

SPOTLIGHT

Seend & Bulkington



October 2011

DIARY DATES FOR LATE SEPTEMBER

30th Macmillan Coffee Morning, 10am-Noon, Community Centre

DIARY DATES FOR OCTOBER

- 1st Grand Autumn Quiz Night, Community Centre, 7.45pm
- 1st Bulkington Sensory Garden planting, 10am
- 4th Seend Acoustic Club, Jane Taylor Band, Community Centre 8pm
- 5th Seend Shuttle Shopping trip - phone 828203 by Monday 3rd to book
- 6th Seend School Harvest service, School Hall, 10am
- 7th Textile collection at Seend School
- 8th Royal British Legion annual lecture, Community Centre, 7.30pm
- 10th Mobile Library: 9.35am Seend The Lye; 10am Seend Cleeve phone box; 10.55am Well Inn car park, Bulkington
- 10th Start of 8-week WEA course 'The Naughty Nineties', Community Centre, 7.30pm
- 11th Inaugural meeting of German conversation group, Community Centre, 7.30pm
- 12th/14th/15th White Horse Opera 'Orpheus in the Underworld', Corn Exchange, 7.30pm
- 13th Theatre Club outing to Bath Theatre Royal
- 14th Messy Church, Pavilion, 3.15pm
- 14th-16th Ramblers' weekend away in Kingham, Oxfordshire
- 15th **LAST DATE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO NOVEMBER SPOTLIGHT**
- 15th 11th Seend Beer Festival, Noon-11.30pm, Community Centre
- 17th Seend School Open Half Day, 1.15-5pm
- 18th Seend Acoustic Club, Killing no Murder, Community Centre, 8pm
- 23rd Free Film for Seend Club members, 'Saturday Night & Sunday Morning', 7.30pm
- 24th Mobile Library: 9.35am Seend The Lye; 10am Seend Cleeve phone box; 10.55am Well Inn car park, Bulkington
- 26th Nosh and Natter lunch club, Community Centre, 12 for 12.30pm

DIARY DATES FOR NOVEMBER

First week - BL Poppy Appeal

- 1st Seend Acoustic Club, Richard Digance, Community Centre, 8pm
- 5th Bulkington Bonfire & fireworks, Bulkington Playing Field, 6 for 6.30pm
- 7th Mobile Library: 9.35am Seend The Lye; 10am Seend Cleeve phone box; 10.55am Well Inn car park, Bulkington
- 9th British Legion AGM, Kennet Room, Seend Community Centre, 7.30pm
- 10th Historic Houses AGM, Pavilion, 7.30pm
- 11th & 13th - Remembrance Day and Remembrance Sunday
- 12th Bulkington in Bloom village meeting, Village Hall, 10.30am
- 12th Belly Dance Party, Community Centre
- 17th School table-top sale at Devizes Market
- 20th Ramblers meet 9.30am in Rusty Lane
- 25th Ramblers' Social, with speaker Freddie Giles, Pavilion, 7.30 for 8pm
- 26th WI Christmas Bazaar, Pavilion
- 26th Seend Wine and Food Fair, 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.

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Welcome to October 2011 Spotlight



Firstly, apologies to all contributors to this edition who have found their literary gems edited down. We just had so much material this month we had to take drastic action! Please bear this in mind and somehow try to keep items as brief as possible in future, without losing your individual touch of course!

What a good couple of months we've had since the last edition! The weather could have been kinder, but the summer events have all been really successful. However, one event – the dance in aid of the Church roof fund – had to be cancelled due to lack of advance ticket sales. Enough tickets may have been sold eventually to make it a success, but the organisers could not afford to wait and see. So, please can we make yet another plea to you all to buy tickets for events as soon as you decide you want to attend. That way, we may avoid organisers having sleepless nights!

Now we have the Beer Festival to look forward to, as well as a Quiz Night, the British Legion Lecture, a classic film, more acoustic music and an entertaining WEA course on 'The Naughty Nineties'. See the events pages. If you read this in time, we hope you will support the Seend contribution to the Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning in the Community Centre on Friday 30th September.

The installation of the new printer is nearly complete. The cupboard in which the printer is stored and operated has been rebuilt, organised by Dave Sawyer on behalf of the Lye Field committee. Our thanks to him in particular, and to the committee. We are now ready to install the final part of the machine - the finisher, which will staple and fold booklets. All being well this edition of Spotlight will be finished in this way. We hope that you'll notice the improvement in quality of the finished article?

Our grateful thanks to all for your Spotlight Donations. We're still counting.

THE SPOTLIGHT CONTACTS

Contributions for the November issue (**copy deadline 15th October**) can be e-mailed to spotlight@seend.org.uk or delivered to Seend Post Office. Comments and queries to Joanna Goddard on 828488, Tessa Doe on 828617 or Anne Ewing on 828557. Juli Wilfort collects and types up the items deposited at Seend PO.

N.B. Anne and Tessa share the editing of Spotlight, so please send all emails to the Spotlight address or deliver entries to the Shop/PO.

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N.B. 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.

Events in Late September, October and November 2011

(See also Bulkington News on pp10-11)



Macmillan Coffee Morning
Friday 30th September 10am-12 noon
in Seend Community Centre
Refreshments, raffle, competitions and more!

The 11th Seend Beer Festival

Saturday 15th October 2011 from 12 noon 'til 11.00pm
at Seend Community Centre, Rusty Lane, Seend SN12 6NS.



Entry is by advance ticket only, and numbers are limited.

Ticket holders must be 18 years of age or over.

If you look under 25 be prepared to show I.D.

Tickets (£10, to include a glass and three beer tokens) are available from The Post Office, The Brewery Inn and The Community Centre. Non-beer drinkers can buy a ticket for £7 on the door only, but will not receive a glass or tokens. Children under 18 years will be admitted for free, but only if accompanied by a responsible adult.

Live music in the afternoon from *The Somerset Paddies*
and in the evening from *Train to Skaville*.

Tickets are also available to buy on-line at www.seendbeerfestival.co.uk.

On-line tickets will incur an extra £1 booking fee.

Free film show for Seend Club members

Membership cards to be shown

The classic 'Saturday Night & Sunday Morning'

Sunday 23rd October in Seend Community Centre at 7.30pm



Nosh After Lunch Club

Wednesday 26th October at 12 for 12.30pm

Advance booking essential - ring John and Lilian on 828540

Seend Acoustic Club

1st & 3rd Tuesdays upstairs in Seend Community Centre at 8pm

4th October – The Jane Taylor Band. Admission £5

18th October – Killing No Murder. Admission £3

Arrive early to book a floor spot.

Tickets are now on sale for special guests **Richard Digance** on 1st November and **Hickman & Cassidy** on 15th November – both £10.

See www.seendacoustic.org for full details



Belly Dance Party

Seend Community Centre – Saturday 12th November

Dress up and boogie, shop at the souk, and bring a plate of food to share. Bar available. Performances of dance to enjoy (or take part in if you attend our classes). Live music by John Sleiman (talented Lebanese drummer and keyboard player). Family & friends welcome. Tickets £6 in advance or £8 on the door available at Monday morning class in the Community Centre (10.30-11.30am) or from www.wiltshirebellydance.com/events.html



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

A huge thank you to all who supported the Bulkington Village EXHIBITION OF EMBROIDERY & CROSS-STITCH in September. It was a really good village event and it raised over £650.00.

An early notice for your diaries. ABBA'S ANGELS (Abba tribute band) will return to Leaze Farm, Bulkington on the 30th June 2012.



Our Vicar, Renée Coulson, has been walking the northern pilgrimage route to Santiago de Compostella. The route she walked was about 200 miles long and has taken 12 days to complete. The weather has been as changeable as the route has been challenging. She did the walk to raise money for the school extension and if you have not already sponsored her and would like to do so, please hand monies in to the shop or school. Please make the blisters worthwhile.

Public Inquiry result

The disputed footpath at Seend Head Mill is to be upgraded to a restricted byway, which is WONDERFUL news. The four day inquiry heard a massive amount of evidence from both sides, nearly all of which was historical documentary evidence, and although the inspector said it was "finely balanced" he has approved the order.

The earliest evidence was from the Wiltshire Quarter Sessions of 1674, with a signed and sealed certificate confirming the inhabitants of Seend had sufficiently repaired the 'King's Highway' in a place called Seend Head Mill leading towards Trowbridge, sufficient to allow passage of horses, carts and carriages. This was considered in the context of all the other evidence and maps, and also much evidence from the landowner.

Riders, cyclists and walkers rejoice!!! and God bless Wiltshire Council

Lucy

Walk Ten for Marie Curie - Mel Walker, Seend Post Office

Well, I finished the walk (trek?) on Saturday 3rd September.

At a guess, approx 300 walkers left Stourhead estate. Through the fields to King Alfred's Tower, then the woods (which by this time were pitch black with strange animal noises) and back to the lake and gardens which had been transformed by candles and flares.

