...**

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

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

**MONTHLY FUN QUIZ at THE BREWERY INN**

**WEDNESDAY 29<sup>th</sup> APRIL at 8PM**



**Seend Beer Festival**

**Saturday 2nd May 2015**

12 noon till 11pm at Seend Community Centre  
Numbers limited to 500. Last year sold out so book early!

**Tickets cost £10 including a glass and two beer tokens**

*Tickets for non-beer drinkers on sale at the door only.*

*Accompanied children welcome in the afternoon.*

**Pig roast by Padfield's Porkies**

**Live music:** in the afternoon: Kate Lomas, Funked Up and Melksham Ukelele Social Club (MUSC) and in the evening: Indecision

**Tickets from: Seend Shop/PO, Community Centre & The Brewery Inn in Seend Cleeve. From 1<sup>st</sup> April also in Devizes Books, and online with booking fee.**

For more info see [www.seendbeerfestival.co.uk](http://www.seendbeerfestival.co.uk)

**The ANNUAL Three-a-Side SKITTLES Competition**  
starts on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> June.  
Entry forms available at the Centre or see: [seendsummerskittles.weebly.com](http://seendsummerskittles.weebly.com)

**Victory in Europe!  
Happy Days are Here Again**



70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - Dancing – Food - Exhibition of memories

**Time: Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May from 7.30 – 11.00pm**

**Place: Seend Community Centre      Dress: Demob**

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

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

Please make a note in your diaries for

**SEEND OPEN GARDENS**

13<sup>th</sup> / 14<sup>th</sup> June from 1:00pm - 6:00 pm.

Further details to follow next issue of Spotlight.

Contact Tina Yockney on 01380 827139 for further information if required



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**Who owns this village? YOU DO!**

You may have wondered what happened to all the data that was collected in the Village Appraisal undertaken by members of the Parish Council in 2011.

It is being used by a Steering Group to create a village PARISH PLAN, based on YOUR views. (This is not led by the Parish Council).

Now you are going to be asked to share your ideas about how you want the village to be ten years hence: some change will inevitably take place but here's YOUR chance to influence that change. By doing this the village will have a voice that can better control what happens to OUR village.

The Steering Group wants you to be involved and is working towards a presentation at the Pavilion on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June (7.00 – 10.00pm.) and Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June

(3.00 -6.00pm.) at which there will be ample opportunities for you to have a say. Make a note of these dates NOW, so you can make well-informed suggestions.

We will also be launching a website with information and data about the village, with links to Facebook so that a dialogue can take place for those who like to use a modern format, and hope that this will encourage the younger members of our community to be involved.

**Come and ENGAGE, come and CONTRIBUTE, come and OWN our future.**

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### **URGENT**

#### **Village Meeting – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April at 7.30pm in the Pavilion**

Seend is about to lose its **Link voluntary transport scheme** if we are unable to find volunteers to take over. We need:

- A small group to take the phone calls. This will involve a few hours a day on a rota basis, perhaps once a month
- Someone who will act as treasurer, banking the donations and doing the accounts
- Last but not least, a secretary to take the minutes of the meetings. We meet about four times a year.

Volunteer drivers are also always welcome.

If you feel you are able to help, or are just curious, come to the meeting, have a cup of coffee and find out all about it.

Joan Savage, Link Chairman

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## **CHURCH AND CHAPEL NEWS**

### **CHURCH SERVICES IN APRIL**

#### **Maundy Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

7.30 pm Benefice Parish Communion & foot washing at Bulkington

#### **Good Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**

10.00 am Workshops for Children at Seend

2.00 pm Hour before the Cross at Poulshot

#### **Easter Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April** (NB no 8.00 am service today)

**11.15 am Benefice Family Communion at Seend** (Vicar's last service)

#### **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April**

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 (followed by APCM)

#### **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April**

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 (followed by APCM)

## **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April**

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

### **From the registers:**

#### **Funeral, burial and interment of ashes:**

Kenneth Stokes on 10<sup>th</sup> February at Holy Cross

Joyce Adams on 10<sup>th</sup> February at Semington Crematorium and Holy Cross

Carmella Watts on 12<sup>th</sup> March at Holy Cross

### **Easter Workshops - GOOD FRIDAY**

3<sup>rd</sup> April from 10.00 am - 12.00 noon in Seend Church

**Card making, Clay models, Stained glass windows, Easter crowns**  
and much more..... for all the family

A short service is followed by drinks & Hot Cross Buns

## **VICAR'S LETTER**

### **Endings ... and beginnings**

In my letter to you last month I confirmed I will shortly be leaving our parishes. My last service will be on Easter Day (5<sup>th</sup> April). It will be really good to see as many friends as possible on that occasion so I hope to see you there! Please give others a lift up to church if you can, to help with parking. Leaving the parishes will be so hard for me, as this has been the happiest time of my life. You have all made me so welcome and have become good friends. I have been truly blessed in my ministry here – for which I Praise the Lord, and thank you.

It might seem Easter Day is a rather peculiar day on which to have my final service. However, all clergy are now required to retire at 70 - the new 50, you understand! – which great age I will reach this month (March). I could hardly leave in the middle of Lent and so Easter Sunday – a day of great joy, as we celebrate the risen Lord and the beginning of new life – seemed a good choice for a timely exit! As I mentioned last month, you will not be left without help, because an “interim minister” is to be appointed for the foreseeable future.

Our Benefice (“churchspeak” for our group of parishes – Seend, Bulkington and Poulshot) is currently enjoying an informal link with our neighbouring ones of Potterne and Worton with Marston, and Bromham, Rowde and Sandy Lane. This Cluster grouping is beginning to work very well indeed as we enjoy meeting at joint services and share teaching/learning opportunities, quiet days and, hopefully, social occasions. Maureen has already published the first “Cluster News”, which has been circulated to Cluster representatives and the churches involved. If you would like to know more, spare copies of the news sheet can be found at the back of our churches. Please do take one and keep yourself abreast of our news.

