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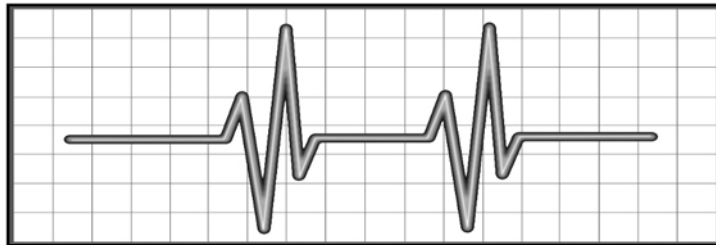
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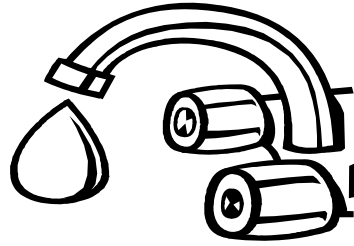
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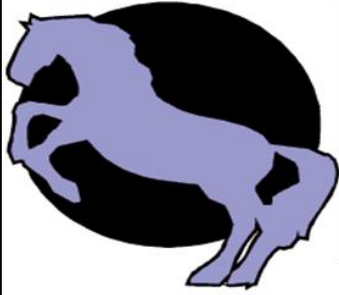
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828333

Clerk - Mrs Maggie Goodenough

827205

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Members - Mrs Sue Aldridge – Mr Joe Baber – Mr Geoff Collett

(Vice Chairman) – Mr Steve Housby – Mr Nicholas Hunloke – Mr

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828232

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Mrs Clair Waldron

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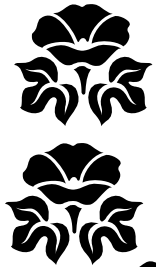
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## Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2011

**Attending** – Mr Nicholas Hunloke (Chairman) (NH), Mr Malcolm Nixon (MN), Mrs Sue Aldridge (SA), Mr Steve Housby (SH), Mr Geoff Collett (GC), Maggie Goodenough (MG) *Parish Clerk*

There were 3 of the public in attendance and WPC Emily Thomas

**1. 86/10/11-Welcome and apologies**

The chairman opened the meeting and welcomed the public; apologies were received from Councillors Joe Baber and Tim Nixon.

**2. 87/10/11– Declaration of interests** – NH asked councillors of any declarations none were received.

**NH opened the session** - NH welcomed Emily and asked her to advise of any issues; Emily explained that there was a suspect vehicle in Seend and since then a theft of a trailer so be alert. Also Emily explained that there had been a reported issue with a dog in Corn Close, a muzzled dog attacked another dog and the owner was injured whilst trying to separate them, Emily explained that she believes that the dog warden will be involved. Nothing else to report. NH asked if anyone else had anything to raise, no one did so the session was closed.

**3. 88/10/11 - Minutes of Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2010** - NH explained that in accordance with the agreement made in item 16/09/10, the minutes from the meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> November 2010 were passed as a true and accurate record of events, all agreed and they were signed by NH in the presence of the council, on the 16<sup>th</sup> November 2010.

**4. Matters arising - 89/10/11 - Pippin Homes Development** – The chairman explained that Ivor Sault was unable to attend the meeting but that he would like to meet with council to go over the plans as they are advancing. Councillors all agreed to meet with Mr Sault on the 18<sup>th</sup> January 2011. NH also read out a letter received from Mr A Kidd, Mr Kidd requested that the new plans should be available for parishioners to view; NH suggested there is no reason why the parishioners should not see the latest plans. SH commented that he understood that the new plans had not yet been put into the planning department and that this may mean that they are not the final plans and suggested waiting until we have spoken to Ivor? SH also pointed out that all submitted plans are available for anyone to view on the Wiltshire Council Website. All agreed that they would discuss this with IS at the aforementioned meeting and respond to Mr Kidd after this.

