

## From our local Councillor ...

Wiltshire Council has been in the news recently and to the local newspaper reader it would seem to be for all the wrong reasons. After a marathon twelve hour Council Budget meeting last month the local newspapers chose to report some minor smart phone squabble relating to about .001% of the annual Council budget as headline news. This is in spite of the fact that at its Budget setting meeting Wiltshire Council set a budget for £850million, made NO front line service cuts, froze Council tax for the year and set a four year financial and business plan that is unique across the Country. Still perhaps we should look beyond our borders and not only appreciate but defend the right of our free press to publish what they want whether we like it or not - and with the outside world in such turmoil perhaps we should be grateful that a minor squabble about smart phones is all that our local press have to focus on.

Locally we have much to look forward to. The Melksham Area Board has now made recommendations that should lead to the modern Community Area Campus being delivered in our Area within the next two years. If the proposals are accepted all the Leisure, Library and Council services will be in one centre next to Melksham Oak School together with a café facility. This Campus will be within easy reach of the village and should make access to all the facilities on offer much easier for residents. People may well change how they structure their days they may well drive to the Campus (which will have ample free parking) and use the Library or leisure facilities either before or after they drop or collect children from school. What is important is that there should be such a facility available to the people in our area to use - and we are getting that facility ahead of every other Area of Wiltshire. So as the daffodils surface from their long sleep and the sun starts to warm we have much to look forward to in our lovely part of Wiltshire whether it is the prospect of summer, extensive new local facilities or even the village Royal Wedding celebrations at the end of April.

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## Rowde Primary School

### **Success in local Football Tournament**

Rowde emerged as proud winners of the Dauntseys 7 a-side Football Tournament with both teams unbeaten! The 'A' team, playing in a league competition drew two games and won the other 5 to make them league champions by two points over their nearest challengers St. Joseph's. The 'B' team did better still drawing just one game and winning all the rest, including a runaway 3-0 victory over St. Joseph's 'B' in the championship decider! What makes this tournament much more challenging is that no goalkeepers are allowed and all teams must field a minimum of two girl players. This makes the two Rowde teams achievement still more remarkable because the 'A' team conceded only 2 goals in 7 matches and the 'B' team only 1 goal in seven matches. Not surprisingly Rowde emerged as winners of the overall tournament and came away with a magnificent trophy to mark their achievement. So many congratulations to all the 5 girls and 12 boys involved!

**There's something for all the family at the "Seaside Spectacular" on 21<sup>st</sup> May - 12:00 - 2:30....** The School will be transformed into a traditional seaside pier atmosphere with a whole host of themed games, stalls and attractions. The children can enjoy a choice of 3 shows by our guest star Kooky the Clown. Ticket sale details will be announced after Easter. For all "children" out there, we will have a surf simulator to challenge your balancing skills, or perhaps you would like to have a go in our Limbo competition

Food wise there will be plenty of choice from the Café-sur Mer, the BBQ, Pimms Tent and in true British seaside fashion you will also be able to buy candy floss. There really is something for all the family and everyone is welcome, so please make sure that you put this date in your diary. All proceeds raised will go towards new outdoor play equipment.

**Bag 2 School** Many, many thanks to those of you who donated bags for our collection, we managed to raise a magnificent £765.50 - the highest amount ever! We will repeat our collection throughout Rowde and Poulshot which is planned for 13/14<sup>th</sup> October, so please look out for details nearer the time.

## A letter from the Revd. Maureen Allchin.....

Since March I have been supporting our Vicar, the Revd. Renée Coulson, as Assistant Priest, taking services, etc. As you may see me around the Benefice I thought you might like to know a little about me.