And so we now look for new beginnings – a change of “Vicar” and a change of thrust as we gear ourselves up a notch for bigger and better things within our church communities. Towards the end of his life, a well-known writer said, “I’m old, and I’ve learned that there are very few things in life that really matter – but those few things matter intensely!” Worshipping with other believers matters because it reminds us of the important things about God – His Word, His will, His ways, His promises, His call, His grace and His family. May he bless you all for being my “family” these past few years.

With warm Christian love – and every blessing for Easter and beyond.

*Renée*



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### **Seend Bell Ringers WW1 Remembrance**

Seend Bell Ringers will ring quarterly through until early 2019, to commemorate those who fell during WW1 from within the benefice of Seend, Bulkington and Poulshot. A list is on display at the entrance to the vestry in the Church of the Holy Cross in Seend showing all 67 names, military service detail, cemetery and where possible, information on local family connections.

This quarter they will ring on **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 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

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### **POLITE NOTICE Churchyards**

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.

Regrettably several complaints have been received concerning the increasing use of such items. We are now asking family members to please remove all such items by Easter Saturday (4<sup>th</sup> April), after which time they will be removed. Plastic flowers and other items of a more lasting nature will be made 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.

### **JOIN THE CHURCH FRIENDS**

There has never been a better time for joining the FRIENDS OF SEEND CHURCH!

Over the coming months the Church is aiming to improve disabled access, install a toilet and bring water into the building. By joining the FRIENDS you can be helping directly in raising the funds to make this all possible.

Subscriptions are £15 per annum, £25 family and £250 lifetime subscription. For further information and an application form please contact fjohnson09@gmail.com

### **SEEND METHODIST CHURCH : Services for April 2015**

5<sup>th</sup> April – 10.30am at Bromham Methodist Church with Rev Di Whittall and Holy Communion

19<sup>th</sup> April – 10am – Rev Di Whittall will lead worship and there will be a Baptism service included.

26<sup>th</sup> April - 10am – Mrs P Clarke

Everyone always welcome.  
Anne Salter

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## **BULKINGTON NEWS**

### **BULKINGTON 100+ CLUB** 😊

The Bulkington 100+ Club October draw took-place on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at the Bulkington Lunch at The Well.

Our winners for this draw were:

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize:	£40:	48 - Ron Elliott
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize:	£30:	36 - Tom Suggitt
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize:	£20:	43 - Betty Noad.

Congratulations to our winners and our thanks to all members for their support.

The next draw will take-place in early May, shortly before the start of our next Club year on 1<sup>st</sup> June. We hope that all current members will continue their membership and that we can persuade new members into the fold!

David Whiteley, Bulkington 100+ Club

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**The Mobile Library** will visit The Well, Bulkington from 10:55 - 11:25am on 20<sup>th</sup> April. Please support this important facility.

**LADIES** – Do away with WRINKLES, BOTOX and FACE LIFTS by joining our 9am to 10am Monday morning ladies' gentle exercise classes in Bulkington Village Hall.

Tone up your muscles, tighten up your skin with an hour of gentle exercise classes under the expert tuition of Emma – Never too late to feel young, beautiful and healthy again! No age limits! Contact Thelma on 01380 828 101

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### **BULKINGTON VILLAGE HALL**

**We are open!** There are more repairs and restoration still to be done, but we are **open for business**. We do remind our lovely renters to be careful of the newly varnished floor. **No dragging of chairs or tables, please!** It has been a worrying time, and it is not over yet; until we can be sure we have done all we can to preserve our lovely old chapel building (with its two feet thick walls), we intend to continue the work.

Meanwhile, Nev has re-created himself as Site Manager. This has taken hours of his time, chasing 'Chippies and Brickies', keeping everyone on their toes, sourcing as close a match as possible for the replacement floorboards and in his spare time, trying to raise funds to pay all the bills. The final touch - but only skin-deep, as the damp-proofing is far from finished - was the sanding and varnishing. Thelma did her bit by mopping up the dust and Roger Marsh and Nev put on two coats of varnish: the result is stunning! But don't take my word for it, come along and Keep Fit on Mondays (for a close-up view) or Sing on Tuesdays and see for yourselves. Or, you could have your family celebration here. New renters, please contact Roger Futter 828485 or Nev Boulton for details of the new rates.

**PUBLIC NOTICE:** Please be advised that on Thursday, 9th April 2015, at 7.30pm in the Hall, Bulkington Village Hall Committee will be holding their AGM. All members of the Village, new and old, are invited to attend.

**Lastly, a big bouquet of thanks** to everyone who has helped, but most of all, to our Site Manager, Neville Boulton.

Angela Read, Chairman.



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**Tea and Chat on Monday 13th April 2 - 4 pm**  
at 46A Bulkington. (Home of Phyl Yarde)

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**Village Lunch at the Well, Wednesday 1st April 12.15 for 12.30pm.**  
Contact Jane Coles in advance for the menu on 828145

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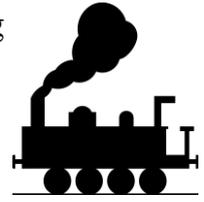
### **BULKINGTON'S WILLIAM BREACH CENTENARY PLAYING FIELD MAINTENANCE DAY**

On Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April there will be a list of jobs to undertake, so please make time to come along and get involved. We start at 10 am and finish around lunchtime. You can find out more about the Playing Field on our village website:  
<http://www.bulkington.btck.co.uk/VillageAmenities/PlayingField>

Calum Ogilvie

## GBR Easter Monday 2015

On Monday 6th April 2015 the Great Bulkington Railway will be offering train rides to children of all ages (including Young Grandad!) from 1300 to 1630 hours. The track is located next to the Village Hall in Bulkington. The event will be supported by the West Wilts Society of Model Engineers and subject to weather we will be serving teas & sticky buns on the lawns – if it rains we will have the catering in the village hall. We have a thousand feet of track, signals and a forty foot long tunnel – rides only cost a pound. The trains are hauled by coal fired steam and diesel engines which are hand built by members of the society. Since 1988, when the track was built – over 17,000 trains have gone around it!