**90/10/11 – Village Green Risk Assessment-** SH confirmed that this was completed on 01/01/11 and all ok at this point. Copy of the report handed to the Clerk.

**91/10/11 - Village Green** – SH explained that some months ago he attended a course on common land and village greens; he explained that there is a lot of legislation involved. 3 types of land and that there is a Difference in law between Common land and Village greens. SH explained that Poulshot Green is registered as common land, that common land is subject to the road traffic act, meaning all vehicles should be licenced. SH went on to explain that grazing rights, as discussed at previous meetings, must have been reapplied for in 1965 but a parish council may offer contractual grazing rights. He went on to explain about rights of way over the land. He explained that once registered as a village green then it remains so forever, so before taking any actions this must be considered. He continued by explaining that the rules of building on common land restricts the building of any type of enclosure, this includes tennis court net's, also a bus shelter would be classed as an enclosure. Whitehall is the only body that can give permission for building of enclosures on

Common Land. SH finally explained that any By-laws would have to be approved by the government should a council wish to impose them. He commented that the course was very interesting and informative but that there is so much involved in the ownership and permissions of a Village Green that he had barely touched the surface.

**92/10/11 – Parish Steward** – GC very little to comment on Parish Steward at this point, asked if anyone has any points that need work, NH moved it up to Ponds on the Green. He asked if the parish steward would consider this as steward work. GC explained that the ditch on the green is done by the steward so will ask about the ponds.

**93/10/11 - Ponds** – NH read out an update from The Village Trust. This explained that the work has been carried out on two of the ponds in the village but that the work on the large pond has been halted due to a mains sewer. NH to speak to Mr Kidd with regard pipes, GC to look into Wessex water plans about location of pipes. All work on the large green will have to be done manually.

**94/10/11 - Playground safety inspection report** – SA confirmed that she has carried out a visual inspection and that all seems well, but the swing seats are very dirty and the floor area is very slippery. SH informed that TN has been in to clean the area in the last few days. SA to confirm at next meeting.

**95/10/11 - Community Area Partnership** – NH welcomed Tim Jalland, TJ explained that there is still money left in the pot for community projects. Such as the goals posts previously suggested, all councillors agreed that this would be a good plan, Clerk to liaise with Tim about applying for a grant. TJ also explained that now that the partnership is up and running that they are now heading out towards the villages, TJ is going to suggest that the villages list things that they wish to carry out and try to unite the villages on ideas, this will be TJ project in the coming months.

**96/10/11 – Sinton's Insurance** – Clerk explained that the insurance company had been in touch asking for confirmation of the ownership of the manhole cover NH read out the councils reply stating that the council could not comment any further than previously.

**97/10/11 – Playground Survey** – SH explained that further to the notice in the magazine, there had not been a vast response, but he thinks that the council should take the lead about finding things for the village children. A suggestion from a parishioner is that a large play area should be considered. A suggestion is that local land owners or developers are approached for land required. SH asked how much support he would get from the council to progress any ideas forward, as this project would require full support. MN asked to see plans of suggested areas, pictures were provided for viewing, as a suggested idea. Councillors debated the idea and debated the size of the area required. Insurance would have to be discussed as this would increase. NH suggested that he would not be against taking this forward. All councillors would be happy to support further investigations. SH to report on progress at next meeting.

**98/10/11 – Fibre Optic Broadband** – SH explained that the village has been leafleted to encourage people to join in the race for infinity BT, unfortunately this has been unsuccessful as a 75% take up was required. SH explained that Wiltshire council have ring-fenced some money for such a project. SH suggested that a letter is sent to the CEO of Wiltshire Council asking for funding. Other ideas put forward have been microwave masts from Seend to Poulshot. SH to liaise with MW (WW) about wording of a letter to Wiltshire Council.

**99/10/11 – Willow Trees** – Clerk confirmed that the work is re-scheduled for 5/01/10 and that any wood would be left for the villagers.

