

SPOTLIGHT

Seend & Bulkington



October 2015

DIARY DATES FOR LATE SEPTEMBER

- 25th Macmillan Coffee Morning, Community Centre, 10am-noon
- 29th Seend Parish Council meeting, upstairs in Community Centre, 7.30pm
- 30th Nosh & Natter Lunch Club, Community Centre, 12 for 12.30pm
- 30th Brewery Inn Quiz, 8pm

DIARY DATES FOR OCTOBER

(All Rugby World Cup matches shown on big-screen TV in Seend Club)

- 3rd British Legion Big Band Night, Community Centre, 7.30pm (Sold Out!)
- 4th Benefice Training Course, 4 Northfields, Bulkington, 2.30-4pm
- 5th Mobile Library: 9.35 am Seend The Lye; 10 am Seend Cleeve phone box; 10.55 am Well Inn Car Park, Bulkington
- 7th Seend Shuttle Shopping Trip – call 01225 706526 to book
- 7th Buzzzz Group, 4 Northfields, Bulkington, 7.30pm
- 7th Seend Acoustic Club – Amelia Orgill – upstairs in Community Centre, 8pm
- 10th NT Association lecture ‘Lacock Abbey & Magna Carta’, Community Centre, 2.15pm
- 17th **LAST DAY FOR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR NOVEMBER SPOTLIGHT**
- 17th WI Craft Afternoon, Pavilion, 2-4pm
- 17th Wine Circle, upstairs in Community Centre, 8pm
- 19th Mobile Library: 9.35 am Seend The Lye; 10 am Seend Cleeve phone box; 10.55 am Well Inn Car Park, Bulkington
- 21st Rural Arts ‘Jojo and Billies Tour de France’, at Seend School, 6pm
- 21st Seend Acoustic Club – Skinner & T’Witch – upstairs in Community Centre, 8pm
- 23rd ‘Wear it Pink’ for Breast Cancer Research in the Seend Club bar from 6pm
- 27th Seend Parish Council meeting, upstairs in Community Centre, 7.30pm
- 27th Wessex Fuchsia Group AGM & supper, Pavilion, 7.45pm
- 28th Nosh & Natter Lunch Club, Community Centre, 12 for 12.30pm
- 28th Brewery Inn Quiz, 8pm
- 30th Talk ‘Journey Up the Amazon’, Pavilion 7 for 7.15pm
- 31st Halloween children’s party, Brewery Inn, 12-2pm

DIARY DATES FOR NOVEMBER

- 1st Seend Ramblers walk – details in next Spotlight
- 1st Café Church, Holy Cross, Seend, 11.15am
- 1st Pumpkin Competition, Brewery Inn, 4pm
- 2nd Mobile Library: 9.35 am Seend The Lye; 10 am Seend Cleeve phone box; 10.55 am Well Inn Car Park, Bulkington
- 14th 60s Night, Seend Community Centre, 8pm
- 16th Seend Shuttle AGM, upstairs in Community Centre, 7.30pm
- 21st Wine and Food Fair, Seend Community Centre, 7.30pm

Newcomer to Seend?

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

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

Welcome to October Spotlight



Welcome back after our month off ! Summer has been a bit of a mixed bag weatherwise, but there have been some very successful events in our villages, for which much thanks to the hard-working organisers. Both the Seend fete and flower show committees are looking for new volunteers to help make next year's events just as successful, if you would like to join them.

Now it's time to get the heating going, start the autumn digging and snuggle down for autumn. There's still plenty of things to do, from Halloween fun at the Brewery Inn to the Rural Arts event at the school for children, and from great musical evenings at Acoustic Club to a talk on Lacock Abbey and the Magna Carta for the grown-ups. Do look through the 'events' section and the diary inside the front cover to make sure you don't miss out.

Seend has access to fast broadband at last! It's not automatic though – you have to contact your provider and pay a bit extra, but reactions suggest it's well worth it.

And on the subject of communications technology, it looks like the plan to turn the disused phone box in Seend Cleeve into an information kiosk or similar has been scuppered as nobody has come forward to do the necessary refurbishment. It may not be too late to save it if you contact the Parish Clerk, Rosemary Fisher, straight away on 828281.

Finally, we sadly lost two formidable ladies, who did much for the village in their lifetimes, within a week of each other – Nancy Hutchinson and Liz Campbell. They will be much missed.

Spotlight Contacts: Contributions for the November edition (copy deadline 17th October) can be mailed to spotlight@seend.org.uk or delivered to Seend Post Office. Editors: Tessa Doe (01380 828617) and Sue Isaac (828461). Joanna Goddard (828488) organises volunteers on printing Mondays (do contact her if you can help). Juli Wilfort types up the items left at Seend PO. Fiona Johnson is the contact for delivery (828401) and Chris Brooker (828047) for advertising.

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

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

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

Village events in October and beyond

Seend Acoustic Club

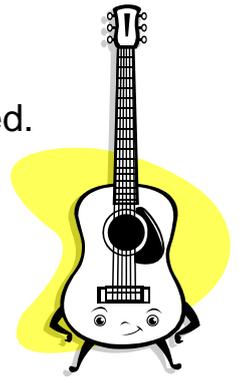
Seend Community Centre - 7.45 for 8pm
in the upstairs Village Room. All welcome! £4 unless otherwise stated.

Special guests:

7th October – local singer/songwriter Amelia Orgill

21st October – Leeds-based duo Skinner & T'Witch

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



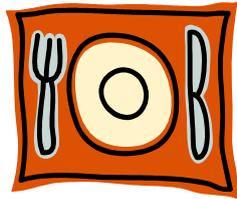
THE BREWERY INN



Fun quiz - Weds 28th October at 8pm – with a Halloween theme!

Children's Hallowe'en Party with entertainment and fancy dress
competition – **Sat 31st October 12-2pm**

Pumpkin Competition – Sunday 1st Nov, 4pm



Nosh and Natter Lunch Club

in Seend Community Centre

Only £5 for two courses!

Wednesday 28th October, 12 for 12.30pm

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

Ooh La La! Look what's coming to Seend in October!

French theatre company, *Compagnie Animotion*, presents
"Jojo and Billies Tour de France"

a wonderful unique children's show for audiences of 4 -
11years and their families, with live music, video, and mime
and featuring bicycle percussion, bicycle choreography, bicycle acrobatics,
bicycle puppetry and the bicycle race of the century!



At Seend School on Wednesday 21st October at 6.00pm

Tickets available from the School, 01380 828334 £7.00 Adults, £6.00

Concessions, £4.50 Child, £18.50 Family of four.

This event is provided by Rural Arts Wiltshire

Other Events at Seend Community Centre

Rugby World Cup

All matches will be shown on big-screen TV in the members' bar. Food will be provided for the quarter- and semi-finals and the final!



North & West Wilts National Trust Association Winter Lecture

Saturday 10th October at 2.15pm - Lacock Abbey & The Magna Carta
Admission £3 (£2 Association members)



SEEND WINE CIRCLE:

Next meeting **October 17th** at 8pm upstairs in the Village Room, featuring upmarket wines (around £25 a bottle). For details, email seendwinecircle@gmail.com

Wear it Pink!

Friday 23rd October in the Desmond Edwards Lounge Bar from 6pm
Wear something (or everything!) pink to raise funds for Breast Cancer Research.
Suggested donation £2.



60s NIGHT

Saturday 14th November – 8 till late!

in Seend Community Centre

Live music from The Heartbeats plus Colette Cassin

60s dress optional!