Neve Boulton Station Master 828 101

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## SEEND CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

### SEEND SHUTTLE COMMUNITY BUS



As I expect you have noticed our brand new Shuttle bus now has its smart new signage. Many thanks to Gordon our key holder for doing a great job. We need to update our timetables and with this in mind we would like your help. The school run, the Thursday runs to Devizes and the monthly trip to Salisbury are all popular and need no changing. However, very few people go on the Monday bus to the village shop or the Tuesday bus to Melksham. Sadly we have recently lost Stephen Nunn who was a regular user of both these services, and the Melksham bus sometimes goes completely empty. Of course we don't want to take away a service that is important to anybody but if you have any ideas about times or destinations that might be more useful to you do let us know. Contact Pete Wallis on 01380 726560 or e-mail him at [petewallis36@hotmail.com](mailto:petewallis36@hotmail.com). We have also heard from Wiltshire County that we are allowed to take free bus pass passengers from 9.00am rather than the 9.30am restriction they are imposing on most bus services so we could get you to the shops nice and early if you wish.

Anita Shea

### First Wednesday Shopping Trip to Salisbury on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April

Please contact Rex or Janet Gudge on 01225 706526 by Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March to book your place.



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### **Save the date: Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August from 1pm!**

The main arena act will be a spectacular and hilarious theatre show featuring a giant lobster! There will be more street theatre later on in the afternoon and we're bringing new and exciting fun dog show classes (involving sausages) to the arena so get your pooches in training.

In food and drink news: the Kennet & Avon Brewery will be back by popular demand to provide our beer stall and we're hoping to bring a new and fabulous

vegetarian food offering to complement our popular BBQ. This year Seend School will be offering 'Wiltshire Cream Teas' in the Pavilion – the committee would like to thank them for their loyal support of the fete as providing teas and coffees for all our visitors is a busy job!

We've also got our favourites booked – train rides, giant bouncy castles, a ride for younger children, a mobile farm, hawks and falcons, a huge array of vintage vehicles, the model engine and lots of curios.

We hope to include all our usual stalls with the help of our fabulous volunteers. If you're new to the village and fancy manning a stall for an hour or so then please call June on 07590 818750. It's great fun and a lovely way to meet new people.

More announcements to follow next month! In the mean-time you can keep up to date and see behind the scenes on the committee by following us on twitter @seendfete and on our facebook community page 'Seend Fete'.

Jo McManus on behalf of Seend Fete Committee



**Seend Flower Show 2015 is coming:  
Saturday August 8 is the day.**

Things are popping up in the garden and greenhouse and ideas are popping up in our minds so I hope that you are turning your mind as to what you can do to make the show its usual success.

We are pleased that Altfield will again generously sponsor the show. We are grateful for their support.

We now have a website separate to the Seend village site. Its address is [www.seendflowershow.org.uk](http://www.seendflowershow.org.uk). There will be a link to it from the Seend site so you can use either method of accessing the pages. We have uploaded the 2015 schedule of exhibition classes and guidance notes so if you wish you can get early information. As last year we will be distributing copies of the show programme and schedule throughout the locality. It was significant that we had many new exhibitors last year and attribute that to spreading show news around our area. We hope that the trend will continue! Of course we hope also that many who had exhibited previously but didn't appear in 2014 will revive their interest and help us to make this year's show a roaring success.

Brian Jaques



**SEEND FAWLTY PLAYERS** would like to thank everyone who supported our pantomime in February. Audiences were not huge, but made up for that by the incredible volume of cheering, booing and generally joining in the mayhem! We are still doing the sums, but hope to be able to make a useful donation to Wiltshire Young Carers as well as contributing to the cost of improved stage lighting and amplification for the Community Centre. If you are interested in joining the Players before our next show, please contact Anita on 828757 or Tessa on 828617. Thanks.

## **SEEND COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS**



**Seend Club Membership:** If you read this before the end of March, you still have time to take advantage of the £1 discount when you take out or renew your membership of Seend Club before 1<sup>st</sup> April.

Membership entitles you to use the Desmond Edwards Lounge Bar any evening, with free snooker on Mondays, occasional sporting events on big-screen TV and very competitively-priced drinks! And your subscription supports the Community Centre. You can sign up at the bar.

**Events:** See the events section at the beginning of this magazine for info about the Grand Easter Holiday Quiz Night, Shakespeare's Birthday/St George's Day, Buffalo Gals, Nosh & Natter, Acoustic Club, Skittles, VE Day anniversary celebration and, of course, the Beer Festival. And look out for summer BBQs on 13<sup>th</sup> June and 17<sup>th</sup> July.

**Get fit with Emma!:** The current HoopCamp sessions are drawing to a close – watch out for future developments! In the meantime, there is a space waiting for you at the Tuesday morning **zumba/body conditioning** classes, 9.15am start in term-time only. All ages welcome. Just turn up with a bottle of water and a mat or towel for the floor exercises. It's a really enjoyable workout!

**Casual bar staff still needed:** Largely evening work, to cover Rob and to help at events. No minimum hours. Please get in touch with Rob on 07958 481739.

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## **SEEND & DISTRICT RAMBLERS**



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

**The next walk is on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April.** Meet in Rusty Lane for a 9.30am departure. Organisers Gerald and Lin (01225 706451) with details yet to be confirmed. They will try to keep the walk fairly local and approximately 5 to 5½ miles in duration.

Lin Salter

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## **100+ CLUB DRAW**

The 100+ Club Draw for February took place in The Brewery on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2015. The results were as follows:-

Sir M Thorpe	No. 062	£35
Mrs P Symington	No. 069	£30
Mr D Meharg	No. 180	£25
Mrs C Russell	No. 095	£20
Mrs L Thornton	No. 091	£15
Mrs M Burden	No. 009	£10



Congratulations to all the winners. Don't forget that the 2015 draw starts on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Application forms were in last month's Spotlight.

