

## From The Raven Inn



Dear Everyone,

Jerry and I wish to express our sincere thanks to all those who supported our Royal Wedding Street Party. It was a truly wonderful community occasion, overflowing with delicious food and thanks to your generous donations we raised £350.00 for the Duke & Duchess of Cambridge Charity Fund. (Not for their M&S Wedding Gift List but to help the less fortunate). Congratulations to Mrs & Mr Adam Kidd who celebrated a Happy Wedding Anniversary also on Friday 29th April and could not be with us but sincere thanks for the very generous donation. Thank you so very much to Karen & Roger "Friends of the Raven" who very kindly lent us the lovely Marquee and for putting it up too! Great thanks to the Davis's, Hawkins & Nixons for their much appreciated help too. There are still some plates & platters left behind from the Street Party. (£1. a piece, late collection fee).

We are very proud of our newly decorated Dining Room & Patio, now complete and looking great. Please note our new Summer Opening times on the cover and telephone calls are much appreciated within opening times.

Thank you again and see you in the Pub.  
**Nathalie & Jerry**



## Warning - computer scam

There has been a computer scam going around for a couple of years now in various guises but the 01380 and 01225 areas seem to be targeted this last couple of weeks. You will get an unsolicited phone call from a company purporting to be Microsoft, affiliated to Microsoft, some anti-virus company or other or some other convincing company name. The person on the other end sometimes has a foreign accent, sometimes English. They tell you that they have been monitoring your computer/internet use and can see you have multiple virus on your machine or that you have been downloading illegal material from the internet etc. etc. They often claim your personal details will be stolen, your computer will crash or even that the police will come calling unless you let them do something about it. They can be very, very persuasive and plausible but do not be misled. It is THEY who are after your money or your personal details or even to use your computer as a proxy for illegal downloads or to run scams through. They will try to have you download a small program so they can 'fix' these issues for you; Logmein and PC Recovery have been used but there are many similar programs that will allow them uncontrolled access to your computer. Don't forget they do sound very convincing and do not want to let you go, putting the pressure on more and more for you to let them help. At this point I advise you not to enter into any more conversation with them but just hang up the phone. They WILL eventually ask you for money, the amounts getting bigger as they claim to find even more serious 'problems' on your computer. Sometimes they try to get you to take out a contract for 1 or 2 years of 'service' so they can maintain your computer online. DO NOT be fooled, they will take your money and run - or maybe even worse by stealing your personal details or using your computer for illegal purposes. There are even cases where the caller starts to get abusive when you seem reluctant to partake of his offer! There are many, many variations on his scam - too many to detail here, but ask yourself this: They claim to know there are virus's on your computer so how do they know what is on your computer? This is not possible unless they have access to your computer and that is exactly what they want!! How can they know what you are downloading from the internet without first hacking into your connection? The only people who could possibly have legal access to that sort of data is your Internet Service Supplier - and they certainly would not be calling you! Microsoft do not have access to your computer and in any instance would NEVER be calling you out of the blue to fix your problems.

Owen Burton Computer Engineer

**CHURCH SERVICES JUNE 2011**  
**POULSHOT, SEEND AND BULKINGTON**

**Sunday 5 June**

8.00 am	Holy Communion	Seend
9.30 am	All Age Worship	Bulkington
11.15 am	All Age Worship	Seend
<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>Evensong</b>	<b>Poulshot</b>

**Sunday 12 June**

8.00 am	Holy Communion	Seend
<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Family Communion</b>	<b>Poulshot</b>
9.30 am	Parish Communion	Bulkington
11.15 am	Parish Communion	Seend

**Sunday 19 June**

8.00 am	Holy Communion	Seend
9.30 am	Parish Communion	Bulkington
11.15 am	Parish Communion	Seend
<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>Parish Communion</b>	<b>Poulshot</b>

**Sunday 26 June**

8.00 am	Holy Communion	Seend
<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>All Age Worship</b>	<b>Poulshot</b>
(Patronal Festival - Marquee on The Green)		
Coffee will be served in the Village Hall		
11.15 am	Family Communion	Seend
6.00 pm	Parish Communion	Bulkington

**Sunday 3 July**

8.00 am	Holy Communion	Seend
9.30 am	All Age Worship	Bulkington
11.15 am	All Age Worship	Seend
<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>Evensong</b>	<b>Poulshot</b>

**Flowers**

5th June	Mrs Mandy Housby
12th & 19th June	Lady Kate Hunloke
26th June	Patronal Festival - to be arranged
3rd & 10th July	Mrs Hilary Kidd
17th & 24th July	Mrs Hazel Colman
31st July & 7th August	Mrs Shirley Taplin

