

CHURCH SERVICES - JULY 2009
POULSHOT, SEEND AND BULKINGTON

Sunday 5th July

8.00 am BCP Holy Communion SEEND
9.30 am Family Eucharist BULKINGTON
11.15am Parish Eucharist SEEND
6.00 pm **EVENSONG** POULSHOT
Sidesman Mr M Arnold Reader Mrs K Amery

Sunday 12th July

8.00 am BCP Holy Communion SEEND
9.30 am **MATINS** POULSHOT
11.15am Parish Eucharist SEEND
6.00 pm Evensong BULKINGTON
Sidesman Mrs P Bremner-Milne Reader Mr B Arnold

Sunday 19th July

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 J. James Reader Mrs J. Arnold

Sunday 26th July

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

Sunday 2nd August

8.00 am BCP Holy Communion SEEND
9.30 am Family Eucharist BULKINGTON
11.15am Parish Eucharist SEEND
6.00 pm **EVENSONG** POULSHOT
Sidesman Mr M. Hues Reader Mr M Hues



SEEND BULKINGTON
AND POULSHOT BENEFICE

THE WEDNESDAY GROUP 15 July 2009

What do we understand by '*Jihad*'?
Is Religion always
an essential part of Holy War?

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,
please ring Rupert Janes on 01380 828639

Do please get in touch if there is a subject YOU
WOULD REALLY LIKE TO BE DISCUSSED.

All offers willingly considered!

Church Flower Rota

July 5th & 12th Lady Kate Hunloke
July 19th & 26th Mrs Mandy Housby
August 2nd & 9th Mrs Hilary Kidd



Saturday July 11th



**2 – 5 pm
OPEN GARDENS**

**at
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The Soldiers' Charity**

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Penny Brown on 0796 6967760**

100 Club draw for June and July

<u>June</u>		
1st prize	£25	Mr C Sherman
2nd prize	£15	Julia and David Foord
3rd prize	£10	Mr and Mrs V Kemp

<u>July</u>		
1st prize	£25	Mr N Hues
2nd prize	£15	Major J. Bartholomew
3rd prize	£10	Mr & Mrs Longden

Poulshot Village Trust

The AGM and ordinary meetings of the Trust were held on 26 May 2009 in the Village Hall. Nicky Hunloke (Chairman), Diana Gravina (Vice Chair), Peter Cleverly (Secretary), and Brian James (Treasurer) were re-elected. There is a healthy balance of £3224.06 in the Trust's deposit account. The attendance was good and those present paid their annual membership fees of £1.00 per family.

A Google Earth map of Poulshot from an altitude of 230 feet was passed round on which all the big trees in the parish are clearly visible. It is surprising and dismaying how few large trees remain standing outside the village itself. Possible planting locations for new trees suggested by members as part of the Poulshot Big Trees Project will be assembled onto a single map. Members will get together as a group to plan the next steps of the project [Tuesday 14 July 2009 at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall].

A job description for volunteer Tree Wardens for Poulshot was distributed - a copy of the Tree Council's flyer will be sent to the Village News.

Tim Coleman presented a map obtained from Wiltshire Council's Rights of Way Officer that defines all the bridleways, byways, and footpaths in the parish - this will go into the Trust's Archive. Pam Langton located a hand drawn and coloured map of Poulshot in the Archive that shows all the old names of the lanes and fields. A2 sized copies of the map will be displayed for sale at the Village Fete. Chris Saunders is interested in a

permanent display of the map, ideally further enlarged, in the Village Hall.

Poulshot Parish Council is writing to Wiltshire Wildlife for guidance and help on the planned maintenance of the village ponds - in which the continued presence of the protected and declining greater crested newt is a concern. The new Wiltshire Council requires a new Village Plan that details the type of developments wanted in Poulshot, the design of its buildings, the provision and delivery of services, etc.. This is a matter that affects everyone in the village. Steve Pope-Baron is currently updating the old plan.