Karen Cubberley, Seend Lye Field Committee



## **SEEND WI**

The March meeting was our AGM. The Annual Report and accounts were presented to the members.

The Committee of Lynne Puntis, Jo Vaux, Fiona Johnson, Pauline Robertson, Bron Murch, and Gill Acornley were re-elected. Lesley Jaques was elected onto the committee. Our President is Fiona Johnson and Secretary is Gill Acornley. After the business was concluded the members enjoyed a social evening with wine and nibbles.

Next month's meeting is on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April when our speaker will be Deanna Deburgh of Cocobella who will be explaining the art of making hand crafted chocolate. Visitors are always welcome.

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](http://www.seendwi.weebly.com)

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## **ROYAL BRITISH LEGION**

### **FIRST WORLD WAR - IN MEMORIAM**

This month we remember:

Frederick Lionel Moore 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. Wiltshire Regt 15<sup>th</sup> April 1915

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



### **DATE TO NOTE**

Please note the date for the following meeting:

Next Committee Meeting: Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2015. It will be held in the Kennet Room in the Community Centre commencing at 1930 hrs.

### **RBL STANDARD BEARERS' COMPETITION**

Our congratulations to Kevin Toft, our Standard Bearer, for winning both the County and South West Region competitions. We wish him the very best of luck when he competes in the National Championships later this year.

### **VE/VJ DAY MEMORIES**

Head Office want to put together a collection of stories/memories of VE Day and VJ Day. Anyone who would like to send in a story or memory should contact Marion Whitehead (828612) or email [mwhitehead07@gmail.com](mailto:mwhitehead07@gmail.com). With your permission, your memories will be shared with the Community Centre for use at the 'Happy Days are Here Again' event on 9<sup>th</sup> May (see page 4). Or if you only wish your memories to be used by the RBL, you could contact national organiser Bethan Herbert on: Phone, 0333 011 4396, Mobile 07780 955544, Email [bherbert@britishlegion.org.uk](mailto:bherbert@britishlegion.org.uk)

Roger Brind



## SEEND AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

For this month's meeting we had a visit from Graham Anstey, representing **Friends of Westonbirt Arboretum**, who came to give us an introductory talk in anticipation of our visit in May - **Wednesday 9th May**, in case anyone else would be interested in joining us - you would be very welcome. He gave us a very interesting illustrated talk on the Arboretum, its founder Robert Holford, the ups and downs of its history, and the work of its staff and 280 volunteers.

Holford was an extremely wealthy man - wealthy enough to move Westonbirt Village one mile down the road so that it wouldn't spoil the view of the arboretum from his palatial mansion. He also had the main London to Bath coach route lowered by six feet for the same reason. Westonbirt House wasn't even the Holford family's main dwelling - that was in London, a little pad known to us now as The Dorchester... Anyway, we're really looking forward to our visit.

The meeting was also our Spring Bulb Show and featured some beautiful examples of what nature has achieved in our gardens.

Our next meeting, on **Tuesday 12th April, in the Irene Usher Pavilion at 7.30 as usual**, is the last of our season of meetings and is our **Annual General Meeting** - a short business meeting followed by a talk from Peter Holloway on Fuchsias, and then some social time with our fellow gardeners. The entries for the Flower Show will also be available for collection, so, if you've requested one, don't forget to come along and pick it up.

After that it's time to get down to the business of actually doing some real gardening - weather and aching knees permitting.

Tim and Carole

## Seend Historic Houses Club

We have published our programme for the year ahead:

Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Stonehenge new Visitor Centre, Museum & Stones NT	Sylvia Ewin 828325
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Sherborne Castle	Tony Ewin 828325
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Basildon Park NT	Mary Warren 01225 707357
24 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Tour of the Bear Hotel Devizes followed by cream tea	Joy Stack 828809
September	Trip to London Details to be announced in due course	Tina Yockney 827139



We have about 60 members and new members are always welcome. Do get in touch if you would like to join this happy club.

Tony Ewin

## **SEEND SCHOOL NEWS**

It's been a busy month at Seend School as usual. It's a short term and there's still so much to fit in!



Holly Class have been learning about pirates....oooooh arrrrrrrrr! The children have made their own treasure maps and wanted posters, sketched and learnt about Blackbeard and have also been on a treasure hunt. The children are really looking forward to dressing up as pirates on the last day of term.

Oak Class visited Sevington Victorian school last week and had a great time. All the children dressed up and managed to stay 'in character' for the whole day. Some children are still in character now! They were given different names and had to bring typical Victorian lunches in a paper bag. Please have a look at our school website to see the fantastic photographs.

Chestnut Class have been continuing to research a different country from around the world. There has been some excellent home learning going on, including making and bringing in food that is a speciality in their chosen country. On the last day of term the children are going to be sharing some of the information they have found out and will have the chance to taste some more food.

Sycamore Class are continuing to learn about the rainforest. They have been researching the effects of deforestation and felt so strongly about it that they wrote letters to their MP. The children were quite impressed with the reply that they got!

What a fantastic mix of talents on show on Friday 27th February at our Talent Show. We were warmed up by some school themed jokes from the warm up man himself – Mr B, and then what followed was a super mix of piano, cello, guitar, ballet, singing, and gymnastics. Everyone who attended had a great evening and we raised £132 to boot! Thank you to all those who took part and who attended, especially if your child wasn't actually in the event itself!

If you or anyone you know locally is thinking of putting their house on the market, then please remember that Lock & Key Estate Agents of Melksham have offered to give the school 10% of their commission on any house sold if, when the vendor has it valued, they request this deal. At no extra cost to the vendor, this could be a good fundraiser for us so please spread the word.

So far we have received money from the sale of three houses, as part of this offer.