I would like to thank all those who sponsored me (especially the £1 pocket money pledge). A cheque for over £500 has been sent to the Marie Curie Cancer Care Team who are an incredibly deserving cause.

James and Claudia are happy to announce the second birthday of our daughter **Leyla Sofia Stapleton Pineros** on the 12 of October. She is our most precious treasure and makes us extremely proud and happy.



SEEND SCOUTS AND GUIDES REUNION

Following the success of the reunion last year, another was arranged for June this year at the Community Centre. It was a very enjoyable evening and was attended by 31 members of the movement. Many photographs of past camps etc were brought to the hall, and the 'star' of the evening was Fred Giles who came along in his scout uniform, which still fitted him!

In response to many requests, the Reunion next year will be held at the Community Centre on Saturday 9th June.

Gwyn Hopkins, 01225 425695

THE FIRST SEEND ACOUSTIC FESTIVAL

Can I just say a massive thanks to all those who came out in support of this first Seend Acoustic Festival. I know many of you came out of curiosity as I received so many comments like "I never knew it would be this good". It was a lovely day with a great community spirit and friendly family atmosphere. The performers were all class acts and the variety throughout the day enabled everyone to juggle music with socialising, beer and delicious food. We'll be back next year so blank out your diaries for 7th- 9th of September and watch this space and the website for details. And if you've still not visited our twice-monthly acoustic club upstairs, why not come along. You might just be surprised at how good that is too!



Malcolm Shipp

(Apparently some people think the Acoustic Club is for musicians only; it's not! The musicians need an appreciative audience!)



SEEND FETE 2011

Yet again the Seend Fete was a triumph! The final total has yet to be announced but we're hoping that it will be a Seend Fete record. So a huge '**thank you**' to you all. Without you, the fete would never happen! We were so grateful to all the willing volunteers who helped set up, and take down, the stalls and tents and also to the many people who staffed the various stalls during the afternoon.

Seend Fete is a very special community event and we're now looking forward to the next one, **Saturday 11 August 2012!** So on behalf of the whole fete committee: Jo McManus, Andy Brown, Rebecca Rowan, Nicky Scott, Kerrin Theron, Steve Gee and Julia Payne - **THANK YOU!**

Fiona Johnson, Fete Chairman

SEEND FLOWER SHOW

Undoubtedly this was the best ever Fete and Flower Show, and all thanks to those whose planning and hard work gave so many people such an enjoyable event.



The 62nd Flower Show had a near record number of entries. The high quality attracted very favourable comments from both judges and visitors. Indeed we were told that the numbers and quality of many of the exhibits were superior to those of much larger and more prestigious events - a great compliment indeed for the Seend Show. All of the entrants deserve this praise because the Hall was a truly colourful and magnificent sight.

The walls of the Hall again showed off the range of entries from each of the classes of Seend School, complemented by those from the Playgroup. The potential artistic abilities of many of the children was clearly evident.

The numbers of entries in all classes gave the judges a tough time and brought home to all of us what a remarkable range of talents we have in this Parish.

Members of Seend Flower Show Committee and those who supported them on the day did a wonderful job and deserve congratulations. Hopefully, this year's Show will inspire those who exhibited to continue to support the Show and encourage some newcomers to enter next year.

Peter Fisher

VILLAGE APPRAISAL

The Parish Electoral Roll has just under 800 people registered to vote and so this number of Appraisal Questionnaires were produced. A number of people, for a range of reasons, were unable or unwilling to complete the form. 420 forms were returned. I am grateful to all of you who completed the forms and provided the participating organisations with useful feedback and information. The organisations now have the task of analysing and considering the implications

of the data. It is unlikely that all of the organisations will be able to report back before late November. I then hope to arrange an open meeting with a representative of each organisation presenting their findings; the date will be in November Spotlight.

There were many requests for further information about existing organisations and activities; the names of those expressing an interest, will be passed on. Suggestions for new activities will also be circulated.

I would like to thank those who delivered and collected the Appraisals and especially Hatty Stafford-Charles for her support and help.

Tony Murch

Appraisals – Seend Cleeve Style

A big thank you to all respondees on my patch, resulting in a 100% household return. Everyone was helpful, courteous, cheerful and willing – even when pursued through their gardens or persuaded to partake having just got back from work or holiday, about to go out or put babies to bed. You were all prepared to spare time for the scheme, making my task pleasant, interesting and satisfying.

John

CHURCH AND CHAPEL NEWS

Maureen's ramblings.....

I was told this story by someone whose integrity I trust. A friend went to a church service whilst on holiday. The church was using its new, 'state of the art' sound system for the first time. The congregation heard every word of the service, some for the first time in years! But disaster struck at the end of the service. The priest proclaimed the words: "Go in peace to love and serve the Lord". At that very moment a local taxi firm came on air, loud and clear through the speakers: "**.... go to number 37 Acacia Avenue**". The link was so seamless, and the breakthrough of such quality that the taxi operator might have been standing at the altar with the priest!

I am reluctant to make too strong an analogy from this, but it struck me as a passable illustration of how God *breaks through* into our lives. We cannot ask the sceptical children of a rational age to expect God to speak from the mountain tops or in the flutter of angel wings. Those who hear voices may be sent to a psychiatrist; those who see visions may be advised to see an optician! The modern world is wary of miracles. But I do believe in miracles. Sometimes God reveals himself in ways that confound the laws of reason. For some people there may be neon lights and trumpets - experiences that are totally life-changing. But more often God speaks to us in breakthrough moments, making himself known through ordinary things. He speaks to us through the words of friends, through our reaction to our emotions, through an unexpected sequence of events, through the stirrings of our conscience, in a sudden crisis or a moment of joy. The God

who loves us, who is always with us whether we believe or not, whether we listen or not, is always seeking to find ways to say, “I love you”, “I am here”. God can use every facet of our experience as a channel of communication. Mind you, we might be better tuned in to God if we were to spend a little more time in silence and to actually invite his involvement in our lives!

A doubting friend of mine once prayed ‘God, if you are there, show yourself to me’. God answered not with a thundering voice, but slowly, gently and almost imperceptibly. ‘Coincidentally’ she met people who shared their faith with her; she attended a funeral service that opened her heart to the possibility of eternity and, after a minor op, she found time to reflect on her life. Step by step, honest doubt turned to a fledgling faith.

Of course, if God speaks so quietly to us it means that we can dismiss his presence as coincidence or wishful thinking. It is only when experience is examined in faith that we can recognise God *breaking through* with a message of love, encouragement, challenge or guidance. I doubt whether God has ever used a sound system to pass on a message, nevertheless I do believe that God is always walking alongside us, longing for us to encounter him. And it is by reflecting on the ordinary things of our life that we can sometimes recognise God *breaking through* to us.

The Revd Maureen Allchin (Assistant Priest)

Church services during October

Sun 2nd Oct

- 8.00 am Holy Communion at Seend
- 9.30 am All Age Worship at Bulkington
- 11.15 am All Age Worship at Seend
- 6.00 pm Harvest evensong at Poulshot

Sun 9th Oct

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

Sun 16th Oct

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

Sun 23rd Oct

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

Sun 30th Oct

8.00 am Holy Communion at Seend
10.00 am Joint Benefice service at Seend Chapel
6.00 pm All Souls Benefice service at Poulshot

Holy Cross Church Notices

Weddings

30th July: Timothy Robert **Hiscocks** and Emma Louise **Blake** of 87 Seend Cleeve

3rd September: Jonathan Richard David **Williams** and Rosalind Louise **Scott** of Downend Bristol

Church Floodlights

10th October Wendy Stephens in loving memory of Michael Stephens



It's Messy Church time again!

Do you wish you could spend a little more time doing fun things with your children and even have a meal cooked for you? Well you can.....

On Friday 14th October, parents or carers of children attending Primary School (any school) are invited to come with your children to Seend Pavilion after school (3.15-3.30). There will be drinks and biscuits on arrival, followed by games and activities while others arrive, then a story with audience participation! After this there are craft activities on offer - some messy, some not, but all are fun for the whole family. While you are eating your meal there is a quiz to do. There might even be a prize! The children will go home tired but having had fun; parents won't have to cook when they get home; and we hope that everyone will think that Church things can be fun things!

So that we know how much food to prepare, please register your names either by signing the list at the back of Seend, Bulkington or Poulshot Church, or ring Sue Taylor on 01225 709360 to book. Thank you.

The Enthronement of our new Diocesan Bishop – the Rt. Revd. Nicholas Holtham, will take place on Saturday, 15th October at 12 noon at Salisbury Cathedral. All are welcome. To apply for a free ticket phone 01722 555110 or email l.rove:salcath.co.uk. Entry will be by ticket only.

On Sunday, 23rd October at 9.30am St. Peter's Church, Poulshot will hold a special service of hymns and readings **in Celebration of the 400th Anniversary of the King James' Version of the Bible.**

Maureen Allchin will be speaking on **“Israel/Palestine – the search for peace”**, at the Bible Society meeting at 7.30pm on Thursday, October 27th in St. Michael's, Hilperton. All are welcome.