**Tickets £6 from Seend School, Seend Community Centre,
Devizes Books and Seend PO.**

Proceeds to Seend School



Dates for your diary:

Wine & Food Fair

Saturday 21st November, 7.30pm

GRAND QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 28th November, 7.45pm

XMAS BINGO

Friday. 11th December. 7:30pm for a 8pm start!



Journey up the Amazon

A short illustrated talk by Rev'd Maureen Allchin

followed by a South American style meal

The Pavilion, Rusty Lane, Seend

Friday 30th October 2015

7:00 pm for 7:15 pm

Tickets £15.00 - Licensed Bar

In Aid of Church Funds



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

It is with great sadness that we have to report the passing of **Nancy Hutchinson**, who died peacefully on Thursday, 10th September, aged 89 years. She will be sadly missed by all who were fortunate enough to know her.

Liz Campbell.

With sadness we report the death of Liz Campbell, long time resident of High Street in Seend. Liz was born and grew up in Bristol but moved to Seend when she married Richard Campbell in 1973. Over the years Liz has been active in village life including the WI, Mother's Union and Holy Cross Church. Sadly Liz's husband Richard passed away in 2003. During the last few years Liz's health has steadily declined and she has spent the last six or so months in Blenheim Care Home in Melksham. Liz passed away peacefully in RUH on 12th September.

Seend Parish Plan Steering Group Report

The initial consultation period has ended and this Steering Group is ready to recommend to the Parish Council our view that the village needs to create a Neighbourhood Plan in accordance with national policy. This is underpinned by the Localism Act, (2011).

We have held two consultation events, created a website www.seendparishplan.org for all to see with links to the appropriate sites for those who wish to understand this process better, conferred with Nick Westbrook of the Melksham Neighbourhood Steering Group, and invited Jonathon Seed to attend a recent Committee meeting to help us with some queries. All our discussions have pointed to the need to create a Neighbourhood Plan. The following is a quote from the Wiltshire Council website:

‘A Neighbourhood Plan will set out a vision for an area and planning policies for the use and development of land. It will become part of the Wiltshire Council’s Development Plan (subject to independent examination and successful local

referendum). This means the development plan will become a *statutory plan* and be used in making decisions on planning applications.’

The last sentence is important and is why we favour the Neighbourhood Plan in preference to the Parish Plan, which does not offer the statutory status.

The Localism Act gives us the opportunity to develop the plan, which in turn will give a measure of security with regard to how the Parish develops in the future.

Assuming we have the Parish Council’s approval to go ahead, our next task is to send out a questionnaire with the Wiltshire Council’s Rural Housing Needs Survey. Your answers to those questions will play a significant role in the creation of the plan, so please do respond.

We will continue to keep you posted through these updates in Spotlight and you also have the website: www.seendparishplan.org where you can leave comments for us either via email link or the Facebook page.

Carola Thorpe

Seend Flower Show 2015



Thank you to the show committee, exhibitors, and spectators who combined to make the recent show a great success and thank you to Altfield for their sponsorship

It definitely was a winner despite a reduction in the number of exhibitors and in the total number of entries. It was a lovely day, the vegetables illustrated the time spent in growing them, the flowers were so pretty and the floral arrangements were exquisite. The home produce was mouth-watering, the craft exhibits were very clever and Julie Brokas’ quilt rightly won Best of Show, the Altfield Bowl. The children’s entries in their two age groups increased from last year and it is particularly pleasing to see an increase in items from the older children – do keep it up.

I hear that some people had difficulty in finding a downloadable web version of the schedule and entry form. I attribute this to the Google search engine which stubbornly lists the now non-existent old show pages that were on the seend.org.uk site. Please note that the independent show website is at www.seend.flowershow.org.uk. By now the site should have a gallery of pictures from the show so ensure that you use the correct site address to view it.

The committee is already planning next year’s show and several changes are planned. In March we will be locally delivering a flyer publicising the show; so long before then (now even!) let me know if you have suggestions for amending the schedule of classes in any way. Although the flower show and fete complement each other by being held on the same day we are totally independent of the fete in all aspects and we do need more helpers *on show day* – if you can assist us please contact me at 827137.

Brian Jaques



THANK YOU & HELP!

What a fantastic English summer's day we had for the fete and flower show this year. There was an emergency run for more ice-cream and the beer and Pimms tents were working like crazy to keep everyone refreshed. We had literally thousands of visitors and everyone had a great time. It really was the biggest and best fete ever and this was all down to the army of donators, volunteers, sponsors and organisations that helped out. We raised around £6k for the continuing upkeep of the Lye Field and Pavilion. Other charities and organisations were also able to benefit from the day.

I'd like to say a special thank you to Will & Nikki Trickett for doing such a marvellous job helping with the fete opening and fancy dress judging, thanks also to Seend Primary School for running the 'Wiltshire Cream Teas, to the Kennet & Avon Brewery for volunteering their time and beer, to Seend WI for running the bottle stall, and to Seend Gardening Club for organising such a lovely plant stall.

I'd also like to say thank you to our generous fete sponsors, to Wiltshire Search and Rescue for the very important job of marshalling the car parks, Wiltshire Fire & Police Services, Wiltshire School of Gymnastics and the Melksham Ukulele Social Club for their lovely entertainment.

There are far too many individual volunteers who came out to help put up gazebos, man stalls and do other jobs to mention by name but you all did a marvelous job and I hope you enjoyed what was a lovely day.

I've been chair now for the last 3 years and heavily involved in the fete for the last 5 so I've decided to step down and let someone else have a go next year. The fete can be as big or as small as you want it to be and I'll be around to hand-over, advise and answer questions next year. If you fancy having a go or would like to find out more please contact me on 07866 516020.

Lastly, I'd like to thank the fete committee members Nicky Bartholomew, June May, Yvette Rowe, Lizzie Simes, Jo Sutton, Debs Talmage, Stacey Vaux and John Whalley for their support and enthusiasm throughout the year. We pulled off a good one chaps!

Jo McManus on behalf of Seend Fete Committee

VILLAGE TRAFFIC

Knowing that I am involved in the Community Speedwatch team, Petra Schruuff recounted the following story to me recently and it made me wonder how many similar stories there are in the village that perhaps go unmentioned or unrecorded. If you have had a similar experience and you are happy to put pen to paper, or rather finger to keyboard, then please let me know and I will collate them together and make the information available to the Parish Council or anyone who has a desire to see them.

You can contact me by email at bruce.talmage@live.co.uk

'It was the 28th of July between 3 – 4pm. I had a nasty encounter at this part of Seend High Street. I was pushing my little granddaughter on her tricycle when a huge lorry came around the corner towards us. I guess he was trying to avoid oncoming traffic and used up the pavement in front of me.

Luckily he managed to stop his truck 5m ahead of us. His rear tyres were still on the pavement when we passed by.

I know I should have taken a photo of the lorry with the tyres on the pavement, but I was just too shocked having my little granddaughter there with me.'

Bruce Talmage

SEEND SPEEDWATCH FINISHES

The Seend Speedwatch Team is no longer operating.

A shortage of active volunteers means the bulk of the work is on the shoulders of just 3 or 4 people. Whether this is because the village is unconcerned or just unaware of the magnitude of the problem I don't know, but if we are unable to maintain the continuous and regular sessions that result in lower speeds then the Speedwatch scheme becomes ineffective.

I would like to thank those who did support the initiative by offering their time, often putting in a hour before and/or after going to work, even on cold winter days.

Incidentally I have just spent a week in Brittany and they appear to have very effectively solved speeding in their villages using simple physical chicanes, usually enhanced by a wonderful display of flowers. Maybe our council should have a day trip to see the low cost options used there.