Don't forget the clothing/fabric recycling bin in the school car-park which will take any bagged items of clothing, belts, shoes, sheets and curtains. So far the school has received nearly £500 from this so it is well worth having. As the school is hoping to have a new, all-weather path built round the field, money raised will be very useful.

Nicola Coleman, Deputy Headteacher

## **SEEND PLAYGROUP NEWS**

The Summer Term starts on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April. We are open Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri mornings from 8.45 am to 12.45 pm and Wed from 11.45 am to 2.45 pm. We now take children from age two. If you have a young child, come along and see us.

Liz Futter 828485 (Playleader)



### **Update from FoSS**

Following FoSS' most recent committee meeting, we are pleased to announce that the momentum is still going strong!

#### **The path ahead...**

Plans are now progressing to improve the path around the School field. The first stage will be the path from the back gate to the playground but even this relatively small stretch will cost somewhere in the region of £5000... We are going to be doing our very best over the next few months to try and raise enough money to pay a significant part of the expenditure. A hard, attractive and mud-free path will make a HUGE difference for the children and for the many parents/carers who use it (and polish the school shoes)!

#### **Volunteers always welcome!**

None of our work is possible without an army of trusty volunteers. We are always on the lookout for anyone who is willing to help out at events (no committee meeting attendance required) - from setting up, running stalls, serving drinks, through to packing up and clearing away. Please contact us if you are willing and able to help and we will add you to the list of volunteers.

#### **FoSS embraces social media**

Yes, FoSS has set up its own facebook page –

**[www.facebook.com/FOSSFRIENDSOFSEENDSCHOOL](http://www.facebook.com/FOSSFRIENDSOFSEENDSCHOOL)**. We are trying to invite as many parents and villagers as possible to “like” the page but feel free to spread the word and if we haven't invited you yet, it is only because we do not have your contact details. Please note that this page's sole purpose is to help **FoSS** communicate with the parents and the wider community; we will put future events on there and keep it up-to-date with all our news. All posts by other people will be reviewed before being made live so anybody attempting to use it for their own purpose or commercial gain will be stopped.

#### **Teas at Seend Fete – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August**

We have been asked to run the teas at the Seend Fete this year. We are going to be serving Wiltshire Cream Teas – scones with cream and strawberry jam - plus tea, coffee and squash. We will be looking for lots of volunteers to each help for a one-hour slot during the afternoon. Please let Mel or Victoria know if you will be free to help out. Mel will shortly be asking people face-to-face so she can fill the rota (many hands make light work!) - it will be fun and a great fund-raiser for the School.

Thank you, Mel Steel & Victoria Bowes

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## **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 24<sup>th</sup> February 2015** was attended by eight Councillors with Mr. J. Padfield in the chair. Apologies received from Mr K Rigg, Cllr J. Seed and CBM PC Emily Thomas.

Following last month's PC meeting, the High Street traffic management scheme was discussed at the CATG meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> February. The CATG was advised that

the Parish's preference is for intelligent signs that warn of oncoming vehicles (similar to West Lavington). Costs for two signs with sensors would be approximately £20K, including installation work. The CATG's proposal is for the Parish, CATG and Area Board to pay one-third of the capital cost of the signage (£8,500). Therefore the PC would be asked to fund £2,833. Councillors discussed this proposal and voted 7 in favour and 1 against.

PC Thomas was unable to attend the meeting, but sent a report by email. On 8<sup>th</sup> February a folding bike was taken from a barge moored outside the Barge Inn. On 9<sup>th</sup> February fence posts were pulled out and criminal damage to a field at Seend Park Farm, Semington. On 17<sup>th</sup> February there was an attempted break in at Poulshot Road in the late evening, unknown male scared off by the owner's dog.

**Parking in School Road** – Email received from head Teacher, Jackie Chalk, to advise that she is aware of the congestion outside the school and regularly reminds parents of the need to park without blocking driveways in both School Road and Dial Close. She will raise the matter again at the next governors' meeting and contact parents again.

**Car parking, Rusty Lane** – Old correspondence relating to ownership of the lane and responsibility for upkeep has been located. It appears that the area in question is owned by three groups: Lye Field, WI and the Community Centre. It will be necessary to obtain agreement of the owners to improvements in the surface of the car park.

**Noticeboard outside Post Office** – this is undergoing renovation and will be replaced in due course.

**Skateboard area** – Mr Murch reported that the Lye Field Committee members are very busy at present dealing with Mr Macdonald's claim, and there may be financial implications for them; at present they don't feel they can be involved.

**Footpaths 24 and 55** – The Rights of Way Warden asked if footpath 24 is a well walked footpath, and would it benefit from the broken stile being replaced with a kissing gate, subject to land owner approval? If so, would the Parish Council be able to part fund this? Councillors agreed to fund the kissing gate, however, they could not fund any further replacements in this financial year. The Rights of Way Warden advised that footpath 55 is an un-surfaced bridleway and whilst the ditches being dug out would help, the only way to improve the surface would be to lay road planings on it, would the Parish Council support this? Councillors agreed provided the landowner was in agreement, and there was no cost to the Parish Council.

**Accidents on the C20** - Mr Manning advised that information had been sought from Wiltshire Police on accident statistics for the C20, and they are duty bound to respond within 20 days. There have been four accidents on the C20 so far this year.

### **Planning Matters**

15/00621/FUL      Church of the Holy Cross, High Street  
New toilet facility, path and relocation of oil tank

Councillors voted unanimously in favour of this application.

15/00937/FUL Broad Lane Farm, Broad Lane  
Replacement dwelling with garage (re-submission of  
E/11/0295/FUL to amend design)

Councillors voted unanimously in favour of this application.

15/01002/FUL 15 The Lye  
Dropped kerb with driveway over verge

Councillors commented that they were generally in favour, provided this was used as access to parking at the property, and not used for car parking.

Councillors voted 7 in favour, 1 against.