**100/10/11 –Royal Wedding Celebrations** – NH asked if anyone has any ideas about wedding celebrations, MN commented that the village pub is hoping to get a marquee for the day. NH suggested that the council leave the celebrations to the pub and allow the council to join in at the Jubilee in 2012. All agreed!

**101/10/11 – Community Cleansing Grant** – The clerk explained that Wiltshire Council will no longer be running the Community Cleansing grant; this has previously been applied for with regard the cleaning of the playground. Clerk to investigate if skips will still be available in the village.

**102/10/11 – St Peter’s Church Jubilee celebrations** - NH read out a letter received from St Peters Church asking for the council to let them know of any ideas when decided as they would like to join in. All councillors agreed to discuss this at a later meeting.

**103/10/11 – Melksham Food and Drink Festival 2011** – NH explained that a letter has been received from Melksham Food and Drink festival 2011 asking for funding and all councillors rejected the idea, but suggested forwarding the information to local businesses that may be interested in joining in.

**104/10/11 – Parish Elections 2013** – The Clerk reminded the councillors that further to the decision of the newly formed Wiltshire Council, that the next parish elections would not be held until 2013.

**105/10/11 – Allotment Vacancy** – NH explained that no interested parties had stepped up for the currently vacant allotment, to be advertised in the magazine one more time and carried forward to the next meeting.

**106/10/11 – Aqua Sacs** – Clerk explained that an order form has now been received and confirmed that as per minute point 20/10/11, 200 are to be ordered. Clerk to confirm price per Sac on order.

**107/10/11 - Unauthorised Parking on village green** – NH explained that a parishioner had complained about parking of vehicles on the green, SH explained that vehicles parked on the green must be taxed, but if they are then there is little that can be done under the common land laws. SH suggested that putting boulders to stop the parking. SH suggested writing to the people who park vehicles on the green. GC to investigate further the people parking on the Green opposite the Raven Pub.

**108/10/11 – Ditches on Village Green Maintenance** – NH explained that this had been covered in point 92/10/11 with regard the Parish Steward.

**5. 109/10/11 Finances**

**A Payments approved and made between meetings**

Payable	Net	VAT	Gross
Over 60's Group	250.00	0.00	250.00
Malcolm Nixon (reseeding of Barleyhill Lane)	60.00	0.00	60.00

**Payments made between meetings - approved in minutes point 104/09/10**  
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Curry's Electrical Store - Purchase of Laptop	850.00	126.60	723.80
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**Payments to be authorized**

M Goodenough (Clerks Salary Dec - Jan)	190.83	0.00	190.83
M Goodenough - expenses (ink cartridge)	15.99	0.00	15.99

B Current Balance sheet and payments, Clerk confirmed that the current balance on the account, after the afore mentioned cheques was £4951.60

C Clerk explained that at the finance meeting in November 2010 that the councillors present had agreed that the precept for 2011/12 should remain at £5000pa and asked councillors to vote their agreement of this sum, all apart from SH agreed, SH declined to vote as he had not attended the finance meeting. The Chairman signed the form to be sent to Wiltshire Council

D Clerk asked all councillors to vote on the continued use of JS Weeks for the internal audit and Mazaars for 2010/11. Chairman asked councillors to confirm the continued employment of Mrs Maggie Goodenough as the Clerk and Financial Officer for 2011/12. All agreed on all points.

E The clerk explained that the role of clerk is an employed position, with all employment rights and with a salary of £1145 pa.

**12 110/10/11 – Planning**

Applications granted – NH confirmed the applications received since the last meeting – no objections had been received.