## Poulshot Ladies Group

Poulshot Ladies Group met on the evening of Tuesday 17th May. Our speaker was Paul Horne a local photographer who had wanted the group to wander around the village "snapping" away as part of his presentation. However it was not meant to be and after a rather heavy shower we decided to conduct the meeting in the hall. The weather may have been damp however our enthusiasm and spirits to learn more about the art of photography wasn't! After a brief introduction Paul went on to enlighten the group with basic photography tips, from how to hold a camera right through to exposing pictures. There was a small selection of his work on display which ranged from very contemporary to a more traditional style but with a twist! His passion is photography and that was definitely obvious when he spoke. If you are looking for a photographer for a forthcoming event you need to capture on film, Paul is situated in the Round House in Melksham. He can be contacted on 07988 676135. For anyone out there who is interested in learning more or want to improve on existing photography skills Paul is running a series of short courses. Do give him a call.

Mary Samuel

### Seend Open Gardens

11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> June from 1.00 - 5.00 pm

Programme £6.00 to include admission to all participating gardens

Cream teas and ice creams

Stalls and plant sales

Free off road parking, with minibus transport  
available to out-lying gardens

## Wednesday Group

On 11<sup>th</sup> May we considered: 'Traditional Marriage in Society, and the Role the Church in Marriage Today.' All of us at the meeting were married, some more than once, and we all had children who were of marriageable age, and so there was lots of experience available, albeit fairly senior, and many personal examples of all aspects of the topic. Indeed, there were so many personal stories to tell that it was hard to get the discussion on to the broader issues.

We considered the reasons for getting married - for love; to raise a family; for financial reasons; to maintain an estate or a family name; even the shotgun, and of course the first two of these reasons are equally achievable without a marriage. And so is the traditional marriage, and in particular the sacrament of marriage in Church, slowly being lost from our national culture? There is no doubt that the recently introduced licensing of exotic venues such as hotels, public buildings, football grounds even, for civil wedding ceremonies which would formerly have been held in Register Offices, has had an impact, but even so there are indications that applications for Church weddings are actually on the increase. We wondered, though, how many of these were to take advantage of the setting and the photo opportunities rather than for the wish by the participants to solemnise the permanence of their relationship, not only in the eyes of their doting relations, but also in those of God!

And so we considered the impact of today's relaxed approach to marriage and to divorce, on the children of families and there was unanimity that children brought up in a stable relationship, and preferably a marriage, stood the best chance of a happy and successful life. This was recognised as a generalisation, but we agreed that to enter into matrimony under the auspices of the Church was still an important element of our culture and that the Church should encourage it - on its own merits and not in competition with the modern alternatives. We meet again, in the Village Hall, on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June, when the subject will be "Has the collective conscience gone for ever? If so, does this rule out the 'Big Society'?"

## Difficult Financial Times

These are indeed difficult financial times for many families but there is a lifeline which is available and will indeed help many. The four Credit Unions in Wiltshire have worked together and can now offer loans of up to £500 at an interest rate of 2% per month (calculated only on the reducing balance of the loan) to borrowers who can demonstrate the ability to repay. These loans are called Moneyline loans. What are Credit Unions? They are non-profit making co-operatives, regulated by the Government and are run in Wiltshire by trained volunteers. Local residents can join their Credit Union for life for £2 and would normally save for a minimum of three months before a loan would be considered. However Moneyline loans are available immediately - new members are also encouraged to save even small amounts into their Credit Union account while paying off their loan but are not compelled to do so. The application process is rigorous and takes about ten days to investigate the borrower's ability to repay. The policy of Credit Unions is to help their members through a tough period and offer a genuine alternative to high cost lenders. £500 borrowed from a doorstep or internet lender and repaid evenly over a year will cost £410 additionally in interest. From Moneyline the interest would be £63, a saving of £347!

These Moneyline loans are offered by your Credit Union and initial investigations are done by Community First, a registered charity in Devizes. Applicants should in the first instance contact: Community First on 01380 736387 or directly to their intended Credit Union

North Wilts Credit Union	01249 248313
West Wilts Credit Union	01225 709865
South Wilts Credit Union	01722 421881
Kennet Credit Union	01672 562666

All these Credit Unions have been encouraged and supported in offering Moneyline loans by Wiltshire Council and the Housing Associations / Registered Social Landlords operating in Wiltshire.

## Summer Concert in St Peter's Church

Cast your mind back, if you would, to the summer-like weather we experienced at the beginning of May. It was wonderful to wake up each day to sunshine, but the farmers were understandably praying for rain. And guess when their prayers were answered - Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May, the date of the Musical Evening in St Peter's Church!