Brian Crisp

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.



CHURCH AND CHAPEL NEWS

Maureen's Ramblings.....

As I write this, the world is in the midst of a crisis caused by unprecedented migration. In the midst of thousands of words being written and spoken, this was my contribution on Radio Wiltshire.

I am sure you have seen the horrifying photo of the drowned body of Aylan Kurdi, the 3 year old washed up on the beach in Turkey. He died; his brother Galpi died and his mother died. The family had been displaced several times by the war in Syria. They ran from Damascus in 2012 and had to continue running – Aleppo, Kobane and Turkey. Aylan had spent his entire life running.

I wonder if the photo moved you to tears? Or have we seen so many pictures of so many children in so many tragic situations that our hearts have become just a little less compassionate?" Please God, never let the suffering of others become so common place that it fails to move me". But what can I do? The crisis is so huge and complex. It can only be dealt with by governments. Whatever I do can only be a drop in the ocean. You may have heard the story of the starfish? An old man is walking on the beach after a storm has washed up thousands of starfish. He sees a small boy picking some up one by one and throwing them into the sea before they died in the heat of the day. "I'm afraid you won't really be able to make much of a difference," the old man said. The boy bent down, picked up yet another starfish and threw it into the ocean. He turned, smiled and said, "It made a difference to that one!"

But maybe we don't really *want* to make a difference. Maybe we are fearful, wanting to protect ourselves from the suffering of others in case it becomes our suffering too. More migrants into to our country? What about homes and jobs for my family? Pressures on health care and finances? The dangers of religious fundamentalism in our midst? These are all important questions, but are they more important than relieving the suffering of families facing hunger, thirst, cold, terror and death. "Please God, help me to imagine for a moment being in their shoes so that I can understand a little more about despair and desperation. Help me to be thankful enough for what I have to be pleased to share just some of it with others".

As a Christian I am challenged to welcome the stranger and love them as I love myself. When Jesus was asked by a rich man, "who is my neighbour" he told the familiar story of the Good Samaritan. "Please God, don't let me be like the ones who walked by on the other side of the road when others are suffering".

The trouble is – when I pray, God responds by saying, "Maureen, go and be the answer to your prayer". It is as St. Teresa of Avila said, "Christ has no body now on earth, but yours. No hands, no feet on earth, but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks with compassion on this world". "Please God, help me to be Christ-like in my response to Aylan's death and the thousands like him. Amen".

The Revd. Maureen Allchin. Priest in Charge



**Café Church for All Saints Day
on Sunday 1st November at 11.15 at Seend**

This is our new style Benefice service for all the family, young and old! We begin with coffee, juice and cakes at 11.00 and then lead into an informal family praise, with age-appropriate activities for the children (drama and making things, etc). It is hoped that many of the young families in Seend, Bulkington and Poulshot will come along to join in the worship and fun.

THE BENEFICE OF SEEND, BULKINGTON AND POULSHOT CHURCH SERVICES IN OCTOBER 2015



You are welcome to worship at any of the services in any of the churches in the Benefice. There is something for everyone!

Sunday 4th October 2015. Trinity 18

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

A short and reflective traditional service

9.15: Harvest Thanksgiving Eucharist at Poulshot.

Harvest celebration with gifts to the Devizes Food Bank.

11.00: Morning Praise at Seend.

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

6.00: Evening Prayer at Bulkington (Traditional)

A gentle, reflective, traditional evening service.

Sunday 11th October, 2015. Trinity 19

9.15: Parish Eucharist at Seend.

A modern language service

11.00: Parish Eucharist at Bulkington.

Another beautiful modern language service

6.00: Evensong at Poulshot (Traditional).

A gentle, reflective, traditional evening service.

Sunday 18th October 2015. Trinity 20

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

9.15: Morning Praise at Bulkington.

11.00: Parish Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer) at Poulshot

A traditional service of Holy Communion

6.00: Cluster Service of Wholeness and Healing at Seend

A special service with the opportunity for the Laying on of Hands.

Sunday 25th October 2015. Last Sunday in Trinity

9.15: Matins (Book of Common Prayer) at Poulshot

A traditional service of Morning Prayer

11.00: Parish Eucharist at Seend.

6.00: Parish Eucharist at Bulkington

Every Tuesday at 9.00:

a short Benefice service of Matins (Trad.) at Poulshot church

Every Thursday at 9.00:

Morning Prayer at 4 Northfields, Bulkington.

From the registers

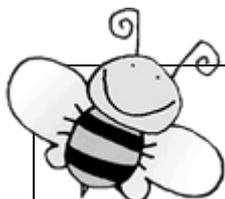
Baptism:

Henry Jeffries on 2nd August at Seend

Church Floodlights:

The floodlighting of Holy Cross church on the Harvest weekend 12th/13th September was in memory of Mr Albert 'Bert' BORDEWEY by his son Philip, Son-in-law of Rex and Jan Gudge and on 24th September in loving memory of Cairistiona.

Thanks to all who supported Maureen Allchin's Art Exhibition "Around the World in 80 Paintings". It was a very successful day in every way and you will be pleased to know that we raised £1000.00!!



Benefice BUZZZ Group

will meet on Wednesday
7th October 2015 at 7.30pm

at 4 Northfields, Bulkington, led by Maureen Allchin

This group, for all in Seend, Bulkington and Poulshot, meets to discuss various issues of Christian thought. At this meeting we will continue looking at some characters in the Old Testament, linking their stories to contemporary thoughts. This month it is Samson!!

Everyone is welcome to this informal and pleasant evening.

THE BENEFICE TEA, CHAT AND CRAFT SOCIAL GROUP

will meet on the Monday, 5th October at 1 Mill Lane, Bulkington (contact Anne Saywell 828931) from 2- 4pm . Bring your own craft item or leave it at home and just come and chat!



The Bulkington church hosted **Benefice Lunch Club** takes place on 7th October at 12.15pm at The Well. It is a great Benefice occasion with a good value two course meal for £12.00 a head. Contact Jane Coles in advance for the menu (828145). New people are always welcome to join us.

**BENEFICE REFRESHER
AND TRAINING COURSE**
Sunday, October 4th,
2015, 2.30-4.00pm
at 4 Northfields,
Bulkington

This is our second session and is on **being a welcoming church**. It is for all who are on our welcome teams in the Benefice (Stewards) and for all who want to learn how to make our churches more welcoming to those who come and those who don't! Please let Maureen Allchin (828931) know that you will be attending. There are leaflets in our churches about all the coming courses.

**A Cluster Service for Wholeness and Healing
on Sunday 18th October 2015 (St. Luke's Day)
at 6.00pm at Holy Cross, Seend,
led by the Revd. Maureen Allchin**

This is a wonderful opportunity for the Benefice and Cluster church family to worship together. There will be the opportunity for the Laying on of Hands and prayers for healing.