K/56219/F	Mr and Mrs P Henshaw Home Close, Barley Hill Lane, SN10 1RT	Outline planning for erection of dwelling and garage	No objections received
E/10/1513/TCA	15 Barley Hill Lane, SN101RS	Work to trees	No objections received

**6. 111/10/11 -Next Meeting**

The chairman confirmed that the next meeting, would be held on Tuesday 1st March 2011 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

## “Mr and Mrs Evening”

St Valentine’s Day is essentially an intensely private affair between couples, and so, for the evening planned for Poulshot on 12<sup>th</sup> February, we should all have anticipated cosy candle-lit tables for two, romantic background music and lots of whispered asides, and all in the Village Hall. It wasn’t quite like that!

Instead, three brave couples, **Yvonne and Joe Baber**, **Penny and Tim Nixon**, and **Judy and Philip Piper** submitted themselves to a highly competitive and public dissection of their married lives, by those extreme ‘Mistresses of Ceremonies’, **Paulette Bremner-Milne** and **Janet James**. The competing couples were invited to air their agreement, or their disagreement, over such intimate details as ‘Who does the ironing and the washing up’, ‘Who gets the early-morning tea’, ‘Who leaves their clothes on the floor’, and ‘How did he propose to you?’ The asides, heard by all, as the competing couples decided what each’s answer was, and the hilarity when anyone claimed an unlikely quality, which was not infrequently, kept us all in stitches. We even learned the remarkable ‘fact’ that 68% (whoever came up with that statistic?) of men had NEVER given their wives flowers! Tut, tut.

And in the interval we were served a delicious Ploughman’s Supper, prepared by **Kate Amery**, **Angela Bullen**, **Joyce Arnold** and **Dot Woods**. It was a fun evening, with lots of laughs and lots of related chat with friends from the village and also with many from outside, which was nice, and when the entertainment was over, the party began again; after all, no-one wished to take home half empty bottles.

All in all it was a very successful evening, particularly for the Winners, who were **Penny and Tim Nixon!** Congratulations to them and thanks to all those who organised the party.

## **WILTSHIRE COUNCILLOR NEWS FROM JONATHON SEED**

Councils across the Country are having to look carefully at their income and expenditure and by the time you read this there will be a Wiltshire Council budget set for next year and a Financial Plan for the next four years will have been adopted. In Wiltshire we are taking a long term view of how we address our financial planning and not simply making cuts as we move into the age of austerity. This means taking a long hard look at our spending priorities and as well as making savings we are increasing expenditure on roads but especially on adult social care where we are the only Council in the country to allocate an additional £52million to address the forecast increase in demand for adult social care over the next four years. The detail of the Financial Plan is available on the Council website and is worth a read if you really want to see exactly how the Council is planning for all of our futures. In Summerham and Seend we are getting on with life and the Council is helping where it can. I am pleased that the new Lay By in Spout Lane, Seend is completed. For many years this has been a much needed highways improvement and has only happened now because of a good deal of pushing within County Hall and is an excellent example of the emerging Localism and changing financial situation. We came to accept that the Spout Lane project was never going to achieve a high enough priority in the Council Highways budget so we set about “helping” and “pushing” it along. We took the project to the Melksham Area Transport Committee, and it was accepted as one of the top four achievable transport projects for the Area. Over one third of the cost of the Lay By has come from Area Board and Parish Council funding and with the serious impetus given by this community prioritisation and funding the work has been completed. I suspect that this local way of working may well be the way forward to getting things done but it does mean that we can have real local influence and a real sense that we can set local community priorities. The Wiltshire Council proposals for the new £23million Community Area Campus were unveiled at the Area Board in February. These proposals outline the provision of all Council services on one site adjacent to the Melksham Oak School. The plans now includes a new swimming pool, leisure centre, a new and bigger Library complete with community IT suite, and an indoor bowls centre as

well as catering and other services. Free parking and bus transport to the Campus also form part of the plans. These are exciting times for the Community in and around Melksham and you can have your say on how the Campus is developed by taking part in the Campus consultation run by the Community Area Partnership at <http://melksham.communityarea.org.uk>. You can also turn up and have your say at the special Melksham Area Board Campus Meeting on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March at six o'clock in the Melksham Assembly Rooms. It is here that decisions on the Campus proposals will be made by your Councillors.