However, not letting a little thing like that faze them, Michael Oliver and his String Quartet, singer Lorraine and her accompanist Jean, dodged the downpours to get their music stands, musical instruments etc from their cars into Church. Here they were joined by a small, enthusiastic and in some cases rather wet audience (You could tell who had been caught in the rain).

They were then treated to an evening of music which covered all tastes from Opera to West End Musicals, finishing with The 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm played and sung in the familiar form of the theme tune from The Vicar of Dibley.

To round off the evening a superb buffet was provided, along with wine, and as the expression goes - A Good Time was had by All.

Just over £300 was raised for Church Funds and a big 'Thank You' to everyone who came along and contributed in whatever way to a pleasant evening.

If after reading this you are thinking 'We should have gone to that', keep reading your Village Magazine - They may be back!!!!

Janet James (Churchwarden)

**ST PETER'S CHURCH EVENTS**  
**FROM JULY TO DECEMBER 2011**

The following events will be taking place up to the end of the year. Please make a note in your diaries to try and come along:

- 2 July           **Cheese and Wine Evening** at Poulshot House.  
This has become an evening not to be missed. Hazel, Denise and Ray have again kindly offered to host this super event. Tickets will be available shortly from PCC members and Poulshot House. Please see separate poster.
- 1 October       **Harvest Supper and Barn Dance**  
Again this will be held in The Old Rectory Hall. It is a fun time with a live band and supper. Nearer the time posters will be displayed around the village
- 12 November   **'A Christmas Cracker'** in the Village Hall  
This is a coffee morning with a difference. There will be stalls offering everything Christmassy, cakes, produce, Christmas decorations and good quality Christmas presents etc. There will also be a raffle This is a new venture for St Peter's, please put the date in your diaries and come along and join us for a fun morning and purchase some Christmas goodies!
- 19 December   **Carol Singing around the Village**  
This tradition has been going on for years and we would love to see more people join us. If you don't want to come along on the evening, then please open your doors to us if we call at your house. We will be collecting money for charity - this money is not for the church. We always end up at someone's house for mince pies and a welcome drink.

# **POULSHOT VILLAGE FETE**

**SATURDAY 25th JUNE  
2pm - 4.30pm**

**Cakes, Plants, Stalls, Games  
Tombola, Races, Teas  
GRAND TUG OF WAR**

**Bar and BBQ**

**followed by a Musical  
Evening on the Green  
at 7pm**

## Why Bother? (Part II)

Well, my letter in last month's magazine stirred up a bit of a hornet's nest. Two or three people gave me 10/10 for it, while one other person (reporting back on behalf of a couple of others) only gave me 1/10! Perhaps I'd better explain : while our churches continue to "pay their way" then I don't think there's a danger they will be closed - at least not for the foreseeable future. However the feasibility of sustaining the current pattern of a service in each church every Sunday (two in Seend) being led by an ordained member of clergy would be ripe for review if the numbers of worshipers fell below a critical mass. Of course, the other side of the coin is that such a situation would mean more services might become lay led. That would provide an opportunity for members to take a more active and leading role in the life of their church, so maybe that wouldn't be such a bad thing. The sad thing for me, though, was that people centred on the future of our church buildings - the bricks and mortar - rather than on their relationship with our Lord, which was meant to be the main thrust of last month's message.

Yesterday one of the set readings was from Acts(2:41-47). The early Christians committed themselves to the Lord, and then to each other. They shared everything with those who had need. Today we're tempted by material wealth and our individual interests, to cut ourselves off from one another. We might fool ourselves by believing that we can get away with an occasional prayer but that simply isn't the case. If we take a single coal out of the centre of a fire it soon turns dull grey and then turns cold. So it is with us. If, as Christians, we are removed from the rest of the fire - the place where we share our faith, where bread is broken and shared, and prayers are said - then the light of our faith grows dull, and the warmth in our souls begins to diminish.

So what if you've never experienced the love of Jesus? What are you missing? Many people believe they're not missing anything at all. Others are aware of a big hole in their lives - and then strive to fill it by working for even greater material wealth or by filling their lives with meaningless things. Ruby Wax admitted on television this morning that she suffers from recurring depression. I've met many such people over the years - indeed my mother suffered from it herself for very many years. I'm not trying to suggest that following Jesus is a quick and easy solution to depression or any other kind of illness, but recognising that we are all children of God and that we are deeply loved by him has to be the best starting point on the road to recovery.