SEEND METHODIST CHURCH :

Services for late September/October 2015

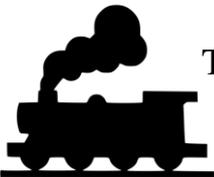
27 th September	10:00 a.m.	Harvest Festival and Thanksgiving. Revd Tom MacMeekin
13 th October	10a.m.	Rev. Wendy Tucker
25 th October	10:30am	Villages Together at Whitley Methodist Church. Mr Eric Clifford

Welcome to any of our churches for any service
Thank you , Anne Salter

BULKINGTON NEWS

**The Mobile Library will visit The Well, Bulkington from 10:55-11:25am
on Mondays 5th and 19th October.**

AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY GBR TRAIN RIDES – REPORT



The morning of 31st August dawned with loads of rain pouring down but with a 'Dry Forecast' in the afternoon. Clearly this put lots of families off – but happily lots of determined train lovers turned up in the afternoon. The ladies from Christ Church Bulkington (led by Jane Coles) had a magnificent supply of home-made cakes and teas which sold well making about £100 to go towards repairing the cost damaged ceiling of Christ Church. The GBR raised about the same, which together with the monies from all the GBR birthday parties held earlier enabled us to send £534 to the Wiltshire Air Ambulance. May I respectfully remind the Mums and Dads that you can hire Bulkington Village hall for your child's birthday party with two hours of train rides for a mere £110. Although we run all the year round - please don't plan on having too many children born in the winter months!

We have recently been recruiting people to help to run and maintain the railway – if interested please contact me.

Nev Boulton 828101

STRANGE PHENOMENON IN BULKINGTON

For quite a long time there has been a strange phenomenon in Bulkington. Posters for various events, for various causes and by various organisations are disappearing with some regularity, to such a level that it has become a real nuisance, involving extra expense and time wasting for those who have to replace them. If you are this poster pincher yourself, would you please consider how both unkind and childish this is and give up this inconsiderate habit. If you know who the culprit is, please would you discourage him/her from continuing. With many thanks from the varied poster producers of Bulkington.

BULKINGTON VILLAGE HALL

Here's a joke: What do you call a day of persistent rain followed by a day of wall-to-wall sunshine? Answer: Bank Holiday Monday. Only too true this year!

However, quite a few visitors did come to Bulkington: they rode the trains and enjoyed Tea-in-the-Hall-When it Rains. We were able to send the Air Ambulance a cheque for their funds, so not all was so bad. Not so good is the news of the One Voice Choir. We are, as they say, re-locating. Lee was keen to enrol more members but found that Bulkington is too small. We did our best; singers came from far and wide to join us, but we were always only a select few. During the Festival, volunteers joined Lee in Devizes and gave out leaflets with the result we had a good gathering for our first Devizes meeting. If anyone would like to join us there, it is in the Sheep Street Church Hall, opposite the Library. Back to Bulkington, where we mourn the loss of 'our' Choir, but keep going with our usual run of Birthday Parties and the regulars like Keep Fit on Mondays at 9am. and Omniart on Fridays. Booking details from Roger Futter and Nev Boulton.

Angela Read, Chairman.

SEEND CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

SEEND COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

www.seendcommunitycentre.com – bookings 07703 814111



AT THE HEART OF
OUR COMMUNITY

We've had a busy summer – culminating in the well-attended 'taster' evening and BBQ and, of course, the official opening of the new bar in the lounge. If you haven't seen it yet, it's worth a visit. We might start charging admission.

Speaking of the bar, Rob would still like to add to his happy team of bar staff. If you would like occasional hours, mostly evenings and often weekends, please call him on 07958 481739.

We hope you will support some of the events this month - Wear it Pink, Acoustic Club, Wine Circle, World Cup Rugby, Nosh and Natter and the National Trust Association lecture. See the Events section at the front of this magazine for details. And tickets are now on sale in the bar for the 60s Night on 14th November.

SEEND SHUTTLE COMMUNITY BUS

We will be holding our AGM on Monday the 16th of November at 7.30pm in the upstairs room at the Seend Community Centre.

Everyone is welcome to come along and show your support, find out how the new bus is going and offer comments and suggestions .



We still have very few people using the bus to go to the village shop on Monday and Melksham on a Tuesday. Remember you can go free on a bus pass and if you live close to the bus route and need to be picked up from your door that can be arranged. Maybe you live in Bromham and would like the bus to pick up from there as well or maybe another day or time or destination would be a good idea? Do let our chairman Pete Wallis know on 01380726560 or 07734303919 if you have any ideas that will make the bus more useful for more people. We shall be holding a committee meeting in October to talk about the timetable and would love to hear from you.

Wednesday Shopping Trip to Salisbury

Anyone wishing to go on the shuttle's October trip on Wednesday, 7th October, please ring Rex or Jan Gudge on 01225 706526 by Monday, 5th October.



WESSEX FUCHSIA GROUP

Tuesday 27th October – AGM followed by American Supper
7.45pm in the Pavilion

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

This month we publish another poem written by pupils of the 2014 Sycamore Class at Seend School. This one is called **One Hour To Go** and was written by **Amelie Barnett**



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| 1 | One hour to go;
The longest time in the world,
“Rum, drink rum,
Like that will ease the pain,
And why should I fight,
For fortune and fame. | 2 | Half an hour to go;
I’m only sixteen,
A fool; I’m such a fool,”
Blood staining the ground in pools
The frights of war closing in on me,
I might as well be dead. |
| 3 | Fifteen minutes to go;
How is time so slow?
Why am I still alive?
Adrenalin rushing through my spine,
Causing shivers and vibes,
I’m so alone in this cramped trench. | 4 | Just seconds left;
Will I ever see the sun again? |

Annual General Meeting and Next Committee Meeting

All Members should note that the AGM will be held in the Kennet Room in the Community Centre on Thursday 29th October 2015 commencing at 1930 hrs. Please put this date in your diary and endeavour to attend.

There will be a short Committee meeting on completion.

Remembrance Sunday (8th November 2015) - Warning Order

The usual parade and service will be held in the Church of the Holy Cross, Seend on Sunday 11th November 2015.

Please put this date in your diary and let us see if we can increase the good turnout we had last year. Further details will be published in the November edition of Spotlight.

Armistice Day (Wednesday 11th November 2015) – Warning Order

There will be the usual gathering at the War Memorial at 1045 hrs to observe the two minutes silence at 1100 hrs. All are welcome to attend.

STOP PRESS

Standard Bearers Competition

Many congratulations to Kevin Toft, our Standard Bearer, for winning the County Championships and retaining the title he won last year. He now goes on to compete in the Regional Championships later on this year.

Roger Brind

SEEND WI

We had a thoroughly enjoyable meeting in September when Rosalyn Clarke and Christine Oughton from Melksham Flower Club showed us how to make an Autumn Arrangement. They then made very encouraging comments whilst we all created our own stunning arrangements.

On 14th October we are having a Quiz led by the very popular Michael Gamble. This is open to anyone who would like to bring a team of 3 or 4, so please put the date in your diaries and come and join us for a fun evening and help us to celebrate our 96th Birthday. Refreshments will be served.

The next Craft afternoon is on Thursday 17th September, 2pm to 4pm in the Pavilion. You don't need to be a member of the WI to take part.

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



SEEND AND DISTRICT THEATRE CLUB

The AGM will be held in the Pavilion on Thursday 28th January 2016 at 7.30pm, when a report on the last year's activities will be presented and also the accounts.

There will be a glass of wine and nibbles, and most important of all, a special entertainment by a very popular local artist!

Please put the date in next year's diary and we look forward to seeing as many members as possible there.

Sylvia Ewin



SEEND AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

Well if it's September it must be Gardening Club again - and so it is! We had our first meeting of the new season and the usual suspects turned up again, just like perennial weeds...

Our speaker was Aldetha Raymond, lecturer at Lackham College who also farms locally, and she let us into the secrets of plant propagation. It looks so easy in the hands of an expert but we went away full of enthusiasm to have a go at what we've learnt - care and patience required! The competition - 'Houseplant' - was won by Sylvia Ewin.