I was born in 1950 and brought up in Ealing, West London, living on a council housing estate with my parents and two older brothers. My secondary education was at a girl's school which seemed to specialise in producing teachers and nurses. I eventually joined the ranks of the former, and have taught in inner-city schools in Liverpool and London and later in Steyning, West Sussex, where I became the Pastoral Deputy of a school of 2,300 students. I became a Christian whilst a student myself, and joined a Baptist church. Whilst teaching in London I was involved in youth work and drug rehabilitation work. In 1975 I joined a Christian community at Whatcombe House in Dorset, running a Conference and Counselling centre which particularly focused on the healing ministry of the church. I grew to love the Anglican liturgy and centrality of the Eucharist and was confirmed into the Anglican Church in 1978. I was ordained priest in 1994 - the first year women were able to become priests. I left teaching in 1993 and became a Curate in Storrington, West Sussex and then became a vicar with 6 churches in the Bridport area of Dorset. I was there for 10 years before moving to Wiltshire in 2005. Due to my limited mobility problems I do not work full time now, but support the church as an interim minister - managing change in challenging situations. I have recently been the Rector of the Canalside Benefice (around Hilperton) and Holy Trinity Church, Trowbridge. I am an obsessive traveller, and have, for many years, been organising pilgrimages to Israel/Palestine (with 3 trips currently being advertised), Jordan, Egypt, Syria (with a trip planned for 2012) and South Africa. I am passionate about genealogy and now have over 16,000 names on my family tree! I enjoy music and watching TV and happily admit to being a fan of Eastenders (thanking God that Walford is not my parish!!) I love living in Wiltshire and in Bulkington. You can contact me at 4 Northfields, SN10 1SE or at [maureen@mallchin.co.uk](mailto:maureen@mallchin.co.uk)

# Wilton



# Windmill

Wilton Windmill is off the A338 between Burbage & Hungerford SN8 3SW  
[www.wiltonwindmill.co.uk](http://www.wiltonwindmill.co.uk)

## Painting Days at Wilton Windmill

**Sundays : June 19<sup>th</sup>, August 14<sup>th</sup>, August 21<sup>st</sup>**

Come and enjoy a day in the fresh air at Wilton Windmill (near Great Bedwyn) - glorious views, fascinating industrial architecture, vintage machinery to draw and paint. Open to artists of all levels.

Professional artist/tutor on site to offer help.

ENTRY: £5 per artist includes:

Morning: self directed - bring a picnic

Afternoon 2-5 pm: Free entry to mill interior

Free tea or coffee      Advice from artist/tutor

AND...Free entry for 1 piece of windmill-related artwork to the Art Exhibition at the Windmill Heritage Open Day on Saturday September 10<sup>th</sup> 2011.

To book a place, please contact: Hilary Arnold-Baker  
01672 870360 [hilaryarnoldbaker@talktalk.net](mailto:hilaryarnoldbaker@talktalk.net)

## MAY FOOD FAIR

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May 12 noon to 5pm

A festival of local food

Wind-milled bread, barbecues and real ale    Free tastings and artisan food market    Pimms, home-made teas  
Fresh seafood to aid Hugh's Fish Fight  
Cookery demonstrations and Cooks' Bookshop  
Live music, Punch & Judy, Farm animals and children's games

Dear Poulshot Village and Community

Myself and quite a number of my fellow Bee Keepers from the Kennet BeeKeepers Association (KBKA) arrived for the first time in Poulshot on Friday the 1<sup>st</sup> of April and I thought it would be appropriate to introduce ourselves to you. The Kennet BeeKeepers' Association is one of five Bee Keeping Associations in Wiltshire. We are a member club of the Wiltshire BeeKeepers' Association, which in turn is a member club of the British BeeKeepers' Association. Our own club nearly met its demise in around 2007 and was down to 3 or 4 active members (due I suspect to club politics and personalities with many BeeKeepers drifting away to neighbouring associations). Local bee farmer Terry Cooke (of Hedgerow Honey Farm) took over running the club and his enthusiasm has regenerated the club. In rebuilding the club one of our biggest priorities has been to find a site for the club's Apiary. ("Apiary": site of bee hives)

One of key aims of the club is to introduce people to bees and train them in the art of Bee Keeping. For this we need a club Apiary and although in 2010 the club made more income from honey sales than membership the purpose of our Apiary is educational and members meet each week at the Apiary during the Spring and Summer to handle and inspect the bees and hopefully learn good habits and best practice. In the Autumn of 2010 villagers Richard and Siobhan Watton offered the club a site for the club's Apiary in Poulshot and after some ground work, by Richard Watton, our four club hives were moved to Poulshot early one Friday morning in March. Just in time for the first club Apiary meeting of the year. Our discovery of Poulshot village hall was a wonderful bonus and we have now booked the village hall for both club meetings in the summer and the class room side of our bee keeping courses.