JERUSALEM SPONSORED WALK **IN AID OF THE McCABE EDUCATIONAL TRUST**

From January 26th-February 2nd 2012 the McCabe Educational Trust Charity (of which I am a Trustee) is organising a sponsored walk in Jerusalem to raise awareness and funds for three of the Trust's projects in Bethany and Bethlehem – the Jeel al Amal Boys Home in Bethany, the Al Shurooq Blind School in Bethlehem and the Bethlehem Arab Society for Rehabilitation. I would love to have been able to do this seven mile walk – but it is not physically possible. SO, the Revd. Renée Coulson, has offered to do it! She will do the walk and I will raise the sponsorship money – a great team effort!

It would be great if you would sponsor Renée. You can sign the sponsor forms at the back of the churches, or send me a cheque, made payable to “McCabe Educational Trust”. If you are able to Gift Aid your donation then please write a covering letter saying this -with your name and address and signature. Or you can donate through my "Just Giving" page at <http://www.justgiving.com/Maureen-Allchin>

All the money will go to the projects – with none taken for admin or travel costs. Or maybe you would like to do the walk yourself??!! See www.mccabe-travel.co.uk for details.

The Revd. Maureen Allchin - 01380 828931

FROM ROY

I am in the middle of reading Marcus Borg's most recent book 'Jesus' (published this year by SPCK). Borg is a well known American Jesus Scholar, but less well known in this country. There is a very interesting chapter in the book called 'The Shaping of Jesus – His experience of God', where Borg outlines a picture of Jesus as being in mystical relationship with God, whom he encounters and addresses in the intimacy of a relationship in which Jesus uses a child's familiar name for father (Abba – best translated not as father, but perhaps as Daddy).

Jesus stands in a long tradition, where God or the sacred are known as an experienced, personal reality. God is known through visions, long hours of prayer and the presence of God's Spirit. So at his baptism, Jesus has a personal sense of God's Spirit coming upon him. In the wilderness, he sees visions. At his transfiguration, Jesus is filled with the radiant presence of God that reflects two of the most mystic experiences of God in the Old Testament: Moses face shining with the glory of God at Mount Sinai and Elijah's experience of the still, small voice at Mount Horeb. Perhaps what marks these experiences of Jesus is that they are direct encounters with God. Jesus sees God anew. His vision of God is not shaped by a received, conventional understanding, but arises out of personal re-connection with God beyond traditional images and ideas, and even

transcends them. It is a sense of a presence beyond our human comprehension, but life giving and life-affirming.

All this leads me to wonder: how given are we to seeking the presence of God as sacred other? Where in our lives do we seek to transcend the ordinary and the conventional and discover the one who is both life-giving and life-affirming.

God bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'R. J.', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Seend Methodist Chapel

Services for October

October 9th 10am Mrs Grace Morimer

October 23rd 10am Mr Bernard Cooper

October 30th 10am United Service with the Anglican Benefice (Coffee afterwards)

BULKINGTON NEWS

The church-hosted **Bulkington lunch** takes place on 5th October at 12.15 at The Well. Everyone in the village is welcome. . It is a great village occasion with a good two-course meal for £10.00 a head. Contact Jane Coles in advance for the menu (828145).

The **Mobile Library** will be visiting the car-park of The Well in Bulkington on the 10th and 24th October. Please support this.

There will be another **MESSY CHURCH** on Friday, 14th October in Seend Pavilion. Full details in church news. Phone Anne Saywell on 828931 to book.

As part of **Christ Church, Bulkington's 150th Anniversary** celebration year (from September 2010), the Church Council set itself the target of raising £900 to be given away to local and national charities. We are delighted to say that we actually raised over £1000!! Thanks to everyone who supported our efforts.

The July Meeting of the Parish Council started on a sad note with notice of the recent death of Charlie Bath. He had lived many years in the village and was known to all - Bulkington will not seem the same without him.

The Parish Council went on to co-opt Mrs Christine Parkyn as its seventh Councillor. She replaces Tony Bradford who had to retire because increasing deafness made taking part in meetings impossible, and will take over as the Bulkington contact for Footpaths and Parish Stewards.

After hearing about the problems caused by HMRC's sudden demand that small Parish Councils register as employers for tax and National Insurance purposes, Councillors went on to happy news of the Playing Field Lottery Grant. Not only

had the Grant been finally approved, tenders had been awarded and work had actually started. A grand opening was fixed for Saturday 3rd September.

There are still problems with drivers speeding through the village; the Chairman will try to get the Police to do a check at around 4pm, which is the worst time according to most residents. Many ideas for slowing traffic were suggested, but none was decided on.

Finally, Councillor Mrs Read said it was time to get planning for next year's Diamond Jubilee underway, with a group combining representatives of the Parish Council, the PCC and the Village Hall.

Bulkington Playing Field

The Launch Party

A successful launch party on 3rd September heralded the re-opening of the Bulkington Playing Field, the culmination of over a year's hard work by the Playing Field Committee and many notable others. The lottery and Community Spaces provided funding and guidance. Thankfully, the rain kept away and crowds of villagers of all ages joined together for a glass of fizz, BBQ and home-made cakes. It was great to see so many people using the new equipment, and to hear the positive feedback. Liz Futter opened the new playing field by breaking through a red ribbon as she travelled down the zip wire!

A wooden bench provides a permanent memorial to William (Bill) Breach who gave the field to the village. The Committee would like to thank the Parish Council for donating the bench. The inscription on the brass plaque reads;

'In grateful memory of William Breach who gave this field for the enjoyment of the village – 1996.'

Additional benches are planned in the near future; just a few more resting places to enjoy the view.

Planting Opportunity

If you wish to help with the planting of the Sensory Garden please meet in the playing field on Saturday 1st October at 10am. The Committee hopes to make this a community event, so please come along and help if you are interested.

To ensure we don't lose the plants to rabbits we will be putting a low voltage electric fence around the area. An orange safety fence will be placed around this, so that no-one touches it accidentally. Warning signs will also be displayed.

Remember Bulkington Bonfire and Fireworks – Saturday 5th November

The gates will open at 6pm, and the fireworks will be lit at 6.30pm.

A BBQ and refreshments will be available. Entry is via donation. The Committee will be doing a 'door knock' around Bulkington a week or so before the event. We rely very much on the generosity of villagers in helping fund this much loved event.

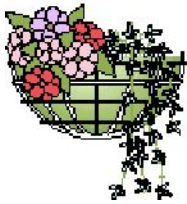


We very much look forward to seeing you there.

Your Help

The Committee is on the look out for new members. If you are interested in developing the playing field and/or with fund raising please let us know. We are also looking for volunteers that we can call on to help during future fund raising events.

If you'd like to become a member, volunteer or simply find out more about either roles please contact Ian Dobson (Chair) on 01380 827126.



BULKINGTON IN BLOOM

While spring and summer in Bulkington brought the usual lovely blossoming of hedgerows and trees, a plan began to be hatched to add colour to our High Street with new flower planters and tubs.

This came to fruition in May with colourful half-barrels of blooms placed at the entrances to the village and a display at the War Memorial.

The originators of this great idea are Jan Flynn and Chris Parkyn. Their enthusiasm has been infectious, and positive feedback has encouraged them to develop new ideas for village colour and a revival of pride in where we live. Support for the project has been readily provided by villagers, most notably Joe Downey, Brooke Flynn, Pat Bell and Graham Willis who have generously given their time to water plants and regularly help to maintain and tidy the displays. The Parish Council generously assisted with funding to purchase barrels, planters and flowers.

Jan and Chris hope to be able to add to their small budget with donations from villagers and sponsorship from local businesses to enable planting to continue into next year and beyond, and a group of enthusiastic supporters has been formed to steer the campaign forward. Simon Barratt has kindly volunteered to act as Treasurer, and I will be providing admin, support and general encouragement for the cause.

You too can demonstrate your support by making a small donation via Treasurer Simon Barrett at No 9 The Close and by contributing directly with your own ideas to add colour to our village. Please show your support by coming along to our open village meeting in the Village Hall on Saturday 12 November at 10.30am to hear what is currently planned and tell us your own ideas - and get tea and cakes for a small donation! Many proposals are already under consideration.

And, for a small donation to the cause, Jan and Chris have undertaken to water plants and pots for those who are going on holiday. Just let them know before you go and it will be done! Having one of these lovely ladies check over your garden every day while you are away is also a good way to keep a watchful eye on your property for security and peace of mind.

Calum Ogilvie

Attention Bulkington Allotment Seekers!

A Bulkington lady would allow the use of part of her garden as an allotment in return for tending the rest of it. Contact 828925.



SEEND CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION



Annual Lecture

This year's annual lecture will take place in the Community Centre at 7.30 pm on 8th October. The bar will be open from 7.00 pm.