Our programme for the coming year includes a day trip to **Hestercombe House** and gardens in Somerset, provisionally booked for **Saturday July 9th, 2016** - they come highly recommended by everyone who's been there. The cost is likely to be in the region of £30 but the greater the numbers, the lower the price is likely to be. If you would like to join us call Carole or me on **01380 871259**.

Next month's meeting, on **Tuesday October 13th, 7.30 pm, in the Irene Usher Pavilion, Rusty Lane**, features Rob Bryand talking to us about 'Hydroponics' and the competition subject is 'An Autumnal Flower Arrangement'. Do join us - we'll be delighted to see you, whether you're a gardener or not. I'm not but nobody seems to mind.

Tim

LYE FIELD 100+ CLUB DRAW

The Lye Field 100+ Club draw for August took place on the 23rd August. The results are as follows:-

£35.00	No. 058	Mrs J Allen
£30.00	No. 171	Mrs T Delamere
£25.00	No. 110	Mrs A Newman
£20.00	No. 005	Mrs J Hawkins
£15.00	No. 122	Mr P R Jackson
£10.00	No. 104	Mrs J Iles



Congratulations to all the winners.

Karen Cubberley,
Seend Lye Field Committee



SEEND & DISTRICT RAMBLERS

The summer evening walk on **Friday 31st July** attracted 31 walkers. Commencing from The Raven in Poulshot at 6pm, we made our way on bridlepaths, lanes and fields around this area completing a circular distance of four miles. It was a glorious evening, and upon returning to The Raven we all enjoyed a pre-ordered meal in friendly company.

Our thanks to Yvette, John and Tessa for organising this event.

Manton, near Marlborough, was the venue for **Sunday 16th August**, when 15 members completed a circular route of five miles, skirting the horse-training course

on Clatford Down and touching on The Ridgeway with wonderful views throughout. Thanks to Terry and Sheila for organising this walk.

October 2nd-4th will be a weekend at Raleigh's Cross on Exmoor, when a walking group of 25 will be taking part in two organised walks within this area.

Dates for your diary: (details in the next issue of Spotlight)

Walk on **Sunday 1st November**; leaders Sandy and Tim James.

Social evening at the Irene Usher Pavilion on **Friday 20th November**.

Lin Salter - 01225 706451

SEEND SCHOOL NEWS



The children and staff have all returned to school from a well deserved summer holiday break. We are pleased to report that our newest children in Holly Class have settled in well and seem to be enjoying school life.

Holly Class' topic is 'All about me' and they have been busy getting to know each other as well as the classroom routines.

Oak Class have started learning about the weather and luckily the weather is so varied at the moment that the children are getting a real hands on experience in their learning!

Chestnut's topic is Invaders & Settlers and they have started to learn about the Romans. We're hoping there might be a Roman related trip later on in the term.

Sycamore Class have started learning about the Tudors and they will be off to Lacock Abbey later on in the term to learn about William Sharrington.

We've had some work done to the school over the summer to make an extra room for Chestnut Class. A very big thank you to Mr Shaun Cooper, Mr Mike Harvey and Mr Daniel Langsford for giving up their valuable time, free of charge, over the holidays to complete this building work. Their generosity has saved the school a considerable amount of money.

Some of you may remember last year we hosted a production of Rapunzel. This year, as part of Rural Arts we have gone with a different theatre company and will be hosting a show entitled the Tour De France on 21st October. Tickets will be available from school nearer the time so keep the date free as it promises to be a fun evening for the whole family. (*More detailsof this production in the events section of this magazine. Ed.*)

Don't forget we have a printer cartridge recycling facility in school. The bags are available in the main entrance and the school gets between 50p-£1 for each cartridge recycled. We also have the clothing recycling bank in the carpark – bags available from the office (or use any plastic bag.). Finally, any unwanted dvds, cds and Wii games can be sent in too as we can recycle these for a small profit.

This term we are really going to be focussing on developing a growth mindset in the children. Someone with a fixed mindset believes they are either good at something or not and tend to give up when the going gets tough. Someone with a growth mindset believes that with effort and determination they can get better at anything and enjoy the challenge of learning something new and difficult. As such we are all learning about the way we praise children for their effort rather than any innate ability.

Nicola Coleman, Deputy Headteacher

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 28th July 2015** was attended by 8 Councillors with Mr J Padfield in the chair. Apologies received from Mr T Murch, Mr D Nichols and PCSO Helen Wilson. Also in attendance Cllr J Seed, Mrs A Heatley, Mr N Vaux, Mr M Wood, Dan Bennett (Aster Management) and a member of the public.

Co-option of new Parish Councillor

There were three candidates for one vacancy for co-option to the Parish Council – Mrs A Heatley, Mr N Vaux and Mr M Wood. All three candidates had supplied a short CV which had been circulated to Parish Councillors prior to the meeting. All three candidates gave a short presentation to Councillors. Candidates then left the room whilst a discussion took place. Following a vote by paper ballot, Mr Wood was declared duly elected to the Parish Council, he then signed the Declaration of Office, and was handed a copy of the Code of Conduct, Standing Orders and information on declaring an interest. The Chairman thanked all three candidates for standing for co-option.

Post meeting note: An email report had been sent by PCSO Helen Wilson, but not received in time for the meeting, but is given below:

There were four incidents for the last month:

23/07/2015 – RTC – involving dog ran into road without lead. Bell Hill.

23/07/2015 – Theft - Bell Hill - Unknown Suspect(s) has removed battery-powered electric energiser and battery from damaged stable in field. Wires have been cut and metal pole to which energiser was fixed has been pulled out of the ground and thrown into the stable. Suspect(s) has also removed solar-powered electric energiser and battery from wooden fence. Solar panel left in situ.

26/07/2015 – RTC – Vehicle into field. No injuries.

27/07/2015 – RTC – Damage to vehicle, car scraped by another and drove off. Bollands Hill,

and 2 RTC in Bulkington on 19th July.

The Maxofest in Seend went well, it ran smoothly. Visit made by officers on the day out of courtesy and all was in order.

Request for everyone to be vigilant and keep an eye out for any suspicious vehicles/persons in connection with the theft of fencers etc, and to call in on 999 straight away.

Canal bridge, Seend Cleeve – Email from Paul Kelly, Senior Project Manager, Canal & River Trust, Gloucester, to advise they are planning to commence the works on 4th January 2016 and anticipate that the works will be complete by 15th April 2016. They acknowledge the requirement for a one-way system, and will discuss this with the highways authority when they submit the road closure application. The Clerk was asked to respond to confirm that the Cleeve to be 2 way traffic from The Barge to The Stocks and vice versa, but one way traffic up the Pelch from the Cleeve to the top (Bollands Hill), with no traffic allowed down the Pelch from the top of Bollands Hill, and resident access only on Perry's Lane.

Telephone box in Seend Cleeve – a notice has been placed in Spotlight, asking for a volunteer to renovate the box. It was agreed that if no-one could be found, then sale of the phone box should be considered.

BT Openreach – their website confirms that the service cabinet in Seend is now enabled for fibre broadband although, in a minority of instances, this doesn't guarantee availability. Parishioners should contact their preferred communications provider for their home or business to order.

Parking, Spout Lane – the Clerk had contacted the C&CC, who advise that people using their site always park on site, not the lane; inconsiderate parking in the lane affects their visitors trying to access the site. It was acknowledged that problems mostly stem from people using the canal. The Clerk to contact the new Manager in Devizes, to ask if he can come along to speak to the Parish Council. It was noted that there are 16 non-holiday barges moored between Giles Wood and The Barge.