Jonathon Seed

### **The Badgers' Worton and Cheverell F.C.**

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The Under 9s maintain their winning streak with 3 friendly matches all being won recently, including a 3-1 win against Devizes Town local rivals. In other age groups the Club have also played well, with some thrilling matches, including the Adult fixture against Castle Combe. The match left the team in 3<sup>rd</sup> position in Division 2 of the Trowbridge and District League. Despite taking a 1 goal lead, they were losing 3-1 at the interval, before turning the game around. In an excellent second half they fought back to share the spoils with a 3-3 draw. At Under 10 level, the team played two matches against Warminster, drawing 1-1 and winning the second by a close 1-0. Great passing and teamwork ensured that the first half goal by Jack turned out to be the winner. But some great defensive work and goalkeeping by James ensured the success, with the visitors twice hitting the woodwork. Strong performance, despite the terrible weather conditions that day. One for the calendar: U11 team have reached the Semi-Finals in the League Cup, and will play Chippenham on 5<sup>th</sup> March, at Leafy Lane, Corsham. All spectators are welcome, time to be advised but please contact the Manager if interested (see website for contact details).

**Steve Dagnall** 01380-727976

### **The Wednesday Group**

The topic for discussion on 9<sup>th</sup> February was "Are the Church of England's concept of a 'Broad Church', and its position as a 'State Church' helpful or even sustainable in its development? Has the Church too much Baggage?" The silence that greeted this when it was read out perhaps indicated that it was something of 'A Bridge Too Far', but we pressed on, by no means always on the subject but certainly always around it.

The meaning of a 'State Church' is clear. It is the Established Church of England, and the Queen is its Head. Its Archbishops and Bishops, some of whom sit in the House of Lords, part of the legislature, are selected by the Queen on the advice of her government, who are politicians, and who might be of any religion or none at all. The Church and its clergy have certain legal and civil functions, such as the registration of marriages and of funerals. It is also the guardian of a very large number of our schools and therefore responsible for the education of many of our children, in conjunction of course with a politically motivated government. Broadly speaking, the one area in which the Church is largely independent is that of finance. It is largely self-funded which means catering for all the costs of the clergy, from training to pensions, and the maintenance of one of the nation's most wonderful heritages, its buildings. These costs fall on the Church and must be met from Church funds and from its members, through donations, fund-raising and the collections taken at services. As the Church struggles to pay its way at a time when costs are going up and income down, it was suggested that the Church should be financially aided by the state, but this would mean further political control, a frightening thought, and hardly a starter in the foreseeable future. We agreed that on balance the Church should remain established and look to ways of attracting both new members and new money.

One other part of the discussion centred on the breadth of the religious responsibilities of the Church, the so-called Broad Church. These responsibilities and functions stem largely from its traditions and its history - it has a tradition of being 'all things to all men'. It was created when England broke away from the Roman Catholic Church although there are still many similarities in the two, The Church of England has its 'High' and its 'Low' congregations and often seems to suffer from its tolerant attitude to other faiths, practices and beliefs. It seems in today's politically correct world that the Church of England is expected to accept attacks on it without retaliating; it always turns the other cheek. Therefore we felt that if the Church is to

retain its position it needs to adopt a much more robust defence and to demonstrate its legal and traditional pre-eminence, while still retaining its tolerance of others.

Finally, we looked at the Church's relations with the Anglican Church overseas. While these remain tenuous, the major differences of practice and interpretation between the Church of England and the Churches in Africa and in America, particularly over the ordination of women priests and bishops, and of homosexuality within the clergy, represent a significant distraction to our own Archbishops as they try to steer a middle course, in the end pleasing nobody, and presenting a picture of a Church at odds with itself. This encourages the knockers and discourages potential newcomers.

