

Poulshot Fete

What a fantastic day we had for the Fete this year in so many different ways. The weather was kind. There were lots of people and plenty to see and do and buy! The day raised over £1200 for Church funds so many thanks to everyone.

At the end of the day, the Green was spotless - a great comment on how special that space is to us all.

As for the evening, the decision to stay on the Green was really made to ease the exhaustion for the organisers! Apologies to those who had already set up in the Green Gardens! It was such a success in the end that for future years, we have decided to stay put on the Green. The music was great, thanks to Phil Dawson from Ginger Productions and the surprise visit from John Travolta and Elvis Presley really made the evening! The sight of Elvis, sashaying across the Green followed by a throng of young children, dancing and laughing will live long in the memory!

Poulshot Ladies Club (1)

The first of two outings in June was to Lodge Farm, where we were entertained by the Hues family in full force. First we were shown the Belgian Blue steers and heifers by Nick, who explained the process from birth to finished carcass as required by the butcher, the time it takes to bring a steer to the required weight, etc. Although the family have cut down on their dairy herd, they still rear bullocks for meat. They are working on what they feel is going to be the ideal cross, that between an Aberdeen Angus and a Hereford - nice to be considering a return to traditional British breeds!

Then we were taken by covered trailer, drawn by a huge tractor, to a large field down Hay Lane. Tim took over and talked about crops, rotation and the ideal condition of a crop before harvest, about the importance of spraying and the balance between the natural world, i.e. birds and butterflies, and the need for food. He told us that some of the wheat goes for milling and making into bread. They also grow maize and rape, and barley for feeding to the animals in the winter, along with beans for protein. We returned in our very comfortable trailer to the farm, feeling that we had learned a lot about modern farming.

We were then treated to a delicious supper and went home, replete with food and farming know-how. Many thanks to the Hues for an interesting visit!

Poulshot Ladies Club (2)

Our visit to Great Chalfield Manor was the second event for the Poulshot Ladies in June. We set off in cars for Great Chalfield and we were met by the owner, Robert Floyd, who showed us around part of his beautiful Elizabethan House.

The house is a moated manor house built around 1465-1480 for Thomas Tropnell, and now also used a great deal by film and television companies. It was altered substantially in the 1830s. The main hall, with a large fireplace, is lit on both sides and flanked by unusual symmetrical double-gabled cross wings, with oriel windows. It has a sprung floor, said Mr Floyd, which made it perfect for dancing! Upstairs, there was a fine drawing room.

Outside, there is a garden with four "tree houses" - groups of four yew trees which have grown together and been hollowed out inside to allow you to walk through. We were shown the newly constructed rose arbour, which was used in a recent film. Also we visited the tiny parish church, with its unusual "bellcote", a stone belfry built on to the roof.

After we had walked around the gardens and lake, we took our picnics on to the lawn and found ourselves a spot in the light and warmth of the setting sun.

It was a lovely outing and much enjoyed by everyone.

GOOD NEWS - HAVE YOU HEARD ?

A new 'House for Duty' Priest in Charge has been appointed to our benefice - the Rev. Renee Coulson, who will be licensed in the Autumn. Renee has helped out several times during the Interregnum and will be a familiar face to some. We look forward to welcoming her into our communities.

Janet James and Paulette Bremner-Milne, Churchwardens

CHURCH SERVICES - August 2009
POULSHOT, SEEND AND BULKINGTON

Sunday 9th August

8.00 am	BCP Holy Communion	SEEND
9.30 am	MATINS	POULSHOT
Sidesman: Mr C. Saunders Reader: Mr N. Hunloke		
11.15am	Parish Eucharist	SEEND
6.00 pm	Evensong	BULKINGTON

Sunday 16th August

8.00 am	BCP Holy Communion	SEEND
9.30 am	Parish Eucharist	BULKINGTON
11.15am	Parish Eucharist	SEEND
6.00 pm	PARISH EUCHARIST	POULSHOT
Sidesman: Mr F. Wood Reader: Mrs P. Bremner Milne		