Sandridge Solar Power – Community Benefit Fund – Draft agreement

This matter was returned to the agenda from the last meeting. Councillors now, reluctantly, agreed that the solar farm was likely to go ahead, and that the offer of a share of the Community Benefit Fund should be accepted for the village.

Neighbourhood Plan Update

Mr Rigg had given a presentation about the Neighbourhood Plan at the recent meeting with the local branch of the Conservatives. A large map is available downstairs in the Community Centre, and members of the group will have information available at the Fete on 8th August. There is a further meeting on 10th September with Cllr Seed, who was going to help with questions for a rural housing survey. Mrs A'Bear had been in touch with Community First who advise that figures for similar size communities was in the region of £10-15K, with funding grants available of up to £8K for the cost of the plan. There was a possibility of attending workshops jointly with Rowde and Worton to save costs. Mrs A'Bear to supply costs for the Parish Council by the end of October, prior to the Precept meeting in November.

Planning Matters

Dan Bennett, Land Manager at Aster Management, was present and spoke to the PC about a parcel of land at the top of Pelch Lane, next door to number 3 Pelch, it is currently being used for parking, but does not form part of the tenancy. A housing needs survey would be undertaken, funded by Aster Management, but shared with the PC. The proposal was to build two, 3 bedroomed houses on the site for letting to local people. Councillors were in favour of the proposal, but specified they would like the houses to be for local families with young children.

Application No: 15/06544/TCA Grafton House, (was Wiltshire House), High Street
Work to Trees in a Cons Area - Fell Ash leafed Maple

Application No: 15/06943/TCA Grafton House (was Wiltshire House), High Street
Fell Indian Bean Tree (Catalpa)

The Clerk to contact the Tree Warden to ask about these applications.

Application No: 15/06662/FUL 12 Sells Green

Proposed first floor rear extension, dormer windows and front porch

No objections, but comment that the WC arrangement leading off from the kitchen is not liked.

Application No: 15/06909/FUL Somner Place, High Street

Alterations and extension to convert store and garages into annexe accommodation

No objections.

Application No: 15/06691/FUL Linden House, Spout Lane

Single storey extension to the rear

No objections.

Elm Cottage, Seend Hill - The hedge on the front boundary of Elm Cottage, Seend Hill was very overgrown and was obstructing the pathway, the Clerk to ask the occupants to trim hedge back and clear the path.

Spout Lane – Vehicles parking in Spout Lane were causing an obstruction, and there was concern that they could impede the access of an emergency vehicle. To be discussed with the Canals Manager when he came to a meeting. The Clerk to see if Spout Lane could be taken off sat nav routes.

Spiderweb Paddock, bonfires – It was noted that recently there have been several bonfires producing thick black smoke at Spiderweb Paddock. The Clerk to report to Environmental Health at Wiltshire Council.

The meeting held on **Tuesday 25th August 2015** was attended by 9 Councillors with Mr J Padfield in the chair. Apologies received from Mr T Murch and Mr D Nichols; also in attendance Cllr J Seed.

The Clerk had received an email from Mr Nichols, resigning from the PC due to work and home commitments. Councillors expressed regret that Darren was stepping down, and asked for a letter of appreciation to be sent to him. The Clerk would advise Wiltshire Council of the vacancy.

Cllr Seed said that he had two things to report, the first is that some traffic confusion will be experienced at the Bell crossroads as a result of road works, it is thought this is for the installation of fibre broadband.

The second is that a meeting took place last Friday between Highways and the Canal & River Trust to discuss the works to the canal bridge by the Barge; the Clerk and Paul Manning had also attended. Following the meeting, Paul Kelly of the C&RT had sent an email to the Clerk, with a list of the intended road closures and signage; Councillors expressed satisfaction that the PC's and local residents' concerns had been taken into account.

Wiltshire Housing Site Allocations Plan – Email from Georgina Clampitt-Dix on 19th August, suggesting that representatives from Seend, Steeple Ashton and Semington attend a joint meeting at County Hall to discuss WHSAP. The Clerk was awaiting suitable dates.

Canal bridge, Seend Cleeve – Email from Paul Kelly, Senior Project Manager, Canal & River Trust, Gloucester, with details of the proposed road/footpath closures and signage to be put in place. He advised that the works are scheduled to commence on 2nd November.

Telephone box in Seend Cleeve – The Clerk had not received any response to the notice in Spotlight. Mr Wood suggested putting a notice in the box itself, the Clerk would undertake this. It was agreed that if there were no offers to renovate the box, it should be sold.

Litter bins – Email received from Rhys Schell, who had spoken with Stuart Renfrew, and advised that there is no funding for any new bins. If a unit becomes damaged or vandalised beyond repair then it is removed and the emptying service at that site ceases. If a private individual or Parish/Town Council is funding the installation of a new bin at that site they must also make arrangements for routine emptying as Wilts Council will no longer attend. The only possible option that the Parish have to secure a bin at a particular location is to request that the Council remove an existing one from site A in the Parish and reposition it at Site B in the Parish, although this last option with re-providing would be time consuming to complete. The Clerk to raise this issue with Cllr Seed.

High Street crossing – The Clerk had written to the PCC to ask about the viability of creating a safe crossing close to Church Walk. She had not yet contacted the owners of the Manor. Suggested to ask Mr Yockney, who may know how to contact them.

BT Openreach – It appears fibre broadband is not available in all areas of the village.

Parking, Spout Lane – Email sent to Mark Evans, C&RT on 10th and 17th August, but no response received. The Clerk would contact either by telephone or by calling in to the office in Devizes.

Bonfires, Spiderweb Paddock - Peter Nobes, Senior Public Protection Officer, Environmental Health called to talk to Mr Shearmon on 21st August. Mr Shearmon admitted that he had had a ‘couple of fires’ burning an old caravan. He was advised against any burning on site and reminded that any burning of trade waste was illegal and likely to trigger an investigation from the Environment Agency. Mr Nobes asked that any affected residents should contact him directly if a nuisance is caused again and he will follow it up.

Neighbourhood Plan Update

Mrs A’Bear said that the information boards were available at the recent Fête. There is a meeting next Friday to discuss a housing needs survey, and a committee meeting the following week. There was a general discussion about how much work should be undertaken on a Neighbourhood Plan to make it viable, and the costs involved.

Planning Matters

Application No: 15/07590/FUL 90 Seend Cleeve

Proposed rear extensions & associated works to rear garden, and altered vehicle access

Unanimous to approve.

Application No: 15/07940/FUL The Bell Inn, Bell Hill

Application Ref: 15/07990/LBC

Alterations to main entrance steps and entrance including repositioning the door and adjacent window. Removal of the existing draught lobby and forming a new one to suit the new entrance. Removal of modern stairs and wall enclosure. Repositioned replacement timber stairs with opposite direction of travel. Forming window in existing doorway and opening up a blocked up doorway to accommodate new window. Installation of stainless steel flue.

The paper copy was not available for the meeting. Councillors to check the details on line and advise the Clerk if approved. Comments by 17th September.

Application No: 15/07415/OUT The Swallows, Trowbridge Road

Demolish existing bungalow, and replace with a 5-bedroomed house

Unanimous to approve.

Application No: 15/07762/FUL Rew Farm, Seend Cleeve

Change of use of land from agricultural to allow siting of static caravan for holiday let (Resubmission of 15/00064/FUL).

Unanimous to approve.

Stocks/Seend Cleeve junction – it was noted that a bush is obscuring the sign pointing to Seend Cleeve, and needs cutting back.

Hedges in High Street – it was noted that some hedges are again overhanging the pavement, making it difficult for pedestrians walking.