Our parishes are being prayed for this Thursday evening at Salisbury Cathedral. I asked that prayers are said "for all those living in our villages, that they may come to know the Lord more clearly and follow him more nearly - that He may raise up in our midst people who ... will hear and respond to his call, and that they will lead with courage and serve with love." That is my prayer for you.

Do call me if you would like to know more about Christianity - 827285 (e:mail [renee.coulson.2@googlemail.com](mailto:renee.coulson.2@googlemail.com) ) *Renée*

**Holiday Club** - our neighbouring benefice, with which we are informally linked, will be running its annual children's holiday club every day (ie Monday to Friday) for the week commencing 25th July from 10am 'til noon. The theme will be "Secret Agent" based on the story of Moses. It is aimed for primary school aged children. The club usually ends with a super water battle on the final morning! Parents will be responsible for transporting their children to and from the Vicarage in Rookes Lane, Potterne. Please register your interest with the Vicar on 827285 in the first instance (or e:mail [renee.coulson.2@googlemail.com](mailto:renee.coulson.2@googlemail.com) )

## 'The Badgers'

Worton and Cheverell F.C.

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

Potentially two League Champions teams for the season, with the Under 9 Badgers in top position with 15 points, and still 3 matches to play (as at 7 May), they remain undefeated, with a devastating recent win over Castle Combe 11-0. The other Badgers team the U12s have already been announced as Champions.

For Village teams this is a great performance, and for the Club who move into the 2011/12 season with over 200 members and teams from Under 7 to Adult at every age group it is a worthy achievement. New members (both boys and girls) are always welcome - please refer to website for contact details for the respective age group, in addition the Club are always open to sponsorship proposals.

Following on the successful Fun Day event last year, with the 'World Cup' theme, the Club will this year be holding its annual Fun Day and Awards event at West Lavington Village Hall on **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June, from 1.00 p.m.** The theme for this event will be based on '**The European Champions League**', which we hope will be a thrilling event for all concerned.

Other news: tournament events are now starting to take place, with a recent one being held at Devizes Town, where again the small Village Club performed very well at Under 10 level, being undefeated in their age group. The Club will be participating in various local tournaments throughout the area in the summer months depending on the age group.

**Steve Dagnall**

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## SEEND AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

Our evening walk this month was around Lacock Abbey Gardens in the company of Sue Carter, the head gardener, who is helped by 1 full time and 1 part time gardener plus volunteers. There is something very special about walking around a garden like this in the evening light accompanied by glorious birdsong and with the absence of other people apart from our group. We were lucky to see many roses in bloom against the old stonework of the abbey and the garden had so many areas of deliberately uncut grass with edges of cow parsley and other meadow plants, all of which made the garden very natural and unspoilt. Sue has been there for 8 years now and has made many improvements mindful of the history of the place, about which she is very knowledgeable.

Our next trip is to Sudely on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June. We leave The Bell at 9.30am to visit Sudely in the morning and Batsford Arboretum in the afternoon, arriving home by approximately 6.00pm. Sudely has lovely gardens spread around the castle and Batsford is the most visited arboretum in the country and a lovely place for a stroll and tea.

On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July we are visiting Mapperton and Tintinhull gardens in Dorset and Somerset. Mapperton is a romantic valley garden, set in a Dorsetcombe amongst tumbling hills and unspoilt countryside and set against a golden sandstone house.

Tintinhull is National Trust and is one of the most harmonious small gardens in Britain, with secluded lawns, pools and colourful borders, with a kitchen garden, a woodland walk and orchard to explore. If you haven't signed up yet for either of these trips contact Jackie Kilduff, Carole Vince or Joe Hardstaff for Sudely and Monica Ridgway or Joe for Mapperton and Tintinhull. Non-members are welcome for the small extra price of one pound added to the club member's price.

Don't forget plants and help for the garden club stall at the Lye Field Fete. All contributions are gratefully received.

Sue.

## From the Parsih Council ...

Plastic and cardboard recycling skips will be in the village hall car park on the 29/06/11 between 9 am and 11.30.

Tim Jalland has unfortunately had to step down as the villages Area Partnership representative and we are therefore looking for anyone interested in donating their time to this project? For more details please contact any member of the council/the clerk.

The village will be welcoming back the 'Lackham Vintage Society' on the Green on evening of the 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2011.