Sunday 23rd August

8.00 am	BCP Holy Communion	SEEND
9.30 am	FAMILY EUCHARIST	POULSHOT
Sidesman: Mrs B. Arnold Reader: Lady Kate Hunloke		
11.15 am	Family Eucharist	SEEND
6.00 pm	Songs of Praise Evensong	BULKINGTON

Sunday 30th August

10.00 am	SAFARI CHURCH SERVICE
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CHURCH SERVICES - SEPTEMBER 2009
POULSHOT, SEEND AND BULKINGTON

Sunday 6th September

8.00 am BCP Holy Communion SEEND
9.30 am Family Eucharist BULKINGTON
11.15am Parish Eucharist SEEND
6.00 pm **EVENSONG** POULSHOT

Sidesman: Mrs J. Arnold Reader: Mrs J. James

Sunday 13th September

10.00 am BENEFICE SERVICE SEEND
Patronal Festival

Sunday 20th September

8.00 am BCP Holy Communion SEEND
9.30 am Parish Eucharist BULKINGTON
11.15am Parish Eucharist SEEND
6.00 pm **PARISH EUCHARIST** POULSHOT

Sidesman: Mrs M. Arnold Reader: Mrs P. Bremner-Milne

Sunday 27th September

8.00 am BCP Holy Communion SEEND
9.30 am **FAMILY EUCHARIST** POULSHOT
Sidesman: Mrs J. James Reader: Celebrant
11.15 am Family Eucharist SEEND
6.00 pm Songs of Praise Evensong BULKINGTON

Sunday 4th October

6.00pm **HARVEST FESTIVAL** POULSHOT
Sidesman: Mrs K. Amery Reader: Mrs Y. Baber

Textile Exhibition & Sale



West Barn (next to the Tithe Barn)

12-16th August. 10.30 to 5pm

Wiltshire Guild of Spinners Weavers & Dyers

Church Flower Rota August and September

Aug 2 & 9	Mrs Hilary Kidd
Aug 16 & 23	Mrs Shirley Taplin
Aug 30 & Sep 6	Mrs Christabel Francis
Sep 13 & 20	Mrs Emma Janes
Sep 27	Mrs Hazel Coleman

WANTED URGENTLY

BRIC-A-BRAC

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Please turn out your cupboards and
let us have any knick-knacks, or odds
and ends you no longer want

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arrange collection

Rowde Primary School

At last the Summer Holidays are upon us and the children and teachers can relax. The Summer Term is always very busy with Sports Day, School Trips, Sports Competitions and Swimming Galas. In particular, we held a **Science Week** on the theme of Space, which coincided with the 40th anniversary of the first landings on the moon. All week lessons focused on Space, including the opportunity to see and touch actual moon rock. The children enjoyed a special production about Space by the Quantum Theatre Company. Parents were invited to join their children to build model rockets and design pictures. In some cases the rocket building was getting very competitive amongst the parents striving to build the biggest!

The **Summer Fete**, which took place on Friday 3rd July, was blessed by glorious weather and was a very enjoyable early evening. There was a fabulous range of stalls, the chance to design and make your own mosaic plaque as well as games such as the Kwick Cricket tournament, Penalty Shoot Out and a Coconut Shy. Peter Vaughan (The Bistro, Devizes) gave a magnificent cookery demonstration, which included a delicious roasted vegetable couscous dish. This was followed by our very own **Rowde's Got Talent** competition. 50 brave children took part in Round 1, then the judges voted 12 acts through to the final. The finalists were all fabulous and everyone involved enjoyed themselves. Charlotte Diddams and Josie McBrine, who sang a song from Mamma Mia, were the winners and claimed the inaugural Rowde's Got Talent Trophy!

Bag 2 School 2

We raised a terrific £556 for the Swimming Pool Fund. Thank you to everyone who donated unwanted clothes and please look out for further details of Bag 2 School 3 which is due to be collected in October!