Allotments – There are currently two empty allotment plots. The Clerk to meet with allotment holders to rationalise size of plots, and arrange an area for compost.

Inmarsh Lane – The road edges by Inmarsh Farm are breaking up and need repairing. The Clerk to contact the Parish Steward.

Row Lane – There are potholes in the section between the A361 and Seend Head, and the drains from Row Lane Farmhouse to the Cleeve need clearing. The Clerk to contact the Parish Steward.

Canal towpath – There are holes in the towpath between the Barge and Bowerhill. The Clerk to contact the C&RT.

Date of next meetings

The date of the next meetings are Tuesdays 29th September and 27th October 2015, at Seend Community Centre at 7.30 p.m.

Mrs Rosemary Fisher, Clerk

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

Wiltshire Council News from Jonathon Seed

Autumn is here and we seemed to have missed out on any really long summer spells of hot weather. The “experts” say that this is due to global warming which makes summers cooler! Anyway we are into autumn as the leaves are falling and the countryside is preparing itself for winter. Wiltshire Council must do the same and stocks of grit are ready for the winter and employees are briefed and ready to do their bit when the freezing nights and days arrive. Work is also needed to prepare for rain and the resultant floods. It is a sad fact of life that flooding will never be totally irradiated but there is much that we can do to improve flood alleviation.

This does not just involve the Council,- it also involves each and every one of us in our community. One truth that I have learnt during my seven years of working in flood alleviation in Wiltshire is that locals know best. *So if you see autumn’s leaves blocking a drain or gully as you walk past PLEASE do your bit for our community and pull them out.* Who knows, it could be your house that you save from flooding!

There are also all sorts of consultations that are being organised both locally and by Wiltshire Council. These are always genuine consultations whether they are on housing, planning or more local matters. It is really important that when you are asked for your opinion that you give it at the time. It really is no use complaining at a later date when some decision or another has been made and local opinion has not been given. This is our community and we need a real say on what happens in it

whether it is by consultation, ballot box or survey. This is particularly important with the impending Seend Housing Needs Survey so please when your copy arrive do complete it and send it back.

More locally we have seen concerns expressed over local traveller sites and these have become a real local issue. We all accept that gypsies and travellers need somewhere to live and that they should have the same rights as the rest of us to live in this Country and the countryside. Where the local difficulty has arisen is that a perception has grown that travellers seem to have more planning rights than the settled community. Some of this is actually the result of local consultation where people were asked for their views. The settled community made it clear that they would rather not have traveller sites in villages and the travelling community made it clear that they would prefer to live on the edge of rather than in villages. So that is what we have in gypsy and traveller planning guidance and this is a classic example of taking part in a consultation. However I think that we may just be at the end of the latest local traveller planning saga with a much more modest application having been submitted for completion of the Littleton Site and one which seems to be met with some tacit local approval.

Jonathon Seed, Tel. 01380 850696, Mob: 07770 774463 www.jonathonseed.com

SEEND SPORTS RESULTS AND FIXTURES

Held over until next month.

Please give your news for the November issue to Frankie Goddard 828488.



The Badgers' Worton and Cheverell F.C.

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

We are always looking for new members to join, and trust you can support your local Club which covers all the Village communities from Keevil / Seend / to Urchfont areas. The annual membership fees are very low, and the Club is run by volunteers at all levels.

Date for Diaries: 'Badgers Bash' - Saturday 10th October at 7.30 pm at Market Lavington Community Hall. The Club are organising a Band/Disco evening

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.)

Nothing again this month. Please turn out your cupboards and find something to sell and advertise here!

BITS AND BOBS

DESPERATELY SEEKING BROWNIE LEADERS

Seend Brownie pack are in urgent need of support; we are a small pack of 12-20 girls, aged between 7 – 11 who need to find an assistant leader by Christmas. We meet once a week on a Monday between 6 – 7.30pm at the Irene Usher Memorial Hall in Seend, and we enjoy playing games, doing crafts and badge work that help us to develop a better understanding of the world around us and our impact on it.

Due to an increase in their present work commitments are current leaders have made the difficult decision to leave the pack at Christmas. We have a young leader in training, but due to her other commitments she needs the support of an assistant leader.

Do you have the time and energy to come and have fun once a week with us? You will need to do some planning as well, and that usually takes a couple of hours before each term starts. To find out more about volunteering visit:

https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/get_involved/volunteer.aspx

Or contact: Claire.checkley@btinternet.com or bigeyetaylor@hotmail.co.uk .

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Steeple Ashton & District Branch

The Branch will be electing a new Secretary at its AGM on 6th November 2015 since the current Secretary, Geoff Hyatt, will not be seeking re-election. A candidate is therefore required. The Branch consists of Steeple Ashton, Keevil, Great Hinton, Bulkington, and Erlestoke, and applications are encouraged from all five villages, though at present there are no members of our branch in these last two villages. The Secretary is not required to be an ex-member of the Armed Forces, although he/she will be expected to join the British Legion (annual subscription £15). The only other requirement is for computer literacy, since communication with RBL Head Office and Wiltshire County is increasingly by e-mail. Duties include :

- Maintaining the membership database (current membership 33)
- Organising the AGM and any branch committee meetings (if required)
- Distributing an Annual Calendar of events (annual dinner, drinks party, Evensong service, and Annual General Meeting) and booking Steeple Ashton Village Hall as necessary.

NB Geoff Hyatt is prepared to continue running the Branch Annual Dinner in April and the Autumn Party in September.

- Liaising with the Churchwardens in Steeple Ashton and Keevil in respect of the Sunday Remembrance Service
- Liaising with the Chairman, PRO, and Treasurer as required.

If you are interested, please contact Geoff Hyatt on 01380 871319.

'BRINGING THE OUTSIDE IN'

The National Association of Official Prison Visitors (Registered Charity No.1099041) is helping HMP Erlestoke to recruit official prison visitors.

An OPV is not part of the closed prison community but a representative of the outside world whose outlook, attitudes and interests can be refreshingly different. The prisoner does not know the identity of his visitor and contact ends when he leaves the prison.

Probably the most important attributes an OPV can have are: common sense, compassion, patience and a sense of humour. Applicants must undergo security screening as required by the Ministry of Justice.

If you have an hour or two to spare weekly or fortnightly please consider this voluntary role.

For further information visit www.naopv.com or E-mail: info@naopv.com

For an informal chat phone The NAOPV South West and Wales Regional Secretary on 07762616763.



In support of Wiltshire Air Ambulance

PURPLE FISH

An evening of Classic Rock

featuring

DARK SIDE OF THE MOON

The Assembly Hall, Melksham

Saturday 7th November 7.30pm

Tickets: £15 from The Assembly Hall and
Tourist Information Centre, Melksham

www.purplefishband.net



Saturday 17th October

10.30am – 4.30pm (10am coffee)

**People & Places... A Story of Buildings
& the Inspirations Behind Them ...**

Sir James Tillie & his Great House at Wingfield; Appledore's Oldest Building;
Wiltshire Farms: Buildings & People; The Transformation of Lydiard Park

At Market Lavington Community Hall, St Mary's Rd, Market Lavington,
Devizes, SN10 4DG. Book early to avoid disappointment.

£15; or Members, Students, Senior Citizens £12.50

Buffet can be booked in advance at £8.50 per head

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web: www.wiltshirebuildingsrecord.org.uk

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.

CHRISTIAN AID APPEAL

Images of desperate refugees risking their lives to cross the Mediterranean in unstable boats, packed illegally into lorries or crying out 'We are human beings too' in the Calais camps are a distressing reminder of the refugee crisis in the aftermath of World War Two that led to the founding of Christian Aid in 1945.