Pam Langton proposed planting a Village Orchard to conserve old varieties of apples and pears, possibly as part of the EU funded National Orchard Project. She will investigate a possible site. The next meeting of Poulshot Village Trust will be on Wednesday, 9 September 2009 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

BEAR COTTAGE TEA PARTY

Tony and Paulette would like to thank everyone who attended their tea party on 7 June and for making it such a success. We were able to hand to the church £432.30 profit - many, many thanks. We would also like to thank our friends who loaned us chairs and tables. It is quite a feat getting together tables and chairs to seat 60 people but all went well.

Thank you also for those of you who were waitresses/waiters (they know who they are, after all most of them are related to us!) and particular thanks must go to the man in charge of the urn and the sink - thank you Tony!

Tree Warden Scheme

Trees are a precious heritage and we need future generations to appreciate the variety of our effective, this action people on the spot; the own localities intimately and who have most to gain from the protection and enhancement of their immediate environment.



part of our natural to take action now if to enjoy the beauty and landscapes. To be most should be taken by people who know their people who know their own localities intimately and who have most to gain from the protection and enhancement of their immediate environment.

Tree Wardens are volunteers who gather information about their local trees, get involved in local tree matters and encourage local practical projects to do with trees and woods.

What would Poulshot's Tree Warden do?

Tree Wardens need not be tree experts, only enthusiasts. The Tree Council provides each Tree Warden with a Handbook that covers all the basics they will need to get started, and it provides training and runs induction days. Courses cover topics such as surveying woodland and non-woodland trees, summer and winter tree identification, tree planting and aftercare, woodland ecology and management, seed collection and tree law.

For more details, please contact:

Steve Russell , Countryside Manager
Environment Section, Wiltshire Council
Telephone: 01225 713425 **Email:**

steverussell@wiltshire.gov.uk

SUMMER CONCERT

Those of you who were unable to attend the Summer Concert in St Peter's Church missed a real treat, we had a really fun evening! A select group of people, around thirty, spent an hour and a half being entertained by The Piacere Ensemble, The Revilo String Quartet, (find the pseudonym!) both led by Michael Oliver and the Crudwell Handbell Ringers. Our sincere thanks to all the musicians.

The pieces that all the musicians played were very familiar to us and one of the highlights of the evening was a guest appearance by none other than our Licensed Lay Minister (aka Brian James) - is there no end to his talents!

There were magical moments and there were moments that we will never forget! We intend to put on another Summer Concert next year and if there is anyone out there with hidden talents please let us know, we can always find a spot for you. Could we possibly have a Poulshot's Got Talent to rival that other talent show!!

We ended the evening chatting, eating and drinking wine in the good company of the musicians and the audience. We raised nearly £300 for church funds. Our thanks to all members of the PCC who provided the wonderful food and for selling the tickets (we hope more people will come next year). We could even finish up competing with Glyndebourne on the social calendar!!!

Paulette Bremner-Milne and Janet James
Churchwardens

Rowde Primary School

Summer Fete - Friday 3rd July

This year's Summer Fete promises to be better than ever before, with a **Kwik Cricket Competition** kicking off the Fete at 4pm. This will be followed at 6pm by a "**Cookery Demonstration**" from our local celebrity chef **Peter Vaughan** of *The Bistro* in Devizes. Not to mention the final of "**Rowde School's Got Talent**". The children of all ages will have already auditioned in front of a panel of local judges. The 12 finalists will then perform at the Fete to decide who is the overall winner!

In addition to this there will be the opportunity to create your own mosaic using clay and coloured tile pieces, compete in the penalty and netball shoot-outs, as well as visit a host of the more traditional games and stalls. There will also be food and drinks available to make this an enjoyable family afternoon / evening out!

Bag 2 School - a big thank you!

We managed to collect a fabulous 297 bags in May, although at the time of writing we have yet to learn of the total amount raised. We would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you for all your donations! We will be repeating the collection again in the autumn, so please look out for details!

'The Badgers' Worton and Cheverell F.C.
<http://www.wortonandcheverellfc.co.uk/>



The Club annual Fun Day and Presentation Event took place recently at West Lavington Village Hall, with the various award winners shown below. In addition there were medal awards to players having completed 50 and 100 game appearances for the Club.