On a final note we wish our Year 6 leavers all the very best of luck with their new schools!

Deanne Elsdon

AN UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE

Usually, when asking you to put dates in your diary, the dates are for this year. Well here is a date for you to reserve in 2010. In October of that year - 6th - 15th, Sacha is leading another pilgrimage to Israel/Palestine. In her own words, ' I am offering the opportunity to visit the places so familiar from the Bible and the sights associated with Jesus. I am also giving you an opportunity to meet some of the people of the land and to become more informed about the current political situation.....

There will be elements of a holiday, a pilgrimage and a retreat. It may also be a life changing experience! You will feel many different emotions and there will be lots of laughter!' Both Brian and I can testify that it is something which will prove to be an unforgettable experience having done this pilgrimage twice before. If you would like further details about this trip, please give me a call and I will be happy to give you further information and to answer any of your questions.

Janet James. 7245944.

Wednesday Group - July 2009

Should we be surprised at the concept of "Jihad" or Islamic Holy War? Are so-called Holy Wars necessarily primarily about religion?

Nowadays, *Jihad* is a word we hear with increasing frequency, generally in the context of an extreme Islamic justification for what in the West we call terrorism. But, whenever one hears of another suicide bomber quoting, or misquoting, the Koran prior to going off to slaughter tens or dozens or sometimes hundreds of ordinary people, often of their own religion, we are inclined to wonder what they really are after, in addition to the hordes of ravishingly beautiful virgins waiting on the other side (how do they all get there in the first place?). Are the targets of these bombers and their directors the people they kill; do they seek publicity; are they seriously opposed to Christianity; is it just hatred of the West and heaven help anyone caught in the cross fire; or do they really believe that they can impose not only Islam but also the whole force of Islamic culture on the rest of the world? These are some of the questions we might ask ourselves. It is also sometimes suggested that the present so-called *Jihad* is in retaliation for what some fundamental Muslims see as the treatment by the West of Muslims and Islamic countries generally, in economic and social terms - treating them as second-class citizens - and religion is the justification for carrying out this revenge.

But there have been wars about religion, or Holy Wars, since time immemorial. A recent article suggested that the history of religion as a concept is also the history of schism and of heresy. Was Christianity not heretical to Judaism leading to schism that has led to Holy Wars on and off ever since; was Islam not heretical to both

Judaism and Christianity? After all we all accept Abraham as a founding father.

We considered some of the many examples of wars in which religion played a significant part, such as the tribal wars of the Old Testament, the occupation of Spain by Muslims from North Africa, only finally ended seven hundred years later after often bitter warfare, the Crusades, the English Civil War, the creation of European empires, Ireland, Afghanistan. There are many, many other examples that could be quoted. In the First World War, the British held church services behind the lines before going into battle against a German army whose soldiers all wore the slogan '*Gott Mitt Uns*' on their belt buckles. Whose God was that, theirs or ours?

All this background led to vigorous discussion around the aims of warfare generally and whether it even begins to be possible to separate wars of religion from those of power politics and greed, of nationalism and of corruption. Perhaps it was inevitable that the war in Afghanistan figured high on the list of topics, as did terrorism and particularly what has become known as the 'home-grown terrorism' developing among vulnerable, disillusioned and susceptible groups of youths.

It would be impossible to summarise all the widely differing aspects raised, to say nothing of the variety of opinions, but there was a considerable degree of agreement that whatever fancy name is given to today's wars, and however much religion is quoted as the reason for them, there is just as likely to be at least an equally strong element of revenge or of seeking after both political and economic power, perhaps even a bit of both.