Please support the Refugee Crisis Appeal and help us respond to the immediate needs of refugees on the move and in the overcrowded, dangerous camps of Lebanon and Iraq, as well as providing vital assistance to those facing fear and uncertainty.

<https://donate.christianaid.org.uk/refugees>

I SURVIVED – YES I DID IT!!

Following on from my last Spotlight update, I am incredibly pleased to report that I successfully completed the 2015 Ride Across Britain. This involved 9 days of cycling 969 miles from Land's End to John O'Groats. This was a massive, massive challenge for me cycling up some devilishly steep hills (approx 48000ft in total!), in hot sun, a few patches of drizzly rain and blowing Scottish winds. The scenery as we moved up the country was spectacular and there was some great camaraderie amongst the 800 participants, ranging from Olympic Athletes to weekend pub cyclists and even Mark Beaumont the world record holder for cycling LE-JOG.

I had a fairly seriously fall at the end of day 7 on the downhill run into Glencoe which resulted in a damaged shoulder, blood, cuts and bruises and two rather mangled bike wheels. The Halfords support crew were on hand and managed to lend me another bike to complete the remaining two days to get to the finger post at John O'Groats where, miraculously, the sun was shining brightly for all of us finishers.

I have raised over £4000 for The Vodafone Foundation who have been supporting the United Nations Refugee Council, working with refugees in Africa for 2 years now. This is not a knee jerk reaction to the current crisis. Their cause is to provide instant schools at the refugee camps, to enable a quality education. Some refugees alone walk the distance I have cycled across the desert just to get to the refugee camps. So I would like to say a MASSIVE THANK YOU to all



those who helped me train, gave me belief I could do it, and have also helped contribute towards this significant amount raised. My just giving page is still open for anyone that still wants to help support <https://www.justgiving.com/Jenny-Dalton1975>

Once again, thank you, Jenny Dalton



SOUND THE TRUMPETS FOR NEXT EDINGTON ARTS CONCERT!

Welcome **Regency Brass**, a thrilling quintet of brass, timpani and organ, to Edington Priory Church at 7.30pm on Saturday October 17th for the next Edington Arts' concert.

Benjamin Nicholas, well known here already both as organ recitalist and as Artistic Director of the Edington Music Festival, joins the established trumpet/timpani quartet Regency Brass to repeat a superb programme which sold out in Oxford earlier this year. From Handel's Music for the Royal Fireworks to Trumpet Voluntaries by Stanley and Clarke and great Toccatas and Fugues by JS Bach, the programme is a winner. Full programme details are available on the Edington Arts website, www.edingtonarts.org.

Tickets are £20, £15 and £10 in advance (10% discount for Edington Angels); on the door add £2, from music@edingtonarts.org, or by phoning 01380 831256 / 871549. 18 and unders come FREE, and there will be interval drinks.

Wharf Theatre, Devizes
25th September – 3rd October 2015
Entertaining Angels By Richard Everett
Directed by Merrily Powell

Set in a vicarage garden in the present day, this sharp-edged comedy with probing wit was a massive sell-out at the 2006 Chichester Festival.

Join in with **Worton's fun-packed Monster-themed day** - an event in three parts

Saturday 31st Oct 11am – 3.30pm Monster 'Scary-crow' Trail

Wander round Worton on this terrifying trail to find the monsters malingering in the gardens - £1 to enter, trail starts from the Village Hall, SN10 5SH



3.30pm – 5pm Children's Games in the Village Hall

8.00pm – late Adults 'Monster Mash' disco

£10 per person to include food, bar available, fancy dress optional, raffle with proceeds to British Heart Foundation. Tickets available from Chris Johnson 01380 720580, 10 Gaisford Chase, Worton or Jo Banks, 01380 726658, 76 High St, Worton.

White Horse Opera will be performing
Mozart's **Idomeneo** at Lavington School

on Friday 9th & Saturday 10th October 2015 at 7.30pm

IDOMENEIO is an amazing work. Written when Mozart was twenty-five, it shows his operatic genius really blossoming. Although it is based on some very traditional material, Mozart injects new life into old conventions and takes opera into new realms hitherto unexplored. Don't miss this exciting show!

Tickets are on sale now at Devizes Books and on-line at
www.ticketsource.co.uk/whitehorseopera

Getting Ready for Winter

Few of us look forward to the arrival of the winter months, and as we get older our bodies can find it harder to cope with the cold, but by being prepared, we can stay **warm and**



healthy this winter. Here are a few things to consider, and information about where you can find sources of help.

- Check the exterior of your property – are there any loose tiles, damp patches? Ensure your boiler has been serviced and chimneys have been swept. Age UK has a list of registered traders to help you find the right person for the job.
- Is your property fully insulated? This will help keep your home warm and lower your bills. There are schemes running locally to provide advice on this, and you might be entitled to help with the cost.
- Are your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms working? Wiltshire Fire and Rescue carry out free home fire safety checks for qualifying households.
- Have a supply of salt and sand ready to put on icy surfaces.
- Ideally your living areas should be 18 – 21 degrees C during the day. We have a supply of room thermometers, so please contact me if you would like one.
- Are you concerned that you may not be able to cover your fuel bills? There are grants available to support older people on state benefits who spend more than 10% of their income on fuel.

I can provide more information on all of the above, so please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any problems or queries about preparing for winter.

Lise Griffiths, Good Neighbour Co-ordinator – telephone 07541 353430 or email melkshamgnc@communityfirst.org.uk

And finally:

Some unfortunate church notices (thankfully not from Seend or Bulkington):

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.

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, Mr Steve Taylor 01225 709360; Christ Church Bulkington: Mrs Liz Futter 828485, Mrs Anne Saywell 828931; LPAs: Mrs Jane Goman 827121, Mrs Liz Futter 828485 & Mrs Tina Yockney 827139. Bell Ringers: L Murray 828513.

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

Bulkington Village Hall - Nev Boulton 828101 or Roger Futter 828485

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bulkington Website: www.bulkington.org.uk

Rights of Way Warden – Paul Millard, 01225 712821

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bouncy Club - Paulette Pardoe 07944 300350

Brownies - Helen Hook 828477

Community Speedwatch - Brian Crisp 01380 828910

Cricket Club - John Wiltshire 07791 144248

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

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

Flower Show – Brian Jaques 827137

FOSS (Friends of Seend School) Mel Steel 07739 899741

Gardening Club - Carole Vince 01380 871259

Historic Houses Club - Tony Ewin 828325

LINK Scheme - 075320 55560

Lye Field Committee – Philip Proven

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

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

Preschool - Liz Futter 828485

Poetry Group - Tessa Doe 828617

Ramblers - Gerald Salter 01225 706451

Royal British Legion - Roger Brind 828830

Seend Singers - Bob McCulloch 828508

Short Mat Bowls Club - Colin Waldeck 828946

Tennis Club - Ric Ellinger 828687

Theatre Club - Sylvia Ewin 828325; Marion Whitehead 828612

WEA - Pam Church - 828597

WI - Fiona Johnson on 828401 and Gill Acornley 01225 707218

Wine Circle – Steve Parsons 07974 347487 or Simon McManus 07896 711764

Seend Post Office & Village Store

01380 828250

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Fri	9.00 - 5.30	9.00 - 5.30
Sat	8.30 - 1.00	9.00 - 1.00
Sun	9.00 - 10.30	Closed
Bank Holidays	9.00 - 10.30	Closed

* note early closing