## From our local councillor

This is the time of year when Councils at all levels hold their Annual Meetings. I try to attend all of the Annual Parish Council Meetings as well as the Annual Parish meeting for all seven of the villages in the Division and sometimes there is a change of management but most often there is not. Parish Councils do a huge amount of work for their villages, all of which is vital for the wellbeing of the villages but goes largely unnoticed. There are often small disputes in villages which can involve their Councillors and most often these are resolved quickly and effectively by wise Parish Councillors or Parish Council Chairmen. So spare a thought for those who do work so very hard on a purely voluntary basis for the good of the village and perhaps the odd letter of thanks or word of thanks in the street, pub or shop would not go amiss. From a personal point of view I would like to register my own thanks to your Chairman, Parish Councillors and Parish Clerk for all the excellent working relationship that we enjoy and exercise on your behalf all the year round.

Wiltshire Council also holds its Annual Meeting in May and at that meeting we also elect our Chairman and Vice Chairman. The main

political Groups elect their Leader on an annual basis and we have just re-elected Councillor Jane Scott OBE as our leader for the forthcoming year. Wiltshire is very lucky to have Jane as the Leader of the Council where she works full time and most nights as well, runs a budget of £800million and keeps the Councillors and the Council in order for an allowance of less than half an MP's salary. The Leader also appoints or reappoints Councillors of her Party to Committees on an annual basis and in turn we, the members, re-elect our Committee Chairmen on an annual basis. So this can be a time of change in Councils but it is so much better if the change is managed and handled carefully so that we all continue to work together within and outside our Councils for the good of the community which elects us to do so..

In Steeple Ashton there is always something happening on which we work together and I thoroughly appreciate the positive working relationship with your Chairman Nicholas Hunloke and also the very professional Parish Clerk in Maggie Goodenough. All of us do our best to pull together on community issues and I would like to take this opportunity of wishing your Parish management the best of luck for the forthcoming year.

Jonathon Seed , Member, Summerham and Seend Division  
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### **100 Club results for May and June**

May - 1st Prize - Christopher Langton - £23

2<sup>nd</sup> - Nancy McGregor Johnson - £15

3<sup>rd</sup> - Paulette Bremner Milne - £10

June - 1st Prize - Margaret Saunders - £25

2<sup>nd</sup> - Angela Bullen - £15

3<sup>rd</sup> - Lisa Hammond - £10

## Superfast broadband in Wiltshire

Wiltshire Council is spearheading a drive to bring superfast broadband to communities across the county. The council is investing £16 million so more residents and businesses can have access to super fast broadband. The council is also bidding for a government grant and additional funding from the telecoms industry with the hope of generating more than £30m towards getting Wiltshire ahead in the digital revolution. The council has set a target of giving 85% of premises access to super fast broadband by 2015 - and that target could possibly rise to 95%.

Supporting superfast broadband access is only one part of the council's wider plans to get the county online. Being online is becoming increasingly important and the council will invest in educating people and small businesses to help them get the most out of the internet. The council will also help encourage more elderly people to use online services which will help give them greater independence. It will increase the number of its services that can be accessed online and look to develop its website so more people can pay bills and make enquiries online - increasing access and saving taxpayers' money. To make sure the council targets its investment to the areas which need it most, people across the county are being asked to fill in a survey. All the information gathered will help the council as it works with the telecoms industry to improve access to broadband across Wiltshire. Separate surveys aimed at businesses and residents are available online at:

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/communityandliving/digitalinclusion/digitalinclusionbroadbandsurvey.htm>

The survey can also be obtained by calling 0300 456 0100. The survey will run from April 26 to June 3. Your help in completing the survey or publicising it to local residents and businesses would be very much appreciated. Thank you for your help.

Paul Mountford

[www.westwilts-communityweb.com/site/Bulkington](http://www.westwilts-communityweb.com/site/Bulkington)

**Acknowledgements**  
**Peter Cleverly**  
**Died 7<sup>th</sup> February 2011**

Dankay and family would like to thank everyone who attended Peter's funeral and for the warm and comforting letters and the cards of sympathy. Also many thanks for the generous donations made to Peter's charities - the Alzheimers Society and Age UK. Thank you to the Reverend Renee Coulson & friends at St Peter's Church for their kindness and support at this difficult time.



## POULSHOT LODGE FARM SHOP

Poulshot Lodge Farm Shop opened in July 2010 proudly selling our own home reared beef, as well as locally sourced pork, lamb and poultry. All the meat is butchered on site by our own full time butcher.

As well as our tasty meats we also offer fruit and vegetables, eggs, cheeses, chutneys, bread, our own delicious range of homemade meals and much more. We pride ourselves in the fact that everything is sourced as locally as possible.

So why not call in to see us, reduce your food miles, be sure of 100% food trace ability and enjoy the delicious taste that goes with it! All at very competitive prices.

Opening Times- Tues, Wed, Thurs 10am-5pm, Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 9am-4pm

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