John Quinn

COUNTRY FAIR

Sunday 13th September 2009

11am to 4pm

Bishops Cannings

(off A361 between Devizes and Beckhampton)

Meet alpacas, cattle, owls and poultry

Have a go at shooting and archery

Try traditional fete games

Buy goodies from the marketplace

Enter family and registered dog shows

Enjoy country crafts demonstrations

Indulge in delicious food and cream teas

Get refreshed at the licensed bar

Support a variety of local charities

Take part in the Morrismen Masterclass

Marvel at vintage ploughing

Explore huge modern machinery

Entry: £10 per Car

Buy tickets in advance get £2 raffle tickets FREE

Tickets in advance are available from: Tourist Information Centre, Devizes

Or send stamped addressed envelope and cheque for £10 made payable to

Rowdeford Charity Trust to:

The Secretary, Country Fair, Bourton Manor Farm, Bishops Cannings, Devizes

SN10 2LG

Sorry but no refunds.

For other enquiries please call: 01380 860244

This event is being organised by **ROWDEFORD CHARITY TRUST** to raise funds

to build an Arts Therapy Centre at Rowdeford School

for the benefit of children with special needs across Wiltshire.

www.rowdefordcharity.org.uk

Registered Charity: 1088605

You are invited to an
EXHIBITION OF PAINTINGS
by the Revd. Maureen Allchin

on Saturday, September 12th, 2009 from 10.00-5.00
at 4 Northfields, Bulkington, Wiltshire, SN10 1SE

Refreshments all day
Lovely garden with view
Raffle Bookstall

£2.00 entrance (children free)
In aid of Christ Church, Bulkington



'The Badgers'

Worton and Cheverell F.C.

<http://www.wortonandcheverellfc.co.uk/>

Adult Players WANTED: The Club are starting an adult team for next season, and are in search of **talented young** players for the squad. If you are interested please contact Paul Sperring tel: 01380-727242 . In addition to the adult side , we will also be fielding an Under 18s team.

Devizes Carnival: For the first time 'The Badgers' are looking to have a 'float' this year, and would welcome any parental help and to advise which children would be interested in participating - please contact Andy Duckett (number on the Club website).

Tournaments: One notable event recently was that at Castle Combe, whereby both the U7 and U8 teams took part in this six-a-side event (although the U7's only had 5 players). Against teams from Castle Combe, Bath , Trowbridge, Frome, the two teams did exceptionally well : not losing one game and not conceding any goals. Well done. **Steve Dagnall**



19th & 20th September 2009

There is to be a Medieval Fayre & Market on the field next to
Five Lanes Farm in Potterne

It will include a day of activities & events that will include
crafts, market stalls, shows, demonstrations, traditional games,
archery, fun jousting, medieval costume, music, dancing,
exhibitions, hog roast and "The Thirsty Deer" Tavern

If you would like to have a craft stall, run an exhibition,
do a demonstration or enter a team for games please contact below

Entry only £3 per day (under 11's FREE)

info@potternefayre.co.uk or 07970 953557

Website: www.potternefayre.co.uk

ST PETER'S CHURCH SOCIAL EVENTS

Cheese and Wine Party

On a warm sunny evening a select group of people (around 45) collected on lawns of Poulshot House to enjoy a Cheese and Wine Party on Saturday 4 July.

We spent the evening eating, drinking and chatting with friends. What better way to spend a warm sunny evening and we raised £650 for St Peter's Church - many thanks to everyone who supported this event.

Thanks to the ladies of the PCC who cooked and provided the food and to everyone who helped on the day.

Our very grateful thanks to Hazel, Denise and Ray (not forgetting Victoria and Ben). Their continued support of St Peter's Church is very generous and we really appreciate all that they do for us.



The Devizes Deanery 2009/2010

The Bite-size Learning Programme

**SPIRITUALITY COURSE 1:
FULLY ALIVE**

**"An opportunity to reflect on the Diocesan Lent
programme which was led by
Fr. Timothy Radcliffe"**

led by the Revd. Dr. David Hart

**Tuesday, 15th September at 7.30 at St. James' Church,
Devizes**

St. James' Church is situated next to the Crammer Pond, by the main "Green" area in Devizes. It is on the A361, at the Marlborough end of Devizes. The church is surrounded by yellow lines. Parking can be found in the main "Pay & Displays Car Parks" in the town. There is a 2 hour parking zone by the Crammer Pond and unrestricted parking in Church Walk. Please don't park in the little layby outside the Church as this is used to drop off disabled passengers.