Finally I would like to make you an invitation and I probably need to reassure some people. Many people confuse bees and wasps and you may be concerned you will now be plagued by 100s of 'stinging things' whilst enjoying your gardens in the summer. Honey bees (which are what the club keeps) are different from the wasps that so spoil one's time in the garden in August. Honey bees spend most of their lives collecting nectar (and pollen) from flowers and in general are not interested, unlike wasps, in the sugary foods you have on your patio table or

picnic. Wasps are also carnivores and will have used their sting many times to kill other insects before they devour them, so they will not think twice about stinging you. Honey bees, on the other hand, only use their sting in self-defence and normally only when their hive is threatened directly. (The club keeps well behaved bees that allow you to stand right next to the hive and watch the bees coming or going. [If they don't the queen gets changed straight away which then improves the characteristics of the bees in the hive]).

You may also be concerned that our bees might swarm and descend on your garden in what I suspect to most people would be a pretty frightening cloud of buzzing bees. I can't guarantee that will not happen but I would like to assure you that our bees are probably some of the most inspected in Wiltshire and our bee keepers would see if our bees are preparing to swarm around a week before they would actually do so and our Apiary manager and Educational officer I know will delight in demonstrating to those members keen to learn how we stop bees swarming. But if you or anyone your know do find a swarm of honey bees in your garden (see links below for identification) do give us a call and we'll come and rescue them and pass them on to a club member who does not have any bees. (Sorry but we have no skills, or insurance, to deal with wasps or bumble bees.)

There may be one or two small benefits to our Apiary being in your village: Our bees may provide gardeners with a free pollination service and we should be able to sell villagers with hay fever local honey that contains pollens local to your area, regular consumption of which apparently helps alleviate the symptoms in some people. Finally my invitation. If you are interested in knowing a little more about honey bees or would like to come and see our Apiary please contact our Apiary manager and you will be most welcome at one of our weekly Apiary sessions. We have bee suits/ veils for visitors.

Links:KBKA website: <http://www.kennet-beekeepers.co.uk/>

If you see a swarm of bees: <http://www.kennet-beekeepers.co.uk/swarms>

BBKA swarms, bees and wasps: [http://www.britishbee.org.uk/swarm\\_help.php](http://www.britishbee.org.uk/swarm_help.php)

Apiary manager: Keith Hudson 01380-829626/ 07867-528799

Jeremy Pack KBKA Chairman [Jeremy@funandwildthings.co.uk](mailto:Jeremy@funandwildthings.co.uk)

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## SEEND AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

On the 12<sup>th</sup> April we held our 37<sup>th</sup> AGM at which the committee was re-elected en bloc with the addition of Peter Fisher who was volunteered, with great acclaim, to replace Monica Ridgway who has decided not to continue. Monica was thanked for her work, particularly with organising day trips. Carole Vince will continue as Chairman, Sue Johns and Joyce Brand as co- Secretaries and Joe Hardstaff as Treasurer. The officers and committee were thanked for their work by David Raby-Cox. The Gill Edgely cup for the most points in our monthly competitions was awarded to Jenni Raby-Cox, who asked more members to have a go at entering, as it is becoming a very small, select group. The business being finished very quickly, members moved on to refreshments and socialising. Many thanks to all the members who provided a wonderful spread, and David for fetching and serving the wine. We were then entertained by Nikki Softley from The Bridge Inn at Horton who talked about the tradition of canal art. Decorating the canal barges and everything in and on them with castles and roses has been going on since the birth of the canals themselves and probably before, as members have come across this work in various parts of the world. The decoration possibly started because the barges were working boats on which families lived and the women who spent their lives in these surroundings would have wanted to cheer up their homes and utensils. There were, and are, recognised artists for this work and they belong to the Waterways Craft Guild. Nikki is now a Journeyman member. She paints for pleasure and decorates and sells jugs, bowls, mirrors and other items for the home. She then demonstrated to a changing group as we cleared up around her!