Wiltshire House, High Street – Councillors were concerned at the number of vehicles parking on the verge outside this property that is currently undergoing renovation.

The Clerk to try and contact the owners of the property or speak to the site manager.

### **Correspondence**

Email from Sian Ferry, Canal & River Trust, in response to an enquiry about winter moorings. As with last year, there are no specific fixed winter mooring sites on the K&A this year. Instead, a ‘general towpath permit’ is available, which allows boaters to moor for up to 5 months at a valid towpath location anywhere on the canal network (restrictions do apply: Boats can’t stay for more than the signposted time on visitor moorings, within 1km of a private marina/mooring or within 500m of a CRT long term mooring site, and some other specific localised restrictions). Info on the general towpath permit and restrictions available on line at

<https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/boating/mooring/winter-moorings>

Regarding the K&A specifically, we have created a map which shows stretches where boaters cannot moor (marked in orange here:

<https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/media/library/7505-k-and->

[alocalplanareageneraltowpathwintermooringexclusionareas.pdf](https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/media/library/7505-k-and-alocalplanareageneraltowpathwintermooringexclusionareas.pdf), based on the 1km/500m rule – Please note that visitor moorings are not marked on the map, but the above-mentioned restriction re stay times applies. It seems, from the K&A maps that Seend does not fall within an exclusion zone, so boaters would be able to moor along the towpath for extended periods in the area with a general towpath permit.

However, if there is a specific towpath location you wish to query, please do let me know and I can consult with my colleagues local to that area.

Councillors queried whether people resident on boats on the canal were subject to Community Charge, the Clerk to check with Wiltshire Council. Also, which months are considered the five winter months, the Clerk to check with the Canal & River Trust.

The Clerk had been contacted by Wessex Water, who would like the speed limit from Seend Fork west to the village gateway to be reduced from 50 mph to 30 mph, to make exiting from the entrance to the sewage works on Seend Hill safer. They had contacted local residents and also Wiltshire Council, who advised that the Parish Council should ask for the speed limit to be assessed and reviewed through the CATG. Councillors agreed with this proposal. The Clerk to contact the Area Board.

**Overgrown hedges** – it was noted that hedges in the High Street were again impinging on the pavement. The Clerk to write to householders asking them to cut them back level with the wall.

**Springs in Seend Cleeve** – it was noted that these are again running across the road, but there is little that can be done to prevent.

**Flood defence** – Mr Wiltshire reported that the ton of sand and sand bags had been delivered by Wiltshire Council.

**Seend Shuttle** – the old bus had been sold to Melksham Area Youth Group for a nominal fee.

**Parish boundary at Bowerhill** – Melksham Without PC had been in contact to advise that they had installed a bench near the picnic area on the canal. This item to go on the agenda for the next meeting.

**Sandridge Solar Farm** – it was reported that the Planning Inspector had visited 10 days ago.

### **Date of next meeting**

The date of the next meeting is Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015, at Seend Community Centre at 7.30 p.m.

*Full copies of Parish Council minutes are on: [www.seendparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.seendparishcouncil.co.uk)*

Rosemary Fisher, Clerk

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## **Wiltshire Council News from Jonathon Seed**

Wiltshire Council passed its budget last month and will now be delivering services with £30 million less funding from Westminster and with the prospect of similar next year - whichever party wins the general election. So Wiltshire Council now settles down to work and the delivery of services, but now with a refreshed team as the Leader made changes to her Cabinet straight after the Budget. The changes include the inclusion of a new Cabinet Member to deliver solely on Highways and Transport issues. I have taken on the large housing portfolio to add to leisure, libraries and flooding, and my campus and community responsibilities pass to the Deputy Leader. I really look forward to overseeing the 5500 houses that the Council owns as well as delivering new ones to meet the County's housing needs.

Good news for our area has come out of the reorganisation of our Wiltshire Council youth services. There is more money available for youth projects, we have established a Local Youth Network (LYN) to deliver youth services and youth projects and we have an excellent youth officer in Ceri Evans who is dedicated to delivering these services and projects for the first time across the whole of our community area. Ceri is very keen to work in our rural villages and to try help provide activity for our 13 to 19 year olds, who in my opinion have been forgotten up to now. The old Seend community minibus has been taken over by the Melksham Youth charity and will now be available to collect and return any of our young people from Seend and Bulkington who want to go to the new LYN Youth Club in Melksham. It is early days and the mini bus is still short of volunteer drivers.

However this new youth service will be pretty much door to door every Tuesday evening and if it is to be a success it needs to be used so get in touch with Ceri at [ceri.evans@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:ceri.evans@wiltshire.gov.uk) or call 07557322714 if you are interested.

Finally there is another service which could be very valuable to local residents with the introduction of the new Community Messaging service. You will have received a leaflet about it in last month's Spotlight. Visit [www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk](http://www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk) to sign in.

Jonathon Seed

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## **SEEND SPORTS RESULTS AND FIXTURES**

Unfortunately, our sports reporter, Frankie Goddard, seems to have gone incommunicado so there is no sports news this month. Rumour has it that the Short Mat Bowls boys and girls have kidnapped him.



### **'The Badgers'**

Worton and Cheverell F.C.

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

#### **Team contact details:**

Reception Year (tasters) + Under 7 & 8s: Dave 07843678781 or Mark 01380-813160 . U- 6 & 9 & 10 – Jason 07590-427999 .

U- 11: Ian 01380-848437; U-12: Jake 07741-306303; U-14: Neil 01380-818193. U-16s : Mike 07854-320605 ; Adults: Paul 01380-727242 or Chris 01380-812339

Steve Dagnall, 01380-727976

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## **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:** Two two-seater cream sofas. £50 each or near offer. Very good condition. Call 01380 828787.

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## **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](mailto: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.



Our fantastic **Sarsen Trail & Neolithic Marathon** is on May 3rd this year.