The subject is **“Before and After The Hercules”** and it will be given by Air Commodore Brian Poulton who has wide experience of RAF tactical air transport since 1960 and was project officer for the A400M. It will cover the evolution of Tactical Air Transport during the last 50 years and, with the move of the Hercules to Brize Norton, will be fascinating to all of us who will no longer see them in the sky over the village. Tickets (£6) can be obtained from Peter Fisher (828305) and Joe Hardstaff (828458).

Annual General Meeting and Next Committee Meeting

The AGM will now be held in the Kennet Room in the Community Centre on Wednesday 9th November 2011 at 1930 hrs. and **not** on 25th October as previously notified. Please put this date in your diary and endeavour to attend. There will be a short Committee meeting on completion

Remembrance Sunday - Warning Order

The usual parade and service will be held in the Church of the Holy Cross, Seend on Sunday 13th November 2011. 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.

Remembrance Day

There will be the usual Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial on Friday 11th November 2011, at 11.00am. All are welcome.

Date to Remember

Armed Forces Day 2012 will be celebrated in the village on Sunday 1st July with a Drumhead Service on the Lye Field at 3.00 pm. This will be followed by a Cream Tea. Everyone is encouraged to attend and the service will be suitable for all Denominations. So please put this date in your diary and come along to make this a memorable occasion.

Local RBL Events

Saturday 1st October 2011- RBL 90th Celebration Ball, Neeld Hall, Chippenham.
Sunday 16th October 2011 - Wootton Bassett Parade to mark the end of repatriations through the town.

Further details of both these events can be obtained from Roger Brind (828830)

British Legion Poppy Appeal

The envelope for your donations will be in the November Spotlight. Collectors with poppies will be calling from the first week of November.

If we miss you, or if you prefer, you can take your envelope to Seend Post Office where poppies will also be available for you.

Please be as generous as you can. There is more demand than ever now for the lifelong care that the British Legion gives to our servicemen and women. Gift aiding your donation allows us to collect tax money from the government and costs you nothing to do this, so if you can, please complete the slip with the envelope. Many thanks.

Joan Savage – Tel; 01380 828108



HISTORIC HOUSES CLUB

We have had a good year in spite of having to cancel the July visit to a very outdoor house, Woodchester Park, because of pouring rain! We will try again next year!

In May we had a fascinating visit to The Merchant's House in Marlborough – a beautifully restored 16th Century house. We also had a peek at the garden not usually seen by the public. After lunch we went on to the Saxon chapel at Chisbury, used as a barn for many years. Then on to Little Bedwyn to see their lovely old church, including the old Clock in the bell tower. A great attraction was the millennium watercolour diagrammatical map of the village. We ended with tea in Marlborough.

We went to Tyntesfield in June. This must-see amazing Victorian Gothic mansion was acquired by the National Trust in 2002 and is gradually being restored having been left untouched since 1863.

An August evening visit to the beautiful Georgian House at No 1 Royal Crescent Bath was a great success, especially as the private tour ended with wine and very posh canapés in the Georgian kitchen. We then went by Shuttle to the Raven in Poulshot to enjoy an excellent dinner.

At the time of writing we are still looking forward to our last trip of the year, a visit to Great Chalfield Manor after having lunch at the Inn at Freshford. We will take tea at the old Dent's Glove Factory in Holt afterwards.

We have arranged a trip to "Discover Christmas at Longleat" on the **Friday 9th December**, which will be slightly different from last year but still with a splendid lunch.

Another date for the diary is the AGM on **Thursday 10th November** in the Pavilion at 7.30pm, when there will be an interesting talk on Historical Bath, and members will be able to pay their subs for next year. New members are

always very welcome, and indeed, anyone may come to the AGM to enjoy the talk, the wine and the general conviviality.

Tony Ewin



SEEND AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS

Report on August and September walks

On 7th August, 12 ramblers explored the Cotswold water park area on yet another wet Sunday morning! Thanks to Bob and Brenda Jones for planning this enjoyable walk, from the infant Thames to Ashton Keynes, Somerford Keynes, around a lake and back again. On 11th September, Ron and Penny England led 12 walkers and Molly the Collie on a six-miler around Horningsham and the Longleat Estate, over the gallops at Baycliffe Farm, with fine views from windy Brimsdown Hill, and the magnificent panorama of Longleat from Heaven's Gate.

Fete Day: The Ramblers' contribution to this successful day was staffing the refreshment tent, realising £597.85 thanks to the generous baking of cakes by Club members and villagers. A big thank-you and well done to everyone involved.

Weekend in Kingham, Oxfordshire from 14th-16th October

28 members will take part. Two very interesting walks are planned.

Dates for your diary (more details will be in November Spotlight):

Sunday 20th November – walk led by Jo & Colin Waldeck.

Friday 25th November – Social evening in the Irene Usher Pavilion with speaker Freddie Giles.

SEEND AND DISTRICT THEATRE CLUB

The last two events of the year, for which members have already booked, are 'Dr Marigold and Mr Chops' at Bath Theatre Royal on 13th October, and Handel's 'Messiah' in Bath Abbey on 2nd December. The next outing is 'Let's Misbehave', a celebration of the songbook of Cole Porter, in Salisbury on 12th January. Members will soon receive details of this.



Sylvia Ewin



SEEND WI

For our August meeting members and friends enjoyed visiting various gardens in Seend. We were then royally entertained by Max and Susan Bolton at Thyme House. A big thank you to all the hosts and hostesses!

On 14th September members of Seend WI spent the evening listening to Ann Orr, a local solicitor, who gave us a very informative talk on various legal aspects which are relevant to us all. We are now 'experts' on Wills, Probate, Powers of Attorney and Funeral Plans! The evening was very interesting and gave us a lot to think about.

Our next meeting on 12th October will be our Birthday Meeting, which will include a Buffet Supper and Paul Cook giving us a light hearted view on rearing ostriches! This meeting is open to all so please do come along if you're interested.

Our Christmas Bazaar will be held on Saturday 26th November.

All meetings take place in the Pavilion, Rusty Lane, Seend at 7.30pm unless otherwise notified. For more information please contact Fiona Johnson on 01380 828401 or see www.seendwi.weebly.com



SEEND SHUTTLE

Calling all horse racing fans!

Are there any of you out there who enjoy horse racing and would like a free day out? We often have requests for people to drive a group to the races and have trouble finding any one. Drivers get a free ticket and will probably be fed and watered too by the friendly group you take. If you haven't driven the bus before contact Pete Wallis (01249 812088) for a familiarisation session. I've heard people call this a test but it isn't. He simply shows you things like how the electric doors work and lets you discover how easy it is to drive and manoeuvre. You'll need to take your driving licence and fill out a simple form for our insurance purposes. Also do tell Alison Cobbing (01380 828568) who takes our bookings and arranges drivers who would love to hear from you.

First Wednesday Shopping Trip

Please book your place on this sociable outing on October 5th by ringing Terry on 828203 by Monday 3rd. Thanks.

Timetable

The timetable for the Shuttle's scheduled services (Monday to Seend PO, Tuesday to Melksham and Thursday to Devizes) is on www.seend.org.uk

SEEND YOUTH CLUB NEEDS YOU!

The Seend & Bulkington Youth Club is looking for new leaders to help run the club. If you have two hours spare once a month on a Friday evening, we would love to hear from you. Full training will be provided.

The Club runs every other week during term time for children aged 7 to 11 yrs at the Irene Usher Hall in Seend.

Two volunteer leaders per session, with the aid of parent helpers, run the club every other Friday from 6.30pm to 8.00pm.

If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Ellie Oddy on 07530 556377.



SEEND COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

New – Egyptian belly dancing classes & the Seend Singers

On Mondays from 10.30-11.30am you can learn to ‘sway and shimmy with feminine elegance’ – while keeping fit and healthy in a low-impact way. £6.50 per session (£5 for concessions) or cheaper if you book for 10 weeks. Phone Tracey on 07702 166944 to learn more - or just turn up.



The new **Seend Singing Group** has got off to a good start – but could do with a few more voices. Ring John Smallshaw on 828540 to find out more about it.

Body Conditioning

There are vacancies in Emma’s body conditioning fitness class at 9am on Tuesdays. Just turn up with a mat and some water and feel the benefit!

Free Films for Seend Club members

What’s Eating Gilbert Grape? was a brilliant film. Sorry for those who missed it. Next up is *Saturday Night and Sunday Morning* on 23rd October, and we hope to show Jacques Tati’s *Mon Oncle*, *Little Shop of Horrors*, *Umbrellas of Cherbourg*, *The World’s Fastest Indian*, some early comedy shorts and one or two more recent French films in the near future. It’s worth joining the Club for!

Coming events

Full details of all these are in the events pages at the beginning of this magazine. Please try to support as many as you can!

Stop Press! Christmas Ghost story evening on Friday 16th December.

Summer Saturday Breakfasts



During the six Saturday mornings of the Seend Breakfasts, just under four hundred people came for breakfast. Thank you all for your support.