We have a very good number of members attending the Lacock walk and the trip to Sudely Castle. There is still space on the coach for the latter. The deadline for the Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July trip to Mapperton and Tintinhull is May 31<sup>st</sup> at the latest. Enquiries for that to Monica. Details and timings for all the outings are on the leaflets so don't lose them!

Last but not least we need plants to sell at the school May Fayre on 14<sup>th</sup> May (excess veg and flower seedlings for instance) and Seend Fete on 13<sup>th</sup> August. Thank you to the members who volunteered help for both these events. We will be in touch nearer the time.

Sue.

## POULSHOT VILLAGE TRUST PONDS PROJECT

Years ago ponds were very much a part of the English rural landscape. They provided water for villagers, a drinking place for cattle and sheep on their way to market and water for horses pulling farm machinery and carts. Nobody swims witches these days either! Sadly most of these pond have fallen in to disrepair and as soon as man stops caring for them, nature takes over.

Poulshot has several ponds in and around the village. Poulshot Ponds Project's aim was to restore three such neglected ponds as part of the Village Trust's overall plan to preserve the village. To date, two ponds have been restored. Both were in a bad state, either choked with bulrushes, silt & debris, or stagnant with overhanging branches & dead trees and overgrown with brambles on the margins. The aim of the project was to let more light enter the water and surrounding area thus encouraging aquatic plants, invertebrates and wildlife to thrive as well as providing attractive area of interest for the village. The work was carried out in December 2010 by Wiltshire Rural Services. Renovation work on a third pond on the village green has been postponed until late Autumn to avoid disturbing a protected species, the Great Crested Newt during its breeding cycle. Restoration and management of this pond is very important as it is hoped that some newts will migrate to the other newly renovated ponds after their winter hibernation on land.

POULSHOT PONDS PROJECT is most grateful to the two funders: A Landfill Communities Fund grant from **VIRIDOR** credits through **COMMUNITY FIRST**, the Community Council for Wiltshire and a grant from **WILTSHIRE COUNCIL**. There will be an official opening of the ponds at 10.30 am on Friday June 3<sup>rd</sup> with an address by Perry Chadwyck-Healey, chairman of the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust.

## Wednesday Group

We met on 13<sup>th</sup> April to attempt to answer the question, "Is the concept of Soul a prerequisite for the Christian faith, or for any other religion?" Our biggest problem lay in deciding what the Soul is and despite there only being eleven of us at the meeting, there were a lot more than eleven definitions and explanations for the word. Alternative words for the same concept - Human Spirit, Life Force, Inner Self - didn't really help. What is the Soul, and where does it come from when we are born and go to when we die? Is it an entity or is it solely a conception of the human mind? These questions were all considered but without any real conclusion being reached. Indeed, in the end our views were generally very similar, albeit expressed using different words. We also examined Heaven and Hell, but as nobody had any experience of either this was pretty speculative! The answer to our question though seemed to lie in the acceptance of the concept of Soul as present in everyone, good or bad, but as something specific to each individual.

We certainly agreed that Soul was an essential part of the Christian faith, as well as being similarly part of all other religions, however differently interpreted and spoken of. As far as our own faith is concerned, phrases such as 'The Holy Spirit' and 'Immortal Soul' are integral to that faith and its liturgy, but they may well be interpreted by each of us in our own different words and thoughts. And on that note of decisive indecision we ended another interesting evening.

On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May we will gather in the Village Hall at 7.30pm to consider the place of traditional marriage in society today and the role of the Church in marriage.

John Quinn

### Church Flower Rota

May 1st & 8th	Mrs Kate Amery
May 15th & 22nd	Mrs Suzie Quinn
May 29th & June 5th	Mrs Mandy Housby
June 12th & 19th	Lady Kate Hunloke
June 26th	Patronal Festival - to be arranged

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

**Sunday 1 May**

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 8 May**

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

**Sunday 15 May**

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 22 May**

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

**Sunday 29 May**

8.00 am	Holy Communion	Seend
10.00 am	<b>Benefice Service</b>	<b>Rew Farm,</b>
	<b>(Rogation Day)</b>	<b>Seend Cleeve</b>

*If anyone would like a lift this day please contact a Churchwarden*

**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>

## Why Bother?

I'm writing this in Holy Week. I've just walked back from Bulkington Church, where we had a service of Night Prayer. By "we" I mean just the three of us. ... Why bother? Last Sunday was Palm Sunday. It was a gorgeous day and so attendances at church were noticeably down on what I'd expected, given that this was one of the major points in the church year. One person told me a neighbour had said it was a question of church or the dandelions in the garden. The dandelions won the day. ...Why bother? I've been told that those things we as Christians believe in are just fairystories. ... Why bother?