You can choose to run, walk or bike across Salisbury Plain from Avebury to Stonehenge with varying distances available. Register online at [wiltshirewildlife.org/sarsen-trail](http://wiltshirewildlife.org/sarsen-trail) by 21<sup>st</sup> April.

Run IT, Walk IT, Bike IT, Enjoy IT

Generously supported by Mini Plant Swindon

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### **Nick Keen's "Marathon Des Sables" run**

You may already be aware of my attempt on this epic "Sahara Desert" run which starts 5<sup>th</sup> April this year!. 160+ miles over 6 days (54 miles on day four) across the desert. In addition competitors have to carry everything they will need for the run in their back packs. To justify all the preparation and training I have to put in, to even consider entering this ridiculous challenge, I have chosen to run on behalf of "**The Forever Friends Appeal**" which supports the Royal United Hospital in Bath and is currently raising funds for the RUH Cancer Care Campaign.

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

[www.Justgiving.com/Nick-Keens-Les-Sables](http://www.Justgiving.com/Nick-Keens-Les-Sables)



Many thanks, Nick Keen.

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Melksham Villages

Lise Griffiths: telephone 07541 353430 or email [melkshamgnc@communityfirstorg.uk](mailto:melkshamgnc@communityfirstorg.uk)

Working with older people in our rural communities, as your local Good Neighbour Co-ordinator I can provide a range of information and put you in touch with sources of help for any issue, to enable you live a more independent life. I can visit you at home, or help over the phone.

Wiltshire Good Neighbours is a free service that is provided through a partnership of Wiltshire Council, Community First and Age UK Wiltshire.

If you think you or someone you know would benefit from the service, please don't hesitate to contact me (see above).

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### **Planning a Barn Dance?**

Did you know we have two members of the barn dance band 'Short'n'Porter' living in Seend Cleeve? All ages and abilities catered for. Call Dave and Jan Field on 01380 827140.

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## The Wiltshire OPC Project

The OPC website provides information and links to various items relating to the Parishes/Villages of the County especially of a genealogy or local history interest. <http://www.wiltshire-opc.org.uk/genealogy/>

Teresa Lewis, Administrator, would like to glean further information – especially digital copies of old photographs of people and buildings to help build the archive. She would also love to hear from anyone who would like to join the project as a transcriber of records or as a parish adoptee. She has no personal connection to Seend so would happily hand over the reins to someone else.

If anyone is interested, could they get in touch at [lewisteresa33@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:lewisteresa33@hotmail.co.uk). Any items they may share will be acknowledged and labelled with the owners copyright

Teresa Lewis

Administrator, Parishes of Bremhill, Seend & Worton with Marston



### National Plant Monitoring Scheme

**This new monitoring scheme will sit alongside existing schemes for the UK's birds and butterflies to help us understand more about how the countryside is changing.**

**The search is now on to find 2000 volunteers to take part in the NPMS** who will play a vital role in gathering information. Together the volunteers will monitor wild plants in 28 important habitats, ranging from hedgerows and meadows to salt marsh and scree slopes.

□ Volunteers will be able to choose from three options depending on their level of expertise: recording from a short or an extended list of target species in each habitat or recording all species they find in their plots.

□ Volunteers will be given a 1 km square with a grid showing up to 25 locations. Surveyors will be asked to visit three of those locations and carry out surveys in square plots and then identify two linear features such as hedgerows, rivers and road verges and survey these locations too.

**For more information on the NPMS and how to take part please visit [www.npms.org.uk](http://www.npms.org.uk)**

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### FRIDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> APRIL AT 7.30 pm THE PRIORY CHURCH, EDINGTON

The award-winning internationally-renowned choral ensemble The Gentlemen of St Johns come from Cambridge to sing anthems, motets, folksongs and close harmony arrangements.

Tickets: Advance price: £20/15/10. 18 and under come FREE.

Please add £2 per ticket if you buy on the door.

Contact: [Sue@edingtonarts.org](mailto:Sue@edingtonarts.org) 01380 871549 or Christine Allanson-Bailey 01380 831256

Full details of the programme and other events on [www.edingtonarts.org](http://www.edingtonarts.org)



### **Steeple Rocks Choir!**

Following the great success of last November's musical evening in conjunction with Opus One Big Band in St Mary's Church, Steeple Ashton, we would like to announce a further concert on Friday May 1st in Warminster Civic Centre. This joint event will be in aid of the charity Help For Heroes and we hope to see as many local people there as possible. Details of how to buy tickets etc will be on our website [steeplerockschoir.weebly.com](http://steeplerockschoir.weebly.com).

Tickets are £10 and will be available from Steeple Ashton shop, choir members, [www.wegotickets.com](http://www.wegotickets.com) or ring 01380 871890 for details.

*Adrienne Hale*

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**Wiltshire Wildlife Trust** seeks people to work as Membership Recruiters, visiting venues and events, such as garden centres and county shows, to talk to the public and encourage them to join the Trust, generating regular monthly donations. If you want a flexible part-time job, enjoy getting out and about and are looking for good earning potential (up to £18,000 p.a. for a 22.5 hour week) then please apply to Huw Edwards at [hedwards@swwfl.co.uk](mailto:hedwards@swwfl.co.uk). You don't need to be a wildlife expert, just positive and passionate about the work of Wiltshire Wildlife Trust.

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### **Trowbridge Talking News**

Trowbridge Talking News is a local group of volunteers which records and distributes an audio tape of articles from the Wiltshire Times every week. This is a free service for people in West Wiltshire who have difficulty in reading newsprint. We currently have 70 Listeners but we are keen to enrol more people who could enjoy and benefit from this service. For more information please call Geoff Holt on 01225 762336.

We need more volunteers to help us continue this valuable service. Full training and modern digital equipment is supplied. Readers and Duplicators work on a rota. This means two Fridays every 20 weeks, i.e. approximately three times a year. It takes about two hours to make a master recording or to duplicate the memory sticks and take them to the Post Office. We are looking for a Duplicator as one of our members would like to step down. Please call Paul Phillips on 01225 866108 if you would like to know what is involved. We also need extra people to help set up new Listeners or to give short talks to groups such as WI or community centres.