***Opportunities for the church family of the Devizes Deanery
to learn and grow together.***



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PASTORAL COURSE 1

“What does the church mean by pastoral care?”

led by the Revd. Maureen Allchin

Thursday, 3rd September at 7.30 at The Pavilion, Rusty Lane, Seend (SN12 6NS).

On entering Seend village High Street from the west (Trowbridge/Bath) take the 1st turning left after the Post Office and Rectory into Rusty Lane (opposite Sign Post to Village Halls). The Irene Usher Pavilion can be found on the right after the houses. If coming from Devizes direction drive past the playing fields on the right and the turning to Rusty lane is next right . From Salisbury via Worton drive up Bell Hill and turn right at the crossroads (Bell Inn on the left) into the village and follow directions as from Trowbridge.

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Wiltshire's Orchards: Use Them or Lose Them!

Orchards are hotspots for wildlife and provide a network of habitats. They provide an abundance of food sources and support a number of UK

Biodiversity Action Plan species that are rare, protected or scarce. And, their products can also be enjoyed by you, the people of Wiltshire. Since the last world war, Wiltshire, along with its neighbouring counties, has lost many of its traditional orchards, primarily caused by changes in land use, development and agricultural intensification. English Nature's research report on traditional orchards in England revealed that since the 1950s the area covered by orchards has declined by 57% (Lush et al 2005). As a result, traditional orchards have recently been added to the UK Biodiversity Action Plan as a priority habitat and an inventory has been undertaken by the Peoples Trust for Endangered Species (PTES), with the aim of conserving this distinctive habitat.

Wiltshire Traditional Orchards Project (WTOP) has been set up by a group of volunteers working in partnership with the PTES. WTOP aim to halt further loss of orchards across the county and prevent further neglect to this valuable habitat. Very little is known about Wiltshire's orchards and WTOP are having to start from scratch to find out exactly what still exists. As Wiltshire is a large rural county the project needs your help.

We are looking for:

- volunteers to become orchard surveyors - to go out to a pre-defined site & undertake a survey of the orchard's condition
- orchard owners - if you have 5 or more fruit trees on your land, whether these be for personal or commercial use, we would love to hear from you

If you would like to get involved please contact WTOP at Wiltshire Wildlife Trust, Elm Tree Court, Long St, Devizes, SN10 1NJ, tel: 01793 815029 or e-mail: orchardwilts@hotmail.co.uk. For further information, see our website: <http://sites.google.com/site/wiltsoorchards/>

The Giant Sleepover - Wilton Windmill - Saturday 20 June

Thirteen adventurous members of Great Bedwyn Cub Group bravely ignored rumours of hauntings and strange happenings "up at t'mill" to take part in The Giant Sleepover 2009 in aid of the Save The Children Fund. The plan was to sleep inside Wilton Windmill on its isolated spot above the village of Wilton over the night of Saturday 20 June.



The group plus helpers arrived at 8 pm and toured the mill before having a BBQ supper in the grounds. As darkness fell, the external floodlights came on to spectacularly illuminate the Sleepover site. Every spare bit of floor space inside the mill was covered by sleeping bags with Cubs huddling together for warmth under blankets and eating popcorn to keep up their spirits.

After a night of fitful sleep, the youngsters awoke to the dawn chorus around 5.30, but were persuaded by the group leaders to go back to bed for another hour. Breakfast was then produced - bacon butties and cereal - followed by a group game of football, and then home to tell of their adventures.

SEEND AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

On 20th June a select group of us visited Woodhay (apparently pronounced Woody) House Flower Show. We travelled in a

convoy on a merry dance through the lanes before we found our destination. To be fair the signage erected for the show seemed to have been moved around a bit and there were quite a lot of cars going round in ever decreasing circles. However we eventually arrived to find a beautiful old house with a lovely garden for us to wander in. The large lawns were filled with plant and sundry stalls, a display of flower arranging, an art exhibition, Newbury town band and of course a tea tent as well as various food outlet stalls. Also 3 hot air balloons rose and sank all day without actually taking off. It was a small show, which meant lots of time to take in everything and was well attended without being too crowded. A pleasant way to spend a day.

