



SEER GREEN PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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Our Newsletter is delivered twice a year to all Seer Green households. We also regularly post information on our Notice Board opposite Lamb's Newsagents and on our website.

SEER GREEN PARISH WEBSITE

During the summer period the Parish Council has developed a website www.seergreenparishcouncil.gov.uk which will allow us to improve the amount and speed of information we can provide to the village. We recognise that many people do not use the internet and we will continue to maintain information on the notice boards to ensure everybody is kept informed.

We would like to keep the site fresh and interesting and welcome local photographs and those of historical interest. Drawings of the local area, especially from our younger villagers, would be greatly appreciated. We are looking for a special picture we can use on the front page so if you have something you feel is appropriate please send it to us using the email address at the end of this article.

Some villages use their website to raise awareness of things of common interest. This could be, for example, a charity event, forming a new club or society or a sporting event. You will notice that we already publish a list of local

societies and groups in the "local organisations" part of the website. The Parish Council will have to take care what the website is used for but we will consider requests for publishing information of this nature.

Being new to the website publishing arena brings us a number of challenges and we are interested in your views and advice on what we should provide and what you would like to see.

Drawings, pictures and other information can be sent to us via email to clerk@seergreenparishcouncil.gov.uk or by post to the Parish Clerk. We look forward to hearing from you.

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Seer Green

Seer Green is a small village of about 853 households in the County of Buckinghamshire, England.

Legend has it that Merlin, King Arthur's "seer", rested here on his journeys to and from Camelot and that there was a well in the village where the villagers would come to consult Merlin about the future. Romantic as this may sound, a more likely explanation for the name is given in a Norman map, which shows a hamlet called Sere (literally "dry").

Perhaps a more reliable piece of history is the story that Edward the Black Prince, who had a castle at Berkhamsted, hunted the great forests that covered the area and built a hunting box here.

Seer Green still retains its village atmosphere, due in no small measure to the surrounding areas of Green Belt land which provide many delightful walks and which are jealously guarded by the Parish Council and the villagers as a whole.

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BEST KEPT VILLAGE RESULTS

Seer Green scored 79 points out of 100 (8 more points than last year) in the 2008 Bucks Association of Local Councils Best Kept Village competition in the DeFraine Cup (for villages with a population of 1501 - 3000).

Although Seer Green did not win, the village received very positive comments from the judges:- "Church and churchyard in the village centre generally in good order. A pleasure to find the church open. Baptist Church in good order. Cemetery well maintained.

A large recreation ground area, well kept and litter free. Green Meadow well kept and in full use at time of visit.

Parish Church Hall, an old building in need of some repair work. Jubilee Hall in good order, in full use at time of visit.

Both woods are assets to the village and appeared well used. Areas around the shops and pubs generally tidy and well kept. Notice boards up to date. Evidence of overall effort in the village."

RECREATION GROUND CAR PARK

Over the Easter holidays the Recreation Ground Car Park was resurfaced. This was a major project for the Parish Council, given our modest annual income, and was funded from our long term budget, with additional financial support from Chiltern District Council, for which we are grateful.

To ensure that this large sum of money was wisely spent and that a high quality job was done, we employed an independent firm of surveyors to

supervise the project. Whilst there was disruption during the works, we feel sure that the new tarmac surface is a great improvement over the previous rough surface and will provide greater comfort for those using the car park as well as less dust for local residents!

We'd ask that all residents please respect the fact that this is a recreation and nursery school area, with children and others circulating, and to always drive slowly when using the car park.



AREA SPEED REVIEW FINALLY ARRIVES

Over the past few years, Bucks County Council has been carrying out an area by area review of speed limits within the County, the aim being to achieve a consistent approach to speed limits Countywide. After many delays, you'll be pleased to hear that our area (Area 10) is due to go out to public consultation shortly. The Parish Council has submitted comments on the initial proposals and the final plans will be published soon. We encourage you to have your say, so watch out for the publicity.

Talking of speed, the last speed enforcement carried out in Seer Green had some shocking results. In a one hour period on a Wednesday morning on School Lane 5 drivers received speeding tickets, 7 drivers received tickets for not wearing a seat belt and one car was seized for having no insurance. A little later on Narcot Lane, 10 drivers received speeding tickets. Don't be a part of this madness!

Action on speeding through our village was identified as a top priority by residents in a recent survey. Recently, you may have seen speed counter strips placed across School Lane and Chalfont Road at three points. These are being used by the Parish Council to gather data on traffic volume and speeds through the village to help us to decide on further traffic calming measures. We are determined to help stamp out this antisocial activity.