We welcome any new venues or ideas to help us spread the word about TTN! We have recently received a lot of publicity in the Wiltshire Times who have sponsored us. We have a poster and leaflets in Steeple Ashton Village Shop.

You can also nominate us at Waitrose, Melksham, as a local charity for their green token scheme. Just fill in a form at Customer Services and quote 01225 762336 as our contact.

Jackie Merivale (for TTN)

**Actress Lizzie Stables** – who was brought up in Bulkington and went to Seend School – has sent us information about a touring play she is in that is coming close to home. Folio Theatre Company's tour of 'Unearthed' is proud to support The Stroke Association and Carers Trust UK.

Tour Dates: May 7<sup>th</sup>: Trowbridge Arts  
May 8<sup>th</sup>: Pound Arts Corsham  
May 20<sup>th</sup>: Swindon Arts Centre  
May 23<sup>rd</sup>: Rondo Theatre Bath  
For more information see: <http://www.foliotheatre.co.uk/>

**SATURDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 9.30 am – 7.00 pm**  
**THE PRIORY CHURCH, EDINGTON**

International composer and choral director Bob Chilcott takes a day's workshop on his own St John Passion, finishing with a run-through performance at 6pm, with soloists from the Edington Music Festival and the CD recording which is out in March. Application forms and full information from [www.edingtonarts.org/whats-on/choral-workshop-day-with-bob-chilcott](http://www.edingtonarts.org/whats-on/choral-workshop-day-with-bob-chilcott). Cost for the day is £20, £10 for students in full time education or training. Tickets for the run-through performance are available through the website. Contact Anne Curtis at [anne@edingtonarts.org](mailto:anne@edingtonarts.org) or 01380 831454 for information.

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**White Horse Opera's Spring Concert - Rossini's Petite Messe Solennelle**  
**St John's Church Devizes 7.30pm on Saturday 18th April**  
Directed by WHO's MD Roland Melia.

Solists Barbara Gompels, Paula Boyagis, Sebastiano Cipolla and Niall Hoskin  
Tickets £10 are now on sale at Devizes Books and online at:  
[www.whitehorseopera.ticketsource.co.uk](http://www.whitehorseopera.ticketsource.co.uk)

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**Wessex Fuchsia Group**

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April – speaker Mike Horrobin from Lonsdale Nursery, Bridgwater, at Irene Usher Memorial Hall, starting at 7.45pm.  
Refreshments, raffle and plants (when available). Non members and visitors very welcome.



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**And finally:**

I thought to teach my dog to play the trumpet whilst we were both riding on the London Underground, but it took nearly four hours to go from Barking to Tooting.

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

**CHURCH:** Vicar: Rev Renée Coulson 01380 827285. Asst. Priest: Revd Maureen Allchin 01380 828931. Benefice Administrator: Mrs Sue Taylor 01225 709360. Churchwardens: Holy Cross Seend: Mrs Anne Ewing, 01380 828557, Mr Steve Taylor 01225 709360; Christ Church Bulkington: Mrs Liz Futter 828485, Mrs Anne Saywell 828931; LPAs: Mrs Jane Goman 827121, Mrs Liz Futter 828485 & Mrs Tina Yockney 827139. Bell Ringers: L Murray 828513.  
**Irene Usher Memorial Hall** (The Pavilion) Bookings - Richard Walker on 828250  
**Bulkington Village Hall** - Nev Boulton 828101 or Roger Futter 828485  
**Bulkington Playing Field:** Chairman Jamie Streeter - 828835 - jamiestreeter@hotmail.co.uk  
**Seend Community Centre/Club** - 828796 (7.30-11pm only). Bookings: 07703 814111.  
Website: [www.seendcommunitycentre.com](http://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](http://www.seendparishcouncil.co.uk)  
**Seend's Wiltshire Councillor** - Jonathon Seed 01380 850695 [jonathon.seed@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:jonathon.seed@wiltshire.gov.uk)  
**Seend Website:** [www.seend.org.uk](http://www.seend.org.uk) - Neil Yockney 827139. **Seend School** - 828334  
**Bulkington Website:** [www.bulkington.org.uk](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:claire.perry.mp@parliament.uk)  
**MEP** - Graham Watson 01458 252265. **Melksham Area Board** – 07917 721371.  
**100+Club Draw** – Karen & Steve Cubberley – [steven@cubberley.com](mailto:steven@cubberley.com) - tel: 828423  
**Acoustic Club** - Malcolm Shipp 07702 967150 - [www.seendacoustic.org](http://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](http://www.seendfete.co.uk))  
**Flower Show** – Brian Jaques 827137  
**Football Club** - Dave Beaumont 01225 785067  
**Gardening Club** - Carole Vince 01380 871259  
**Historic Houses Club** - Tony Ewin 828325  
**LINK Scheme** - 075320 55560  
**Lye Field Committee** - Dave Sawyer 828583  
**Neighbourhood Watch** - Brian Hunt (Seend) 828581; Cavan Moroney (Sells Green) 828606; Owen Burton (Seend Cleeve) 828820; John Scott (Bulkington) 828026.  
**Preschool** - Liz Futter 828485  
**Poetry Group** - Tessa Doe 828617  
**Ramblers** - Gerald Salter 01225 706451  
**Royal British Legion** - Roger Brind 828830  
**Seend Singers** - Bob McCulloch 828508  
**Short Mat Bowls Club** - Colin Waldeck 828946  
**Tennis Club** - Ric Ellinger 828687  
**Theatre Club** - Sylvia Ewin 828325; Marion Whitehead 828612  
**WEA** - Pam Church - 828597  
**WI** - Fiona Johnson on 828401 and Gill Acornley 01225 707218  
**Wine Circle** – Steve Parsons 07974 347487 or Simon McManus 01380 828870

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\* note early closing