We would like to thank the Team Leaders: Carol Vince, Heather Wyatt, Ric Ellinger, Hilary Hutchings and Linda McMillan and the 50+ people who made up their teams for giving their time so generously. We would also like to thank Richard in the shop for supplying most of the produce (including donating the black-pudding) and to John and Rebecca Padfield for supplying the sausages and bacon.

BBC Wiltshire Radio visited the last breakfast and we had two five minute slots live on air. The Producer enjoyed the experience so much that she has asked to come back next year and use the Community Centre for the whole of one of their Saturday morning breakfast shows.

We propose to change the start and finish time next year to 8-10.30am to encourage those who do not rise early! If you have any comments on how we might improve the breakfasts further, please let us know.

Anne Ewing, Pauline Robertson and Tony Murch

SEEND AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB



Don Everitt was our first speaker of the season on 13th September. He talked about hardy perennials and how to make a border. He showed slides of plants that bloomed for a long period and at different times of year to give colour all year round, starting with snowdrops and hellebores and going on to Michaelmas daisies and beyond, all of which can be planted under and around shrubs with bulbs planted in the gaps. Don also had some lovely plants for sale.

The competition was an arrangement of late perennials. The winner was Jeni Raby-Cox.

The information is now out about the trip to the Alhambra garden in Granada on May 8th 2012. Those on e-mail will have received a copy. Anyone else who would like the information please get in touch with Carole or Sue a.s.a.p. and they will get a copy to you.

On 11th October Bob and Peter Biggs will be back to talk on Herbs and will have plants for sale again. Their double act was much appreciated this time last year. The competition will be 'Parsley, Sage, Rosemary and Thyme.' Hopefully with everyone back from holiday there will be lots of entries.

Sue.

100 Club

With abject apologies for my tardiness in getting this information to press, herewith the results of the draws for **April, May, June** and **July**. In the next 2 issues of Spotlight I will list the current 100+ Club membership and numbers.



April

1st £35 202 Mrs Sylvia Ewin
2nd £30 6 Mrs Claire Springate
3rd £25 136 Richard Church
4th £20 20 Richard Hawkins
5th £15 163 Mrs Chris Welford
6th £10 8 Mrs Jenny Phillips

June

1st £35 20 Richard Hawkins
2nd £30 143 Michael Kilduff
3rd £25 6 Mrs Claire Springate
4th £20 117 Mrs Lynn Puntis
5th £15 101 Ms Tracey Delamere
6th £10 13 Derek Barnes

May

1st £35 60 Mrs Wendy Stephens
2nd £30 65 Joe Hardstaff MBE
3rd £25 35 Don Hyde
4th £20 41 Mrs Mel Walker
5th £15 13 Derek Barnes
6th £10 116 Mrs Jill Godwin

July

1st £35 194 Philip Wood
2nd £30 92 Mrs Valerie Jackson
3rd £25 95 Mrs C Russell
4th £20 116 Mrs Jill Godwin
5th £15 61 Mrs P Hawkins
6th £10 120 Michael Park

Bernie Prolze, Organiser



GERMAN CONVERSATION GROUP

If you would like to practice your rusty German in an informal group setting, please come along to our first meeting upstairs in the Community Centre on Tuesday, 11th October, from 7.30-9.30pm.
Danke.

WEA REMINDER

If you would like to come to Allan Phillipson's course on '*The Naughty Nineties*' which starts on Monday 10th October please book with Pam on 828597 or pmmchurch@hotmail.com if you haven't already done so.



SEEND SCHOOL NEWS



We come back to a school in the middle of building work and it is amazing to see how much has already been achieved. We are still on track for completing at the end of December so hopefully we can start the New Year with the newly extended school.

Still thinking of school improvements, we have many sheds and fence posts around the place which we would like to brighten up with some exterior wood paint. If you have any, or know anyone who might have half of a tin of one colour and a ¼ of another, we would gladly take it off your hands. The brighter the better! Please just pop it up to school.

The reception children are settling in well and our number on roll is currently 100 children. We still have some spaces in certain year groups but others are full. It is always worth contacting us and asking if you are looking for a place. Already the application process is open for children due to start next year so we look forward to showing prospective parents round. Please call the school if interested. We are having an open ½ day on Monday 17th October from 1.15-5pm. We look forward to seeing you.

Our choir enjoyed performing at the Great Hinton Fete during the summer and are now moving onto bigger venues. A group of about 20 children have had their place at the O2 Arena confirmed and will be singing a variety of songs and medleys in January. Before that however, we have offered to sing at the Remembrance Service in the Church this year so it will be great to share their talents a little closer to home again.

Our harvest service will be held on Thursday 6th October 2011 at 10am in the school hall. If you would like to join us please do so. We will be once again collecting tins, jars and packets for the Melksham Foodbank.

In the recent village appraisal, many of you made comments regarding volunteering at the school. Unfortunately, the page relating to the school questions was removed from the pack so there were hardly any names present. If you genuinely would like to support the school in some way we would love you

to contact us. Many of you have suggested the school running some computer classes. This will certainly be possible in the New Year when the building work is completed so I will mention that again nearer the time. We would also like to perhaps invite some of the senior members of the community to have a cooked dinner with the children occasionally. Do let me know what you think of that idea.

The school has a new Chair of Governors – Mrs Sarah Todhunter. The governing body has two foundation governor vacancies so if you are a regular churchgoer and would like to get more involved in the school, please contact Sarah Todhunter at the school to discuss this further.

Education Admission Arrangements (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2002

Seend Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School has determined to set an admission number of 16 for the academic year 2012 – 2013. The DFES planned admission number being 17.

The governors feel that the lower admission number will allow for more reasonable class sizes, taking into account the legal restriction on infant class sizes.

Parents who live in the school's designated catchment area and who wish to object to the governing body's decision should contact: Office of the Schools Adjudicator, Mowden Hall, Staindrop Road, Darlington DL3 9BG.

Any further information about admission number may be obtained from the governing body c/o/ Seend Church of England VA Primary School, School Road, Seend Melksham, SN126NJ

Seend School Parent Social Club

Football Coaching – Jake Sainsbury is now running Football Coaching at school on Saturday mornings from 9.00–11.00am for children aged 6 – 12 years at £3.50 per session. The children that attend really enjoy it and are coming on in leaps and bounds. It would be great if some others could come along to bolster numbers.

Textile Collection – 7 October 2011. Due to the success of the collection held in March, we have booked another! Blue Bags are available for good quality clothing, shoes, belts, handbags, bedding (not duvets or pillows), etc and the School will be paid 50p/ kilo. If you cannot wait until this date, I will gladly take your items for you. We will be organising two more in the future, so please think of us when sorting your wardrobes out!

Devizes Table Top Sale – Thursday 17 November. This raises much needed funds from another source, as we are conscious we appear to keep asking the same people to buy things! If you can assist with any cakes, baking ingredients, garden produce or preserves, we will be very grateful.

Christmas Fair – Friday 2 December. This is our biggest fund raising event of the year. Chuffy the Train has been booked and there will be refreshments, tombola, games, stalls etc.

Nestlé Book Tokens – We are collecting the tokens found on the top of Nestlé breakfast cereal packets, which the school can use towards the purchase of books.

Morrisons Let's Grow Vouchers – These will encourage children to grow plants and understand where their food comes from. We will be collecting them as soon as they are available.

Seend School 100 Club – Summer Winners

As June's Gold Book was at the end of the month, we were not able to get it into July's Spotlight. The Winners were:

1st Prize Jean Allen
2nd Prize James Smith
3rd Prize Mel Walker

Mrs Chalk did the draw after Sports Day for the Summer Winners:

July:	August:
1st prize Darren Nichols	1st prize Darren Nichols (yes, twice!)
2nd prize Steve Taylor	2nd prize Suzie Barnett
3rd prize Sarah Day	3rd prize Clive Miles

Anyone can become a friend of the school, whether they have a connection to the school or not. The odds of winning are better than the lottery, and it all helps the school with the little extras! So please join by picking up a form from school or contacting Victoria Bowes or myself.

Emma Smith 01380 828056

SEEND PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting held on **Thursday 28th July** was attended by 9 Councillors with Mrs. Heatley in the chair. Apologies received from Mrs. G. A'Bear, Mrs L. Waylen, Cllr. J. Seed and PC Emily Thomas.

Prior to the start of the meeting, the Chairman showed Councillors a gavel that had been made by, and presented to the PC, by Cliff Inns, which has now been engraved. The Chairman said that she had written to Mr. Inns, thanking him for this kind gesture.

Relocation of postal sorting office – The Clerk of Melksham Town Council had forwarded a Press Release, following a meeting on 22nd July between Melksham TC and Royal Mail. This stated that Royal Mail was seeking to contract with Post Office Counters to provide a collection facility for undelivered mail, preferably at the current location, but if not at an alternative site within the town centre.

War Memorial – It was agreed that the Clerk would submit a bid to the Area Board on behalf of the PC for a grant towards the refurbishment.