Our difficulty in the country is that the village church tries to reach out to everyone. Nothing we do will ever satisfy all the people all the time, of course. In these parishes we are constantly looking at all sorts of ideas to try to draw people in, to know the love of God. You will read about some of them over the next few weeks. Being your minister is certainly challenging at times and yet there are also occasional glimpses of encouragement. For example we have five young people attending Confirmation classes at the moment. When I asked them "Why bother?" they gave very good reasons for their commitment. Praise the Lord!

There are two points I'm trying to make here. First, we as your church in these parishes need to adopt the Post Office motto - "Use it, or lose it!" Please believe me, this is not an idle threat. Churches are being closed around us and many of you will know that the ministry here has been "downgraded" from full-time paid Vicar (or Rector) to part-time (ie two days plus Sunday) unpaid Priest in Charge. That in itself is a bit of a warning shot across the bows surely? But then maybe you don't care.

So how about this? My second point relates to your own salvation. We all have to die someday and yet we're so very unprepared for that next step on our journey. It's a sad fact that the church has been popular during periods of war and depression yet people tend to forget about God when the sun shines bright and the weather is fair, as it was on Palm Sunday. Commitment to our Lord is everything. Just imagine when it's time for you to turn up at the pearly gate, only to find it firmly locked and barred, and on it a notice saying "Gone Fishing. Back soon ... or maybe not at all. God." mmm. Now there's a thought. A little teaching - and more points to ponder as we journey through this Easter season towards Pentecost.

Renee

## Open Farm Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2011 'LEAF'

Five Lanes Farm POTTERNE. DEVIZES  
will be open to visitors on Sunday the 12<sup>th</sup> June 2011 12pm to 4pm

There will be many farm attractions for all the family including baby chicks, cows, calves and pony rides. Come and have a farm walk as the keeper goes on safari trail competition, what wild animals would he see? Have a look at some farm machinery old and new. Take the opportunity to "Ask the Farmer" like; what's the difference between straw and hay, what is silage? Why are farmers grumpy? Come along bring the family and your wellies 'just encase.' refreshments will be available with plenty of free parking. (Look for the tractor signs)

For more information on Open Farm Sunday go to the web site, - [www.farmsunday.org](http://www.farmsunday.org). Or of course you can ring John and Teresa Chandler on 01380 725643 or 07970 953 557. The only favour we ask is to keep your dog on a lead. See you on Sunday, June the 12<sup>th</sup>. John & Teresa Chandler, Five Lanes Farm, .Potterne SN10 5PS on the Worton to Potterne road. OFF THE A360.

### **Parish Council Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> March 2011**

**Attending** - Mr Geoff Collett (GC) Vice-chairman, Mr Malcolm Nixon (MN), Mrs Sue Aldridge (SA), Mr Joe Baber (JB) Mt Tim Nixon (TN), Maggie Goodenough (MG) *Parish Clerk*, Mr Jonathon Seed (JC) Wiltshire Councillor.. There were 3 members of the public in attendance Prior to starting the meeting Councillor Geoff Collett explained that Chairman Nicky Hunloke was unable to attend and that he would therefore be running the meeting as Vice-chairman.

#### **1. 112/10/11-Welcome and apologies**

The vice-chairman opened the meeting and welcomed the public; apologies were received from Councillors Nicky Hunloke and Steve Housby; also from WPC Emily Thomas.

#### **2. 113/10/11- Declaration of interests** - GC asked councillors of any declarations, TN declared an interest in the payment for the playground cleaning.

**Open session** GC opened the public session. No one had any comments

GC then explained to the council and those present that sadly Mr Peter Cleverley had suddenly died, he went on to read a short history of Mr Cleverley's time in the village and to take the opportunity to pass on the councils condolences to his family.