Whatever solutions are arrived at, it seems we have a fight on our hands to keep OUR Church.

There will be NO meeting in March as our normal date clashes with Ash Wednesday when there will be a service that evening in St Peter's. We will meet on 13<sup>th</sup> April – topic to be decided!

John Quinn

### **Letter from the Vicar – March 2011**

Ash Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> March this year, is the first day of Lent, the 40 days that precedes Holy Week and Easter. In the Bible the number 40 relates to the period spent in the Ark by Noah, the period spent by Israel seeking the Promised Land after the Exodus, and the amount of time Jesus was in the wilderness after his baptism and prior to beginning his ministry. For Christians, the Season of Lent is an invitation to 40 days of renewal ("Lent" means "spring"), 40 days to prepare ourselves to take in the Good News of Easter through deeper disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Ash is the traditional sign of sorrow and repentance, as well as a sign of "mortality". Receiving Holy Communion reminds us that God's love triumphs over sin and death, and that God remains "in communion" with us - that in Christ, our mortality is overcome.

So why do we bother having ash smeared on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday? Well - the answer is that while we gather to remember who we are, we also remember who God is - and what He has done

for us, in and through Jesus. God has committed himself to us - and given us a sign of that commitment - the cross. During the 40 days of Lent this year we will have ample opportunities to show our commitment to Christ. Lent groups (on the theme of the parables of Jesus) will meet on Wednesday mornings and Thursday evenings (see details elsewhere in this magazine). Extra services are planned for Holy Week, or you can follow your own devotional study at home, or join me for Morning Prayer each day as we pray for each other, and for the world (again, please see separate details).

I know Lent is often seen as a time of giving things up – chocolates or cigarettes are favourites - but actually it would be far better if we gave our time or our money (perhaps from saving the cost of those chocolates and cigarettes!) to a charity, or someone in need – there are so many different ways in which we can live out our faith, and make God’s kingdom just a little closer here on earth. May you come to know Him and His love more wholly over the next few days and weeks.

*Renée*

## **CHURCH NOTICES**

### Ash Wednesday service of Holy Communion

Wednesday 9 Mar      7.30 pm      Poulshot Church

Morning Prayer: *Mondays and Thursdays to Saturdays*: 8.30 am Seend Church. *Tuesdays*: 9.00 am Poulshot Church. *Wednesdays*: 11.30 am Bulkington Church.

### Lent group meetings - “The Parables of Jesus”:

Thursdays 10, 17, 24, 31 Mar and 7, 14 Apr  
7.30 pm      Vicarage, Seend

Wednesdays 16, 23, 30 Mar and 6, 13 Apr  
11.30 am      Bulkington Church

Confirmation Classes starting Fri 4 Mar 5.30-7.00 pm at the Vicarage. This is intended primarily for young teenagers but if there is sufficient interest, an additional course might be considered. Confirmation is scheduled for the evening of Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May. Please contact Sue Taylor (01225 709360) or the Vicar (827285) for further details

Graves, Memorials, etc. It is that time of year when we must once again ask people to please remove from family graves any Christmas wreaths, artificial flowers, butterflies and all unauthorised memorials (please refer to the churchyard regulations, an extract of which is on display either on the noticeboard or church gate). All such items that

are still in place on 8<sup>th</sup> March will be removed, but stored for safekeeping for three months, so that they may be reclaimed, if wanted.

Easter Lilies. We recognize that many people like to commemorate a loved one. There could perhaps be no better occasion than on Easter Sunday, when we celebrate new life in the resurrection of our Lord. We would like to offer everyone the opportunity to order a lily, to be used in the Easter flower displays in church - at a cost not exceeding £2 each (cost to be confirmed nearer the time, as it will depend on availability). Please sign the list at the back of your church (from the beginning of April), or contact a Churchwarden if you would like to take part in this scheme.