Allotments – An e-mail had been received from Andy Cadwallader, Area Highway Engineer, confirming that any work on the highway or in conjunction with access on to the highway would require highway authority approval. He expressed concerns about the PC's proposals to improve the access to the allotments; these included allotment holders parking on Bollands Hill by the entrance for loading and unloading, and asking for the PC's plan for tenants travelling to and from the allotments and their parking. The parish should also ensure that any planned works do not require planning permission. The Clerk to advise Highways that tenants live locally and will not park on Bollands Hill by the entrance. The Clerk to ask Wessex Water to supply a plan showing the location of the water main. The Clerk to ask the Probation Service if they could clear the northern section of the allotment site.

Love Walk, replacement of stone steps – The Clerk would be meeting with Jason Willcox of Longs to obtain a quote for repair of the steps.

Canal Bridge, Barge Inn – A report of the bridge inspection has been received from British Waterways, and had been circulated by e-mail to members of the PC.

Bus stop, Bath Road – The Clerk to contact Adshel about provision of a bus shelter.

Highway Matters

The Clerk had obtained the cost of a grit bin for The Lye. A tonne of salt would be requested, to be delivered to Egypt Farm.

The Clerk was asked to check whether the tarmac had been tested on the path from The Bell to The Stocks.

E-mail received from Mark Stansby to advise that all requisite Children (school) warnings signs are in place at either end of School Road.

Mr. Stansby advised that Vehicle Activated Warning Signs (Road Narrows signs) at the pinch point at the western end of the High Street by Wesley Cottage could cost a five figure sum. He suggested that if the PC wished to pursue this matter it should be reported as a new issue via the Area Board to request it be considered as a community priority scheme, for future funding. In the meantime he will arrange for replacement static road narrows sign to be positioned on the eastbound approach.

E-mail sent to Mark Stansby on 25 July to ask if he can advise if historical information on speed limits can be obtained.

Spiderweb Paddock – E-mail sent to Trading Standards re. Spiderweb Paddock; acknowledgement received from Hannah Sargeant, Public Protection Officer (Animal Health & Welfare), based in Salisbury advising that she will make enquiries and contact the PC once they have been completed.

Horse manège, Broad Lane – Email from Steven Jenkins to advise that he received an email from the owners' agent, indicating that they are going to submit an application in August. He will advise when it is received.

Old Railway Bridge, Station Road –It was agreed to continue to try and reduce the speed limit. Remedial works to the bridge should be completed by the end of August. A further accident had taken place, with a car leaving the road travelling south to north; this has been logged by police.

Public Enquiry, footpath – Still awaiting the result.

Barbara Booth – The Clerk to obtain quotes for trees requested, and find a site in Seend Cleeve.

Melksham Area Board

Mrs Savage reported that the last meeting dealt mostly with the care of the elderly. The next meeting is on 20th September.

Village Appraisal

Mr. Murch reported that all forms were delivered. He had encountered some negativity whilst delivering forms. Collection was now due. He needs support to input data. The final report will be considered at a meeting in October, with participating organisations present. Marion Rayner has agreed to attend at 7.00 pm, prior to the September PC meeting, to talk about Parish Plans.

Planning Matters

Plans for approval

E/11/0799/FUL Wych Elm, Seend Hill, Seend

Alterations to access; first floor extension over car port and existing utility room to create additional residential accommodation.

Councillors felt this application consisted of two separate issues, the extension to the bungalow, and the new access onto the A361, and they would consider them separately. With regard to the proposed extension, Councillors voted unanimously to support the application. With regard to the alterations to the access, Councillors voted by a majority not to support the application for the change to the access, taking the report of Highways into consideration. Vote 4 against, 2 in favour, 2 abstain.

E/11/0868/FULCleeve House, Trowbridge Road, Seend

Retrospective application for a change of use to allow the property to be used as a bed and breakfast establishment, wedding venue, conference and training venue, tea room and ancillary uses associated with the hire of the venue

Following discussion, the Councillors voted by majority in favour of the application. Vote 7 in favour, 1 against.

E/11/0875/FUL Hill View Farmhouse, Sells Green, Seend

External refurbishment of existing mobile home

Mr. D Nichols declared an interest and withdrew from the discussion. Following discussion, the Councillors voted by a majority in favour of the application. Vote 5 in favour, 2 against, 1 abstention.

E/11/0903/TCA 15 Dial Close, Seend

Works to trees in a conservation area

Following discussion, Councillors voted unanimously in favour of the application.

Appeal decision on application E/10/0516/FUL – Land at Berhills Lane:

Proposed creation of family golf centre. A site visit was made on 1st June. The Appeal was dismissed on the following grounds:

Road has restricted width and forward visibility in places and lack of footways.

Highway Authority is concerned that the Transport Assessment under-estimates the additional traffic that cannot be adequately accommodated by the C242.

The proposed site access, car park and bays serving the driving range would be close to a dwelling ‘Equestria’, undermining the living conditions of the occupants.

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The meeting held on Tuesday, 30th August was attended by 9 Councillors, with Mrs. T. Carr in the chair. Apologies received from Mr. P. Manning.

Election of Chairman, following the resignation of Anita Heatley

The Chair was taken by the Vice-Chairman, Mrs. T. Carr. Mrs. Carr suggested that a letter of thanks be sent to Mrs. Heatley for all her hard work whilst Chairman of the PC. Mrs. Carr asked if there were any nominations, there were none, or any volunteers, also none. Mr. Diffey suggested that election of a Chairman be deferred because of lack of response. Mrs. Carr advised that she would not be present for the next meeting, and gave her apologies. Mr. Padfield offered to chair that meeting in Mrs. Carr’s absence.

Relocation of postal sorting office – Response received from Richard Hall, Senior External Relations Manager, to advise that Royal Mail is planning to secure a facility in Melksham to enable customers to collect mail locally on the occasions it has not been possible to deliver.

War Memorial – An application for a grant towards the cost of refurbishment of the War Memorial had been submitted to the Area Board, and will be considered at their next meeting on 20th September.

Allotments – E-mail received from Andy Cadwallader confirming that Wiltshire Council as a Highway Authority has no objection to the proposal, subject to conditions. Wessex Water has submitted a plan showing the location of water mains. Community Payback have indicated their willingness to undertake further clearance work at the allotment site, work to take place in October.

Love Walk, replacement of stone steps – Quote received from James Long in the sum of £2,100 + VAT to repair and rebuild the steps. This has been e-mailed to Richard Broadhead and Esther Daly. Esther trying to obtain an alternative quotation for the work.

Bus stop, Bath Road –E-mail received from Clear Channel, to advise that they are no longer supplying Adshel bus shelters in Wiltshire and are unable to help. This matter has been reported as an issue to the Area Board.

Highway Matters

Confirmation from Highways that a tonne of salt will be delivered to Egypt Farm in September or October. It was agreed to order a bin of the same size as those supplied by Wiltshire Council. Mrs. Waylen to check the best location for the bin at The Lye and advise.

E-mail received from Peter Hanson, Divisional Highway Manager, to advise that the path clearance along the A361 has now taken place, and they will be checking the state of the bitumous surfacing. When the extent of the work is known, it will be put in for consideration in the next financial year's programme.

Cllr. Seed suggested putting any requests for additional signage at the western end of the High Street on hold, and continue to monitor the situation.

E-mail from Mark Stansby to advise that the Traffic Order Team have confirmed that there has never been a permanent 30 mph limit at Bollands Hill. The lack of frontage development excludes the road from meeting the current criteria to impose such a limit.

Spiderweb Paddock –E-mail received from Hannah Sargeant, Public Protection Officer, to advise that she had visited Spiderweb Paddock and confirms that it is registered correctly for keeping pigs, and she had no welfare concerns regarding the pigs at the time of her visit. Telephone conversation with Christopher Stratton at the Environment Agency in Chippenham, who confirms that he has no concerns about storage and removal of waste from the site, or contamination of underground springs as things stand at present. However, if the enterprise were to be expanded and pigs kept in units, then there would have to be changes to the way slurry was stored and disposed of.

Old Railway Bridge, Station Road –remedial works not yet complete.

Public Enquiry, footpath – Notice of confirmation of Rights of Way Modification Order 21 2008 received with effect from 10th August 2011.

Barbara Booth, trees in memory – Quotes awaited for trees. Two sites for trees had been identified in Seend Cleeve, one at the bottom of Miss Booth's garden, to replace a lilac tree that has died, and the second in Park Lane, where it was suggested a May or Hawthorn tree could be placed. Mr. Murch said that at the previous meeting he had suggested a tree on the triangle of land he owns in Bradley Lane, but this had not been minuted. Mr. Padfield proposed that the full costs of obtaining the trees, and the costs of maintaining them until they are established be obtained, seconded by Mrs. Savage. All in favour.