2009/09 Presentations June 2009

	<u>Player of the Year / Most Improved</u>	<u>Clubman / Most Improved</u>	<u>Golden Boot</u>
Under 7	Morgan Sprules	Louie Davies	Cameron Wildman
Under 8	Rafferty Stone	Luke Hatch	Lewis Jackson
Under 9 Wizards	Ben Johnson	Harvey Schorah	Abraham Straker
Under 9 Badger	Seth Wain	Callum King / Joe Downey	Charlie Lawrence
Under 10	James Abbott	Sam Warren	Max Johnson
Under 11	Jake Brown	Samuel Johnson	Harry Shaw
Under 12	Callum Damon	Jordan Price	Ben Jenks
Under 13	David Vick	Caleb Assirati	Jordan Wildman
Under 14	Jacob Assirati	Tony Hogan	Ben Perrett
Under 17 'B'	Ashton Schorah	Jonathan Cole	Jamie Sperring
Under 17 'A'	Jake Roberts	Martin Dickinson	Dan Moore

Next Season's training will start on the first Saturday after Schools' return, but please contact the relevant Coach for exact details nearer the time. In addition any new members wishing to join need to review the Club's website for contact details for each age group from children starting Year 1 upwards at School. **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.

CELEBRATING 60 YEARS OF SUPPORT FOR OLDER PEOPLE IN WILTSHIRE

Age Concern Wiltshire is an independent charity helping older people to make the most of later life. We provide vital services, information and practical support to hundreds of older people within the county each year. We are celebrating 60 years of service in the county by organising several events during 2009 and launching a massive fundraising appeal. We aim to raise £60,000 to enable us to bring friendship and help to more older people in the county.

Can you help? We are looking for 1000 people or organisations to raise at least £60 each in support of our appeal. We can provide ideas, fliers and posters, sponsorship forms and support with promotion. Contact Belinda Fowler, Age Concern Wiltshire tel: 01380 727767 or email belinda.fowler@ageconcernwiltshire.org.uk for further details.

**JAZZ IN THE GARDEN, #BROOK
HOUSE, BROMHAM**

19TH July 2009 2- 4.30pm

A fantastic opportunity to tour the beautiful gardens of Brook House, Bromham by kind invitation of Mark and Cynthia Wilkinson. Explore the secret garden, natural lakes, woodland and sculptures. Follow our garden trail and find hidden "treasure" or watch demonstrations of tai chi on the lawn and browse the stalls in the courtyard. Relax on the terrace to the sound of the 4+1 Jazz band whilst enjoying tea, cakes and other refreshments.

Location: Brook House, The Common, Bromham, Wiltshire SN15 2JJ. (Follow signs in the village on the day)

Entry: £3:00 in advance, £4.00 on the day
(Children under 16 free).

Call into Age Concern Wiltshire, 13 Market Place, Devizes tel: 01380 727767 or see posters for local ticket sellers.

Access: Limited facilities for the disabled will be available including parking and toilets. Sorry, no dogs allowed (except guide dogs).

**All proceeds go to Age Concern Wiltshire's
60th Appeal.**

**Please help us to bring friendship and support to
older people in Wiltshire**

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Poulshot Ladies Club

Tuesday July 21st 7.30p.m. Village Hall

Talk by Sally Hawkins on:-

The Truth and Myths about today's
modern woman and skin care routine.
Learn more about Botox, Chemical Peels,
Fillers!

aircraft swap shift and either go to bed or go to work depending on the cycle of operations.

There is nothing glorious about the death of men but each attack releases friendly forces to operate freely and build the relationships that are needed to hand back this broken land to its rightful owners.

Mark Baker

Poulshot Parish Council Vacancy

Following the resignation
of Mike Hues from the Parish Council
there is now a vacancy.