### **SEEND AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB**

Alison Peterson, now retired from Lackham College, returned to speak at our February meeting. Her subject was Companion Planting, which is the planting together of 2 or more plants to their mutual benefit. She pointed out that there is no scientific evidence to prove that it works or to state why it works, but the knowledge is anecdotal and goes back in time through gardening practice. There are several reasons for the choice of plants that go together. One might protect the other from wind or heat or provide support, as in the native American idea of 'the three sisters', beans climbing up sweet corn with squash sheltered at the base and conserving moisture in the ground for the other two. Some plants will attract pollinators to help each other such as a bean climbing a sunflower. Other plants repel certain pests or attract beneficial insects. Probably the best known combination is that of onions and carrots in which the scent of the onions masks the smell of the carrots from carrot fly, and all the onion family, ornamental alliums included, repel aphids, so plant chives or garlic near roses. Nasturtiums attract black fly away from broad beans. Poached egg plant attracts bees for pollination and hover flies which eat aphids. If you are interested to know more, try googling companion planting for other combinations.

The competition was won by Jeni Raby-Cox. Next month, March 8th will be our Spring Bulb show. Contact Sue Jones for a schedule if you didn't pick one up at the meeting.

Sue Carter will speak about the Gardens of Lacock Abbey where she is head gardener. You should receive a notice soon about our May evening walk which will be a guided tour of these gardens.

Sue.

## **LADIES READING GROUP**

The book we have ordered from the library is very popular with other groups and we still have a few weeks to wait. Therefore we will continue with our proposed meeting on March 8th, at 7.30p.m. in the village hall. It will be a "GOOD READ" session, with members bringing recommendations of books which they have recently enjoyed and if you have any books to share around, please bring them as well. If you would like to come along to join in please just turn up, with or without a book. The library hope to have our collection of the shared book read in about 6 weeks.

Jackie Pohnert

## **Worton Art Café**

Our next meetings with the following themed activities will be on:

Sat 19<sup>th</sup> March: Wearable Art; masks, head gear, bangles and collars... Whatever takes your fancy!

Sat 16<sup>th</sup> April: "Spring is in the air" Water Colour Techniques.

Sat May 21<sup>st</sup>: Simple screen and block printing techniques.

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The Foodbank is a registered charity and relies on the donations of food that have in the year up to July 2010, provided food for 455 adults and 55 children via 35 distributor agencies, from seven tons of donated food. But the charity is also in urgent need of volunteers to ensure that it can continue this invaluable service to the community. The tasks that make up the whole activity are many and various – some volunteers are needed weekly, others seasonally and others occasionally and some are active and some more administrative – all kinds of skills are valuable and all contribute to the whole.

If you are interested in the work of the Foodbank and can spare some time to help, please call **Janet Tanner** on **01380 738155**, or the **Co-ordinator** on **078 0797 3605**.

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**MONTHLY PATTERN OF SERVICES (as at 1 January 2011)**

SUN	Seend	Bulkington	Poulshot
1 <sup>st</sup>	8.00 HC (Trad) 11.15 AAW	9.30 AAW	6.00 Evensong
2 <sup>nd</sup>	8.00 HC (Trad) 11.15 PC	6.00 Evensong	9.30 Matins
3 <sup>rd</sup>	8.00 HC (Trad) 11.15 PC	9.30 PC	6.00 PC (Trad)
4 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 HC (Trad) 11.15 FC	6.00 PC	9.30 FC
5 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 HC (Trad)		
	10.00 BS		

**HC:** **Holy Communion:** a short service, without hymns, with liturgy from Common Worship (CW 2000) Trad. means that the liturgy is from the Book of Common Prayer 1662.

**PC:** **Parish Communion:** A modern language service, except where otherwise stated, with hymns.

**FC:** **Family Communion:** Again, a modern language service, with hymns. This is normally a shorter service, for all the family.