Police Matters – PCSO Baldock reported that an offender has been identified for the theft of tiles from Egypt Farm. On 20th August half a ton of logs had been stolen from Little Foxes, Rusty Lane during the night. Following Mrs. Heatley's

resignation, the PC needed a member to act as liaison with the Police. Mrs. A'Bear volunteered to undertake this role

Village Appraisal

Mr. Murch was still awaiting some forms. 420 forms had been returned. The other organisations have their forms. The PC information will now need to be input by the end of September with a view to having a general meeting in October. 800 forms were copied, 150 refused or were unable to complete, over 50% have responded. Mr. Murch has received a letter from Miriam Zacharelli of the Community Area Partnership, and he felt it would be helpful to have a meeting with her.

Planning Matters

An e-mail had been received from David Hawkins, re. his application to move the drive at Wych Elm, in which he has indicated that he wishes to make a complaint because of an internal dispute between Wiltshire Council officers seeking advice from superiors.

Plans for approval

E/11/1009/FUL 56 Pelch Lane, Seend

Erect detached annexe

Comments – If this application is approved, it should be tied to the house, and the annexe not allowed to be sold separately. Vote – 8 in favour, 1 abstention.

E/11/1013/FUL Owls Corner, Martinslade, Seend

Extension and alteration to existing studio/bungalow to create separate self-contained dwelling

There had been two objections from neighbours to this application. Mrs Savage said that there are a number of discrepancies in the application:

- The property is not on mains drainage, there is one septic tank for three properties.
- The annexe has always been a workshop, and has never been used as accommodation.
- Having looked at the site, she doubts there is enough room for vehicles to enter the site and turn around, and there is a danger that vehicles would need to back out onto the busy A365.

Mrs. Carr was concerned that windows are shown on the boundary to the neighbouring property, if windows are needed they should be dormer. The current windows will infringe the privacy of neighbours. She is also concerned about the entrance and the ability to turn vehicles.

Mr. Padfield also expressed concerns about the privacy for neighbouring properties and the parking and turning of vehicles.

Mr. Hicks and Mrs. Hawkins were present, and Mr. Hicks gave the background to the application. He confirmed that it was intended to amend the plans to replace the windows with skylights. The two small windows can be removed. It was intended

to improve the drainage situation, the outflow will be registered. He understood the misgivings about the parking and turning, it was envisaged that vehicles will go into the frontage of the new property where there will be a turning space. Mr. Hicks said that the neighbours have permission to park two vehicles on the current drive.

Following discussion, a vote was taken, and was unanimous not to approve the current application, with comments to be passed to Wiltshire Council with regard to the drainage, highway concerns and windows.

E/11/1057/FUL Land off Broad Lane, Sells Green

Retention of manège and resurfaced hardstanding

Following discussion a vote was taken with 7 not in favour of the application, 1 abstention. Comments for Wiltshire Council that the PC feel this is over-development of this rural location.

Correspondence

Letter received from Wiltshire Police to advise that from 19 September, there will be a new non-emergency number to call when contacting local Police, this will be 101.

Footpath SEEN 4, Three Magpies – Dog walkers using this footpath are failing to pick up after their dogs. The caravan park to be asked to highlight this to campers using the footpath. The Area Board to be asked if rubbish bins could be placed in this locality to help the situation.

School Road – Mr. Diffey had advised the Clerk that a cement lorry had been washed out outside the school, leaving residue on the verge and in the road. The Clerk had advised the Environment Agency, who had confirmed with Wessex Water that water courses had not been contaminated. Mr. Nichols advised that it was the supplier, not the contractor that was responsible in a case of this kind. The Clerk to check again with the Environment Agency if any action was being taken.

Spout Lane – The Clerk to ask Highways if a sign could be placed at the T junction with Berhills Lane and the A365, signing left for Seend, so that traffic went through Martinslade to Seend Fork, then turned right for Seend, rather than turn right and go up Spout Lane.

The date of the next meeting is **Tuesday, 27th September** at 7.30 p.m. in the Community Centre.

Mrs Rosemary Fisher, Clerk

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

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL NEWS FROM JONATHON SEED

The long awaited Boundary Commission report recommending the new shape of Parliamentary constituencies in the United Kingdom has just been published. Overall this reduces the number of MPs by 50 and makes the number of voters in each new constituency almost the same. In Wiltshire the proposal is for some

realignment with a new seat crossing the Dorset border in the south and west. The Chippenham Constituency as we knew it disappears with Chippenham and Corsham going back to North Wiltshire. One of the criteria for the Boundary Commission was that Council Divisions would not be split and that means that the Summerham and Seend Division (itself a creation of the Boundary Commission) will go into one constituency and not be split between three constituencies as it currently is. The plan is that we become part of the new mid Wiltshire constituency which will include Melksham, Trowbridge and Bradford on Avon plus surrounding areas. The proposal is to name the seat Trowbridge but given the inclusion of three large towns I would have thought Mid Wiltshire or something similar would be more appropriate. The new seat will be politically very marginal and it will be interesting to see if any locals come forward with a view to representing a new and exciting Parliamentary seat. All these proposals are subject to consultation before a final decision is made. The big Regional meeting will be a Boundary Commission hearing on the local proposals in Bristol on 7th and 8th November. In the meantime any member of the public can make their own comments. Do look on the Boundary Commission website, see just what is proposed and then have your say.

In Seend I learnt of the resignation of Parish Council Chairman Anita Heatley with sadness. Anita brought a no-nonsense and common sense approach to her role as would be expected from an experienced Magistrate. She will be sadly missed but we all wish her successor, however temporary, Councillor Thelma Carr the very best of luck. Mrs Carr brings with her a great experience in local government and I look forward to working with her on your behalf.

Jonathon Seed; 01380 850696 or jonathon.seed@wiltshire.gov.uk

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Communities across Wiltshire can now dial 101, a new national non-emergency telephone number for the police service. Our current non emergency number 0845 408 7000 will be phased out.

Recent criminal activity:

A vehicle containing a large number of tools and roofing equipment was stolen from Littleton Green. It was found burnt out in early hours of the morning not far from the scene. In Steeple Ashton thieves entered a haulage yard which is not secure and stole two batteries from each of five HGV vehicles with a total value of £1,500.

If you have expensive tools please don't leave them inside your van overnight. You should have photos of them and/or serial numbers. These incidents would need at least two people and a van to help move the tools and batteries. If anyone hears or sees anything suspicious in the early hours of the morning please contact the Police on 999.

Lead has been stolen from Holy Cross Church roof – twice.

Credit card scam

Someone claiming to be from a credit card company's fraud department calls and says there has been some unusual purchase activity on your card recently (a large sum) and they are checking to see if it is a genuine purchase made by you. After a lot of friendly and persuasive chat the caller says he needs to check that you are the owner of the card and it is in your possession. They already know your card number (easily obtained through normal sources) but need to know the security number of the back of the card just to 'verify' it is in your possession. This is of course just what the scammer is after. If you give that number they can and will make large untraceable telephone and internet purchases.

Card companies already know the card security number and would NEVER ask you for it.

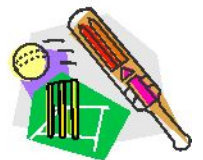
'Microsoft' telephone scam

An old scam has recently re-surfaced in this area. It starts with a telephone call seemingly from Microsoft (or it may be from a self-styled 'Computer Security Company'). The caller will tell you that you have problems on your PC/laptop, but will assure you that he is able to help you solve them. Please note that **Microsoft will never, ever phone a PC user**. If you get such a call tell them - politely or impolitely - to go away! But if you're not sure, call me (Bernie Prolze, 828391) and we can investigate further – at no cost to anyone!

SEEND SPORTS RESULTS AND FIXTURES

Cricket – Captain – John Wiltshire

14th August: Seend away against Keevil. Seend batted first, smashing an impressive 268 for 6, with Scott Cameron hitting 84 not out. The tone was set when Ben King hit a 6 off the second ball of the game. Keevil were then dismissed for just 118, with Jake Sainsbury taking 4-23 and Nathan King 3-23. Seend won by 150 runs, with Scott Cameron being voted man of the match.



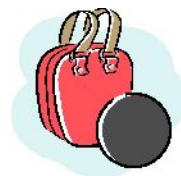
21st August: Against the Golden Fleece at home Seend batted first, and scored a massive 266 for 8. Tom Wallis scored 85 and Scott Cameron 58. Good bowling from Seend saw the Fleece bowled out for just 124, with Ben King taking 3-7 and Jake Sainsbury 2-23. Man of the match: Mark Wiltshire with 33 runs and 3 catches

28th August: Away against Erlestoke. Seend were put in to field first. Despite good bowling from Seend (Chris Waylen 3-25 and Nathan King 3-37), Erlestoke scored 235 all out, leaving Seend with a challenge. Even with 57 from Ben King, Seend's batsmen couldn't reach the target, making just 170 to bring about the first defeat of the season. Man of the match: Chris Waylen for his bowling efforts.

4th September: Seend faced Frome Red Star. After deciding to bat first, Seend recorded an excellent 253, with Charlie Waylen (90) and Jake Sainsbury (80 not out) both recording personal bests for the club. Seend followed with an excellent fielding performance, bowling out Frome for just 57 runs, with Russell Collins taking 5-14, beating Frome by 196. Charlie Waylen was man of the match.