#### **3. 114/10/11 - Minutes of Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2011**

GC explained that in accordance with the agreement made in item 16/09/10, the minutes from the meeting held 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 2011 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 18<sup>th</sup> Jan 2010.

#### 4. **Matters arising**

a. **115/10/11 - Recreational Space Project** - GC explained that as the guest speaker was unable to attend and that neither Steve Housby or Phillip Piper available they would update at the next meeting

b. **116/10/11 - Pippin Homes Development** - GC asked Ivor to give any details, IS explained that a survey of the local ditches has been commissioned to ensure that the water course is working properly, as far as the design is concerned they are currently in discussions with the planning officers with regards adoption of the highways. GC explained that Ivor Sault had invited the councillors to view the amended plans. GC explained that the council has been asked if the plans have been submitted and available to view them, IS explained that they have not yet been submitted as they are still in talks with the planning officers. These plans have not yet been formally submitted. JS suggested to council that the 'localism bill' may affect the plan & the area's control of how the development progresses, all councillors agreed to look into the bill.

c. **117/10/11 - Village Green Risk Assessment** -TN confirmed that the bi-monthly assessment had been carried out and no reports of any problems. The mulch from the tree cutting in the green gardens has been used to level the entrance which has worked very well.

d. **118/10/11 - Parish Steward** -GC reported that the residents in the Townsend area of the village had raised a concern about the drains & ditches as they appear to be blocked, a request that the local farm clear these as they are being filled by tractors, has not been carried out yet, GC has asked the parish steward to look into this and they are coming with a drain clearer. JS offered to contact the farmer directly council agreed to this. MG confirmed that the cheque with regard the aqua sac's order was included in this meetings finance section.

e. **119/10/11 - Playground safety inspection report** - SA confirmed that this had been completed and that everything looked in order. TN confirmed that the playground has been cleaned however it requires power-washing and asked if the village hall could provide an outside tap? This could be a benefit to the village as a whole. MN will raise at the next Village Hall committee meeting. A parishioner explained that currently plans to do work in the kitchen will include outside equipment. He also raised a point of the surface of the playground area becoming slippery when mildew grows and requested that a close eye is kept on this to ensure safety, council agreed that this should be a part of the safety inspection.

f. **120/10/11 - Community Area Partnership** - GC explained that TJ was unable to attend the meeting but would update council at the next meeting.

g. **121/10/11 - Sinton's Insurance** - The clerk explained that she had contacted the Insurance company to ask for an update but no reply at this point.

f. **122/10/11 - Fibre Optic Broadband** - GC explained that due to Steve Housby's unexpected absence he would update at the next meeting.

g. **123/10/11 - Allotment Vacancy** - MN explained that he has been approached by a parishioner to take on the allotment, Mr Maurice Underwood, 7 Poulshot Road, Poulshot, clerk to contact the parishioner with a tenancy agreement.

- h. **124/10/11 - Skips** - The Clerk explained that the parish had been allocated 1 skip in the next year up to September 2011, date to be confirmed.
- i. **125/10/11 - Mill Lane** -GC read out a letter from Mrs Pohnet with her concerns about the state of Mill Lane, with the deteriorating condition of the road and the build-up of the mud and slurry. The clerk explained that the letter had been forwarded to Wilt Council with, as yet no response. JS explained that the potholes should be completed however the chances of getting resurfacing is slim, he suggested to keep pushing this to Clarence and keep raising this as an issue. All council agreed to approach Wilts Cl again to chase the problem up.

**AOB - MN** asked to raise an any other business point, GC allowed this.

MN explained that he had received a complaint about the bird scarer, currently being used; all council agreed that this is a necessary inconvenience at this time of year.

MN also raised the issue of lines on the road at the turning into Poulshot from Worton Village, JS suggested sending him the details and that he would look into this and ask Wiltshire council to investigate further. JB raised a concern about the BT box and the fact that the light is still on and if the council is paying for the electricity, the clerk confirmed that council had adopted the box and that SEB are currently paying the bill for the electricity. TN suggested turning the Box into a reference point for the village and agreed to put forward a proposal at a forthcoming meeting.