By the time you read this we will have visited Dorset & Somerset for our day trip & the Church fete will have taken place. If you can volunteer to help on the stall at the Lye Field fete please contact Joyce on 828433: all plants and produce to sell will be gratefully received.

Our first meeting of the new season will be on September 8th. The speaker will be Caroline Pakenham on Unusual Herbs and the competition will be a vase of herbs from the garden. New members and visitors are very welcome. **Sue Johns.**

Does anyone know who Norman and Noel are?

We had gone away for a few days at the end of last year and on our return we found Norman the Gnome sitting under our monkey puzzle tree. He had a tag around his neck which said:

Hello Paulette and Tony

My name is Norman. My gnomeland is far away and I am on holiday. Some friends of mine stayed with you. They said you were very kind and your garden would be good for a quiet rest. I won't cause any problems. I'll sit here and when I'm rested I'll leave. If I enjoy myself I may come again.

Thank you

Norman

Well Norman must have enjoyed himself because he never left.

In December Norman received a postcard from his friend Noel who was staying in Australia: the postcard was duly stamped with an Australian postmark. Noel said he hoped Norman was enjoying his new home. We thought it was friends playing a trick on us, but after accusing everyone we still don't know who put Norman in our garden.

We had almost forgotten about how Norman came to our garden, - he sits very quietly and is quite a magnificent specimen. In March Norman received another postcard from Noel, posted in Nottingham. He was having a 'walkabout' in the U.K. and having a look at the mighty oak trees.

In May Norman received yet another postcard from Noel, posted in the Scilly Isles. Noel said he was visiting his Uncle Fred and he and his Uncle were digging for Cornish Pixie Dust on the Isle of Samson. Where Norman came from and who is sending the postcards, we have no idea. We thought we had it sussed but those friends are insisting that it wasn't them, but who ever it is, thank you very much for Norman and for his postcards.

Tony and Paulette Bremner-Milne

Hello...

So, with this issue I have officially completed a year producing the magazine. If I was to be subject to the sort of end of year school report I spent most of June and July writing I suspect it would say something like "Initially keen, welcoming to all shades of opinion and producing a broad

record of activities in the village, could do better on meeting monthly deadlines". It is always my intention to get the magazine to you for the first week of the month, but in common with everyone else there's always something else going on as well - but I will keep trying to do a bit better in that respect over the next year.

As to the various shades of opinion and the broad record of activities, well that's down to all of you. We do have some regular contributors and would very much like to hear from more people - whether a bit of creative writing, a farming diary or just your life in the village. Get writing!

One 'event' in the village which I think is worthy of note and appreciation is the departure of Mike Hues from the Parish Council - that is, his 30 years of service to the village by sitting on the Parish Council. At my one visit to a meeting of the Parish Council they discussed and heard wider opinions on bus services, footpaths, speed limits, housing development, allotments, drains, lighting, memorial plaques, floods, hedges and the Village Hall - none of it entirely riveting but all important in affecting the ongoing life of everyone in the village, the sort of things which we take for granted as being taken care of without being entirely clear about (perhaps not even questioning) how. I cannot begin to think how many routine meetings like this Mike has sat through, how many times he (and his fellow Councillors) have weighed and sought to balance the differing opinions and interests in the village, to think long-term for the benefit of the village, but it is at least in part due to their commitment to their community that it remains such a nice place to live in. Thank you, Mike.

Enjoy the summer - the PVN will next be through your door at the beginning of October.

Nina

GOOD AND EVIL:
Outmoded concept

or gut crunching realities?

Venue is Poulshot Village Hall 7-30 - 9pm

A discussion group on issues of concern and challenge for all. All
are very welcome.

For further details,

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