Anyone interested in standing please
contact the Parish Clerk Maggie
Goodenough on 827205

Race for Life

Lynne from 'The Raven' is running the 5K Race for Life on 12th July in memory of Peggy Lewis who died of bowel cancer in September 2007. You can sponsor her and make a real difference to other people and their families living with cancer.

A Day In The Life Of.....

Group Captain Mark Baker is the Deputy Commander of British Forces in Afghanistan and commands the Royal Air Force personnel deployed to Kandahar Air Base in Kandahar Province, Camp Bastion and Lashkar Gar in Helmand Province. He has been in Afghanistan for 10 weeks and returns to Poulshot in late October this year.

It is 1915 hours and the sun is setting over the hills to the west of Kandahar Air Base, and another 24 hours has passed in Kandahar Province with British forces facing up the challenges of the Counter Insurgency campaign in both Kandahar and Helmand regions. A Hercules C-130 gets airborne carrying vital supplies and soldiers to the forward operating bases of Helmand. At the same time a Harrier GR9 of No. 1 (Fighter) Squadron lands back on the airfield having provided Close Air Support to friendly forces (it matters not whether they are British or any other nation in the coalition). The Union Jack and the RAF Ensign fly at half mast as we count the cost of the day and 70 miles away at Camp Bastion the sunset ceremony to remember one of the many brave young soldiers who has laid down his life comes to an end with the bugler playing the 'Last Post'.

But what has happened in the last 24 hours and how have we made a difference here? Just as in the Swat Valley and the North West Frontier Province over the border, success is a very difficult currency to measure. What lasting impact will the coalition have here and how will they make the lives of local nationals better?

This isn't a war as many people understand it; the enemy don't line up and strike our forces in a traditional hand to hand sense. Instead they lay hundreds, and in truth thousands, of Improvised Explosive Devices throughout the Area of Operations to fix Coalition forces in a certain place, be it on a road, in a village or even in the compounds of innocent civilians. Then they wait under cover to ambush when the roadside bombs have stopped men and vehicles in their tracks, relying on typical insurgent tactics of 'shoot and scoot'. The challenge for

British forces, and for that matter those of the US, Canadian, Dutch, Australian, Danish and Estonian contingents is to operate in these hostile surroundings.

But why do we go out and seek contact with the Afghan population? The clinical answer is to provide a sense of security and governance for the local nationals - to marginalise the Taliban, remove their sources of income and arms and disrupt their ability to fix us in places we do not want to be. At the same time we build. Counter Insurgency doctrine offers the template for the way we work; Shape, Clear, Hold and Build. On a daily basis British ground forces, supported by the RAF and other air forces, plan their campaign and shape the territory in which they operate. They learn the patterns of life of both the local nationals and the insurgents by watching, filming and listening, from the air and on the ground. Ground forces then move into villages and small towns, clearing the insurgents from the buildings, trees and fields. This is a bloody and exhausting business; the temperature is often over 100 degrees and a man is barely able to drink enough water to keep up with the dehydration caused by his exertion. But he hasn't walked out of his compound gates with a gun and a little water, his pack will weigh over 100lbs and he will need to be self sufficient for water and ammunition for prolonged periods. The ability to run, fight and recover is limited by the extreme bounds of a man's fitness, courage and determination.

As coalition forces take more land back from the control of the Taliban, they set up check points, build forward operating bases and work with local and district elders to improve the desperately poor quality of life many of them have. The RAF Regiment ground forces that protect Kandahar Air Base have set up a medical training programme with one of the local Afghan Non-Governmental Organisations (NGO). Using money raised by personnel in theatre¹, 40 local nationals (half men and half women) will be trained over the next 6 weeks as paramedics. They will then be provided with medical

supplies, a bike to get around and paid to give medical assistance to 20 of the larger villages in the area. The reduction of disease and illness will be marked and so many things we take for granted back in the UK will be provided to villagers; hygiene education, water purification, simple medicines and treatment of minor ailments like fever, minor shrapnel wounds, fractures and infections. These simple and relatively inexpensive programmes empower the Afghans to look after their own and invariably win friends in the fight against lawlessness and violence.