COMMUNITY AWARD SCHEME

County Councillor Pam Bacon invited the Parish Council to apply for a grant under the Community Award Scheme in recognition of the work the Parish Council has been doing to support the community.

For many months the area of lawn at the front of the Cemetery had been damaged due to parked cars and vandalism from vehicles at night. The Parish Council wanted to protect and improve this sensitive area of the village and submitted a bid to install a low level fence.

The Parish Council were successful in their bid and Cllr Bacon awarded £450 towards the birdmouth fence which has now been installed. *Our grateful thanks to Councillor Pam Bacon.*



AN UPDATE ON THE CHILTERN WOODLAND BURIAL PARK

Several residents have recently asked about the development of the Chiltern Woodland Burial Park in Potkilm Lane. Progress is underway and the initial preparation work for the site will be completed in early November 2008, when it will be open for visitors. Further details on the park, which will be the largest mature woodland cemetery in the UK, can be found on their website:- www.woodlandburialparks.co.uk.

PATH ON SCHOOL LANE

Bucks County Council has a small budget which allows Parish/Town Councils to finance a scheme, which will benefit the local community but which under normal circumstances, would not receive a high enough priority to be carried out as part of the annual BCC Transportation programme.

The Parish Council applied through the scheme for a footway in School Lane from opposite the entrance to the school to the top of Bayne Hill to improve the safety of children and parents walking to school from the Bayne Hill direction. BCC approved the scheme at a cost of £10,000 and the footway is now installed.



A PLEA FOR HELP FROM SEER GREEN GUIDES

Seer Green Guides are in danger of closing down unless one or two new leaders can be found by Christmas. The existing guiders Pat Woodley and Lynne Graham are stepping down after running the unit for many years

The guides are girls aged between 10 & 14 and the guide leaders have to be female between age 18 and 65. Men are welcome too as unit helpers.

The guides meet on a Friday evening during term time in the Parish Church Hall. If anyone can help, please contact me by e-mail at csgdistrict@yahoo.co.uk or Pat Woodley by phone on 01494 680751 or just call in at the hall on a Friday night.

Many thanks
Sue England
Girlguiding District Administrator

SEER GREEN UNITED

The season has kicked off with the formation of a brand new youth football club, Seer Green United. The club will use the Recreation Ground in Park Place for home fixtures and regular visitors will already have noticed the mini pitches that have been marked out. The club has made excellent progress in fielding teams in 3 age groups in this, its first year. Children in the U7 and U8 age groups will play or train on Sunday mornings. The U13 team will play Berks & Bucks FA cup fixtures on the main pitch which will be shared with the existing Seer Green adult team. Anybody who would like to offer some touchline encouragement on a Sunday morning can find details of home fixtures for each team on the club website (www.clubwebsite.co.uk/

seergreenunited). Visitors to the website are also invited to help us choose the club nickname - either the Cherries or the Wizards both being references to the history of the area.

We have big plans for the club in the next few years and next season we hope to field additional teams in both existing and new age groups. As a new club with charitable status we would welcome any offers of help with fundraising – please email the chairman at bill.knight@ergogroup.co.uk.

Anyone interested in coaching or playing next season please email Gerry Barrett at gerrbarr@aol.com



U8 Team - Training at the Recreation Ground with Managers Chris Burton and Gary Hookes



U7 Team - Playing away at Great Missenden with Managers Rodney Roberts and Lee Hawkins

HAVE YOU WALKED YOUR SEER GREEN JUBILEE TRAIL?

Features include

- The 'Cherry Pie Village'.
- Hall Place where Edward, the Black Prince rested when hunting nearby.
- Green Wood, an example of England's forest heritage.
- Numerous species of wild flowers, trees and wild life.
- A disused pumping station.
- Beautiful bridleways and footpaths.
- Friendly shops and pubs.

The walk is approximately 6.5 miles. Please allow at least two hours (optional break points on route). The walkways are good to firm but some stretches may be soft after heavy rain. Also some parts are not suitable for wheelchairs or prams. For a copy of the guide please contact the Clerk.

HORSE FOULING

The Parish Council continue to receive complaints from residents about the amount of horse fouling on the pavements in the village particularly along the Chalfont Road. Earlier in the year the Council wrote to all local horse establishments/stables to ask them to instruct riders not to use the pavements, but to use the grass verges or the road as stated by the Highway Code. If you are a rider please take note and keep the pavements clear.

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