**AAW:** **All Age Worship:** A less formal service for all, without Communion, for all the family. with a mixture of modern and traditional worship.

**Matins/Evensong** These are traditional services from the Book of Common Prayer.

**BS:** **Benefice Service.** Normally a service without Communion, where all the Parish Churches of the Benefice meet for worship, together with the congregation from Seend Methodist Chapel. The preaching slot will often be taken by outside speakers.

**Prayers for Wholeness and Healing.** These are gentle, reflective services, where prayers are offered for and with those who are struggling with life. Sometimes Communion and anointing are also offered. The services take place approximately every three months, in one of our “link” churches

*We hope there is a form of service for everyone in the Benefice area to enjoy and find helpful. You will be welcome at any of the services at any of the churches, whether or not you are a regular churchgoer There are sometimes changes to these services so please check the church noticeboards and the parish magazines for further details, or phone Renée (01380 827285) or Sue Taylor (01225 709360).*

**Church Services Poulshot, Seend and Bulkington**

9.30a.m. Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March All Age Worship Bulkington

11.15a.m.	All Age Worship	Seend
<b>6.00p.m.</b>	<b>Evensong</b>	<b>Poulshot</b>
Sidesman – Mr M. Hues	Reader – Mr M. Hues	
<u>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March – Ash Wednesday</u>		
<b>5.30 p.m.</b>	<b>Benefice Communion Service</b>	<b>Poulshot</b>
<u>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March</u>		
5.30 p.m.	Compline	Seend
<u>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March</u>		
<b>9.30a.m.</b>	<b>Matins</b>	<b>Poulshot</b>
Sidesman – Mr B. Arnold.	Reader – Mrs K. Amery	
11.15a.m.	Parish Communion	Seend
6.00p.m.	Evensong	Bulkington
<u>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March</u>		
11.30 a.m.	Mid-day Prayer	Bulkington
<u>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March</u>		
<b>7.30 p.m.</b>	<b>Compline</b>	<b>Poulshot</b>
<u>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March</u>		
9.30a.m.	Parish Communion	Bulkington
11.15a.m.	Parish Communion	Seend
<b>6.00p.m.</b>	<b>Parish Communion</b>	<b>Poulshot</b>
Sidesman – Mrs J. Arnold	Reader – Mr B. Arnold	
<u>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March</u>		
11.30 a.m.	Mid-day Prayer	Bulkington
<u>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March</u>		
7.30 p.m.	Compline	Seend
<u>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March</u>		
<b>9.30a.m.</b>	<b>Family Communion</b>	<b>Poulshot</b>
Sidesman – Mrs S. Quinn	Reader – The Vicar	
11.15a.m.	Family Communion	Seend
6.00p.m.	Family Communion	Bulkington
<u>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March</u>		
11.30 a.m.	Mid-day Prayer	Bulkington
<u>Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March</u>		
<b>7.30 p.m.</b>	Compline	Poulshot
<u>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April</u>		
9.30 – 10 a.m.	All Age Worship	Bulkington
<b>9.30 a.m.</b>	<b>All Age Worship in the Chapel-at-Ease</b>	<b>Poulshot</b>
9.30 a.m. A	All Age Worship	Seend
Sidesman – Mr C. Saunders	Reader – Mrs I. Arnold	

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I would be so grateful for your support.  
Thank you. Sally Hawkins.

## **Poulshot Reading Group.**

Open to all with the (age) restriction that the intention would be to meet once a month at the Raven during the evening (either Tues, Wed, Thurs) and a time best suited to all but around 7.30-8 pm. The group would self decide what books to read/discuss over the next 3 months which would give individuals enough time to acquire/loan/buy the books. Anyone interested in joining is requested to inform me either by email ([pipers2poulshot@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:pipers2poulshot@tiscali.co.uk)) or by phone(828236); if there is sufficient interest then the group would meet in the pub at a mutually agreed time sometime in Feb.  
Philip

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