**1. 126/10/11 - Finance**

- a. **127/10/11 - The Vice chairman explained that the following payments approved and made between meetings**

Payable	Net	VAT	Gross
Agri-centre - rock salt for church paths	56.00	9.80	65.80

Printing of leaflets - re broadband project	19.38	0.00	19.38
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**128/10/11 - Vice chairman asked council to authorize the following payments, the clerk also pointed out a variance of £13.36, from the agenda, for the clerk's salary due to the balance for yearend payment. All councillors agreed**

M Goodenough (Clerks Salary Feb- Mar)	204.19	0.00	204.19
T Nixon - Playground cleaning	240.00	0.00	240.00
Acer Tree Surgeons - Invoice as agreed in minute reference 14/10/11	520.00	104.00	624.00
Wiltshire Council - Aqua Sacs	500.00	0.00	500.00

- b. **129/10/11 - Current balance sheet and payments.** - the clerk explained that the current balance, allowing for the previously authorised payments is £3269.68

**12. 130/10/11 - Planning:** - GC explained that the following applications received between meetings and decisions made

Application Number	Name and Address	Details	Decision
E/11/0060/FUL	Belle Vue Farm, Poulshot Road, Poulshot, SN10 1RZ	Erection of log cabin to be used as a self-contained residential annexe	No objections received
E/11/0007/FUL	The Raven, Poulshot Road, Poulshot, SN10 1RW	Extension to provide disabled WC, new windows and door to rear elevation of dining room; removal of existing fireplace; repositioning of gas tanks to allow for better use of the outside terrace.	No objections received
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E/11/0007/FUL	The Raven, Poulshot Road, Poulshot, SN10 1RW	Extension to provide disabled WC, new windows and door to rear elevation of dining room; removal of existing fireplace; repositioning of gas tanks to allow for better use of the outside terrace.	No objections received
E/11/0046/CAC	Greystones, 18 Mill Lane, Poulshot SN10 1SA	Demolition of existing dwelling	Comments as below
E/11/0045/FUL	18 Mill Lane, Poulshot, SN10 1SA	Proposed replacement dwelling and garage.	Councillor's comments were that there is a lack of imagination in the design of the new build, giving it a look of a housing estate property. The new build appears considerably larger than the original and may impact on the look of the area and possibly have an effect on the other properties close by.

**14. 131/10/11** - The Vice Chairman confirmed that the time and date of Next Meeting will be 7.30pm on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at the Village Hall. GC thanked all for attending and closing the meeting

## Poulshot Ladies Group

On Tuesday 19th April the Poulshot Ladies group met for their monthly meeting which on this occasion was a cookery challenge. The participants had to prepare a dish and cook it within a 20 minute time frame using ingredients from one of the 3 menu options. They had a budget of £5 to spend. Also they could pick items from their pantry, or they could forage (only if they knew what they were doing!!). Otherwise they could just beg, borrow however stealing wasn't acceptable!

When the gauntlet was thrown down in March by yours truly there was a lot of panic as to the cooking time frame. I'm guessing there was fear that the "food" would be running into the hall with the chefs chasing it as 20 minutes was for preparation as well as the actual cooking. Anyway decided leniency was in order so allowed 20 minutes for the actual cooking. On the night the hall doors were flung open by Kate Hunloke in order to allow the hordes of challengers to enter.

Well in fact there were 13 of us along with 11 dishes for judging!!! Most of the individuals were quiet, visibly shaking and all in all looking as though they were ready to pass out especially at the thought of their contribution to the "cook off", being judged. Therefore I decided it may be better for us all to "chat and explain" why we picked the options we did and the process applied by each chef in order to gain their results. A sheer wave of relief flowed throughout the group which was also helped along by the flow of red and white "grape juice"! Needless to say it was of the alcoholic variety! Everyone was a winner that night not just for participating but also for the fact that they rose to the challenge, thought outside of the box and all in all made the evening memorable as well as hilarious. In case you are wondering as to how I got off so lightly I didn't! My contribution was dessert which seemed to be enjoyed by all and so the evening drew to a close with us all fed, watered and our waistlines a fraction "increased".

Mary Samuel