Back in 'bandit country' though the violent battles continue; a company of men on patrol have encountered a large group of insurgents and a vicious fire fight begins. The tactical air controller working on the ground with the soldiers, declares over the radios 'troops in contact' and the Harriers are diverted from a reconnaissance task to support the men on the ground. Communications are quickly gained and the 'man on the ground' guides the Harrier in to make a 'Show of Presence'. The aircraft screams over the insurgents at exceedingly low level in the hope of deafening, frightening and forcing the insurgents to break contact and run. But many of the Taleban and foreign fighters now ignore this and continue the fight. It is at this point that the Harrier climbs away and will position for either a strafing run using guided rockets or even attacking with a 500lb laser guided GPS bomb. Clearance to attack is given but before any attack the pilot has to completely satisfy himself that he will not cause any civilian casualties. This is the most critical decision he will make because one mistake could cause the deaths of local civilians and any work done on the ground to win their trust will be lost. Satisfied that he can attack without any collateral damage the Harrier releases his weapons from 20,000ft and watches and guides it using his laser designator until it explodes over the top of the insurgents killing them where they stand.

The day is over, the Harrier returns to base to refuel and re-arm before another pilot takes it airborne to support troops over night. The Hercules has delivered its first load and returns to Kandahar to collect three more loads that night and all those in support of the

¹ Theatre is the commonly used word for the area of operations used by coalition forces.



Rowde School

Summer Fete



Friday 3rd



An afternoon of family fun...

4:00 Kwik Cricket tournament

5:00 Fete opens

6:00 - 7:00 Cookery demo by Peter Vaughan

7:00 "Rowde School's Got Talent" final



SEEND AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

The big event of June - our trip to Highgrove, has now been and gone. We had the most glorious, hot, sunny day, almost too hot, but not humid which always helps, and the day did not disappoint. The organisation there is smooth, efficient and very polite, from the armed policeman who welcomes you at the gate, the smartly dressed gentleman who welcomes you at the visitor centre to the volunteer guide and the ladies who serve the tea. Nevertheless you do exactly what you are told, leave cameras and phones on the coach and don't alight from the coach until you are told. There were, I think, four other parties there but we hardly caught a glimpse because we were timed so well.

The garden is, of course, run on organic lines and is full of birds and wildlife and seems to be a serene and timeless landscape. Nothing jars or looks out of place, it is not as manicured as you might expect, no sweeping lawns mown in lines, but a series of small gardens that run into each other, often connected by the wildflower meadow. This was beautifully in flower although we were too late for the tulips and the alliums were at the seedhead stage. There are many quirky buildings and features and numerous carefully arranged groups of large pots. Prince Charles holds a National Collection of hostas in the Stumpery and keeps some old species of orchard trees for Brogdale. Each tree is very simply planted round by lavender in mown grass rather than the usual orchard long grass.

The tour lasted 2 hours, followed by tea and a visit to the shop and then we went into Tetbury for lunch and shopping, although we were behind schedule by then so we had to choose between lunch and shopping, a hard decision.

Our next trip for a very select group is to West Woodhay House Flower Show. All those going have now been contacted with transport arrangements. We leave from The Pavilion at 9.45 am on Saturday 20th June.

Our day trip to Dorset and Somerset is on 18th July. Please gather at The Bell lay-by at 9.15 am, ready to leave at 9.30am. Coffee will be provided at Hilltop Nursery and you will need a picnic lunch to eat at Snape Cottage. Tea will be available at East Lambrook Manor, which is not included in the cost of the trip. There are still a few places left if you wish to go. Any queries to Monica on 828472.

We need VOLUNTEERS and PLANTS for the Church fete on 11th July and the Lye Field fete on 8th August please. If you can help, please contact Joyce on 828433.

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.



Cheese and Wine Evening

SATURDAY 4TH JULY 2009

In the garden at

POULSHOT HOUSE

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£7.50 - per person 7.00 - 9.00 p.m.

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spent in a lovely garden

Please get your tickets from any member of the P.C.C
or from the owners of Poulshot House