Short Mat Bowls – Brahman – Colin Waldeck

The dust having settled in the Community Centre following the flower and vegetable show, the boards are now creaking to the familiar sound of Colin and his cadre as they tread a well worn path from the bowling mat to the bar effortlessly, or so I'm told, as I have missed the last few matches because of "long standing family engagements".



Results: Largest Onion – C. Waldeck; Funniest Vegetable – C. Waldeck. (...*sorry, our reporter seems to have lost the plot again – so early in the season! Ed.*)



Football: Manager Mike Hopkins

Assistants Mark Newman and Ben Grinham

We should have the first results in by the November edition. All enquiries from old or new players to Mark Newman on 07801 820652.

Tennis – Chairman – Ric Ellinger

Women's – Captain – Pam Akerman

The ladies, promoted to Division 3, unfortunately found the going tough.

Home matches: Played 7, Won 1, Lost 6.

Away matches: Played 7, Lost 7.



Mixed A – Captain – Mark Newman

Our 1st team was playing in the very top division, which brought them up against semi-professionals!

Home matches: Played 7. Lost 7: Away matches: Played 7, Won 1, Lost 6.

Mixed B – Captain – Ric Ellinger

The Mixed B team played in Division 4, and very much in their comfort zone.

Home matches: Played 6, Won 2, Drew 2, Lost 2.

Away matches: Played 6, Drew 3, Lost 3.

Men's – Captain – Frankie Goddard

The results were much closer than the scores suggest, and we will not know until the league A.G.M. whether or not we stay in this division.

Home matches: Played 6, Won 2, Drew 1, Lost 3.

Away matches: Played 5, Lost 5. The missing match we had to forfeit under some strange league rule. The appeal has been lodged!

Tennis coaching sessions run by Carl Orlands have been well attended and there is talent shining through. The teams have included over 40 club members, which is fantastic. Our player of the year has to be Harry Waylen who has played virtually all the men's fixtures and even for the Mixed A in Division 1, drawing compliments from the opposition.

We hope to play some Winter league tennis this year, which we haven't done for a decade. Our new talent needs the practice over the closed season! Many thanks to all team players and the various captains for their hard work.

Finally, congratulations to Victoria Bowes and Tom Jackson, assisted by Freddie Goddard, for running a successful week-long tennis school in August. We hope that Victoria can organise a follow up next year.

All results, fixtures and sporting news for the next Spotlight edition to the Ice Bath Suite by the 13th of October.

Frankie Goddard, 01380 828488.

PERSONAL ADS

(Small personal ads - not from businesses - can be left at the Post Office or delivered to Tessa Doe at 6 New Buildings with payment of £2 please.)

Wanted: Grazing - Seend Cleeve or surrounding area - to lease with view to purchase. We are looking for an area of grazing which we can fence securely to make a safe haven for our ponies and their feed/water following numerous incidents of theft and now criminal damage at our current location. Anything considered, although three acres plus preferred. We are happy to include uplift clauses etc to alleviate any concerns regarding development etc if required.

Please contact us at 108 Seend Cleeve or on 07885 103071 without any obligation at this stage. Thank you S & J Wilfort.

BITS 'N' BOBS

White Horse Opera presents 'Orpheus in the Underworld'

12th, 14th & 15th October in Devizes Corn Exchange at 7.30pm

Offenbach's greatest operetta is delightfully naughty and pokes irreverent fun at the cornerstones of French society, its culture and its politics.

Tickets £5-£15 are on sale now at Devizes Books 01380-725944.

Youth Club at Bromham Social Centre

for 11- to 17-year-olds meets every Wednesday (except the 2nd Wednesday of each month) from 7.30-9.30pm. £1.50 per session. Contact Caroline Flack 01380 859949.

THELMA'S ALTERATION SERVICE

Bulkington: All types of ladies and gents clothing alterations skilfully carried out at modest cost. Telephone Thelma Boulton on 01380 828101.



Wiltshire Citizens Advice are currently recruiting across the county. Full training is given on all roles including: *Advisors, Receptionists, Administrators, Social Policy.*

For full information and an application form please contact Kerry Barratt on **01380 722242 - bureau.kennetcab@cabnet.org.uk**

is now being managed Wiltshire Community Bank so if you want an affordable loan you will need to become a member of your local branch.

We aim to offer a good, affordable service to people who do not have many choices when they need to borrow money. So if you're starting a new job, going on holiday, want a fresh start or need a loan for any other reason, give us a call. **01249 248323.**

Lovejoys fruit and veg box delivery



Autumn is now upon us and its time for warming soups, delicious stews and winter vegetables. At Lovejoys Foodstore in Melksham we source as much produce from our grower Mr King as we can. Mr King picks his vegetables the day before we sell them in the shop ensuring the freshest veg possible. We always sell top quality fresh fruit and veg - English where possible. We source a wide variety of organic specialist health foods, bread from Bath Bakery and local dairy products. We offer customers fruit and veg boxes starting from £10 delivered free to your home on a Friday. We deliver in the areas of Melksham, Bulkington, Steeple Ashton, Keevil, Great Hinton and Seend. Fruit and veg boxes always go with the seasons and have a variety of approx seven different fruit and vegetables in each box. Boxes can also be tailored to your individual requirements. Just call us with exactly what you would like. No need to sign up for a box every week - just have a box as and when you would like one.

We are currently running a **special offer** during October with £2 off a £10 box. Just quote 'Spotlight' when ordering.

Annica Bowen- from Bulkington.

And finally

An elderly man is stopped by the police around 1:00 am, and is asked where he is going at this time of night.

The man replies, "I am going to a lecture about alcohol abuse and the effects it has on the human body."

The officer then asks, "Really? Who is giving that lecture at this time of night?"

The man replies, "That would be my wife."



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

CHURCH: Vicar: Rev Renée Coulson 01380 827285. Asst. Priest: Revd Maureen Allchin. Benefice Administrator: Mrs Sue Taylor 01380 828733. Churchwardens: Holy Cross Seend: Mrs Anne Ewing, 01380 828557, Mrs Tina Yockney 827139; Christ Church Bulkington: Mrs Liz Futter 828485, Mrs Anne Saywell 828931; St Peter's Poulshot: Mrs Janet James 724944, Mrs Paulette Bremner Milne 828527; LPA's: Mrs Audrey McDonald 828376, Mrs Jane Goman 827121 and Mrs Liz Futter 828485; Bell Ringers: C Mayell 828627
Minister Methodist Church - Revd Roy Fowler - 01249 813340
Irene Usher Memorial Hall (The Pavilion) Bookings - Richard Walker on 828250
Bulkington Village Hall - Nev Boulton 828101 or Roger Futter 828485
Seend Community Centre/Club - 828796 (7.30-11pm only). Bookings: Frank on 828617
Seend School - 828334
Seend Shuttle Community Bus: Private hire bookings - Alison Cobbing 828568
Seend Parish Council Clerk - Rosemary Fisher 828281 www.seendparishcouncil.co.uk
Seend's Wiltshire Councillor - Mr Jonathan Seed 01380 850696
Seend Website: www.seend.org.uk - Neil Yockney 827139
Bulkington Website: www.westwilts-communityweb.com/site/Bulkington
Public Footpath Warden - Mrs Esther Daly 01672 513157
Connect 2 (transport to RUH; book at least one day ahead) - 08456 525255
Community Beat Manager for Seend PC Emily Thomas. She can be contacted on 0845 408 7000, or e-mail melkshamruralsouthnpt@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk
MP Claire Perry, 01672 519198 (10-5) or claire.perry.mp@parliament.uk
MEP - Graham Watson 01458 252265

CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

100+ Club Cash Draw - Bernie Prolze 828391
Acoustic Club - Malcolm Shipp 827041 - 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
Cricket Club - Peter Wallis 01249 812088
Fawltly Players Panto Group - Tessa Doe 828617
Fete Committee - Fiona Johnson 828401 - www.seendfete.co.uk
Football Club - Dave Beaumont 01225 785067
Gardening Club - Joyce Brand 828433
Historic Houses Club - Tony Ewin 828325
LINK Scheme - 075320 55560
Lye Field Committee - Dave Sawyer 828583
Mothers' Union - Kay Beasley 828593
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; Poppy Appeal - Joan Savage
Short Mat Bowls Club - Colin Waldeck 828946
Singing group - John Smallshaw 828540
Tennis Club - Ric Ellinger 828683
Theatre Club - Sylvia Ewin 828325; Marion Whitehead 828612
WEA - Pam Church - 828597
WI - Sarah Todhunter on 828730 and Jo Vaux on 828970
Youth Club (Seend and Bulkington) Elanor Oddy 07517 905446

Seend Post Office & Village Store

01380 828250

NEWSPAPERS & MAGAZINES
FRESH FRUIT & VEGETABLES
WINES BEERS & SPIRITS
GROCERIES
NATIONAL LOTTERY
POSTCARDS & STATIONERY



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

* note early closing