

Poulshot Village News
September 2010

Poulshot Feast

11th September

The Raven Inn

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Dinner served 6:30 - 9pm

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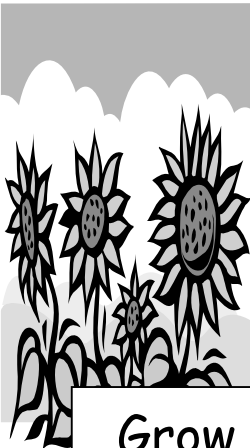
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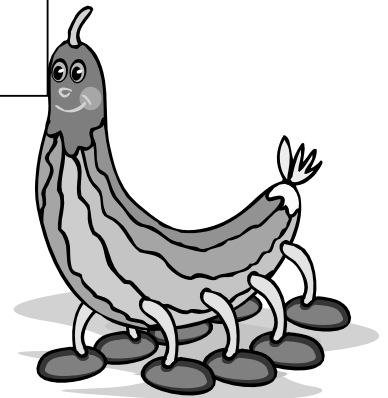
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An animal made from vegetables.



Write a poem or Haiku entitled "Summer"
Do a painting or collage of summer

POULSHOT FEAST - CHURCH SERVICE.

Following the Poulshot Feast on Saturday 11th September, there will be a 'Family Songs of Praise' on Sunday at 9.30am. The service will take place in the Chapel of Ease at the Old Rectory. We are hoping that the feeling of the whole village coming together to celebrate all that is good in the community will be reflected in this service.

Do come along and join us in this special service in the hall where for sixty years the people of Poulshot came to worship during the dark days of winter

We look forward to seeing you,

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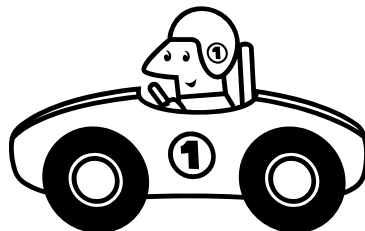
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Contributions for next issue in by 20th of the month please

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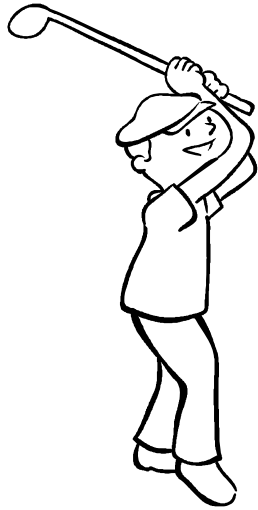
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Saturday 25 September 2010 - North Wilts Golf Club

18 hole Texas Scramble

(in teams of 3 or 4) - Tee Off 2.00 p.m.

Two course meal afterwards
(Spouses/partners welcome)
£11.25 (meal only)

Inc. meal & prizes
£13 (North Wilts member)
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Under 18's - cost to be confirmed

Please let Penny Telling know (contact details below) whether or not you would be interested by completing the form below by 10 September at the latest. If it's easier, just send an e-mail with the required information.

NAME _____ Telephone _____

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19 & 26 Sept

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HARVEST FESTIVAL - all Helpers please

11 October

To be arranged

17 & 24 October

Lady Kate Hunloke

31 October

Mrs Mandy Housby

THE WEDNESDAY GROUP

A Benefice Discussion Group

**The Wednesday Group's next meeting
will be in the Village Hall at**

7.30pm on Wednesday 8th September.

The topic for discussion will be:

“WANTED – A NEW BISHOP!”

Any queries to John Quinn - 828501

Seend Bulkington and Poulshot Benefice Wednesday Group 2010

Normal time: 1930 - 2100hrs. 2nd Wednesday of the month.

Serial	Date	Subject	Venue	Remarks and Lead Speaker
9	8 Sep	Wanted: A New Bishop	Poulshot Village Hall	Kate Hunloke
10	13 Oct	Has the Church of England suffered from trying to be all things to all people?	Poulshot Village Hall	tbc
11	10 Nov	Equality and Fairness	Poulshot Village Hall	MG (tbc)
12	Dec	No meeting.	NA	

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CHURCH EVENTS FOR 2010

SEPTEMBER

Saturday 11th & Sunday 12th, Poulshot Feast

OCTOBER

Saturday 2nd, Harvest Supper & Barn Dance at The Old Rectory Hall

DECEMBER

Thursday 9th, Xmas Bazaar at the Village Hall

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Future Council Meetings

7th September 2010 2nd November 2010
4th January 2011 1st March 2011

WILTSHIRE NUMISMATIC SOCIETY PROGRAMME 2010

Hon. Secretary Pam de Belle 01380 828453

September 20 - "What is it?"

- bring along one or more mystery objects for
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October 18 - Autumn Coin Auction

November 15 - Annual General Meeting

December 10 - Christmas Dinner at The Raven
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Sunday 5TH SEPTEMBER

8.00 am	Holy Communion	Seend
9.30am	Family Communion	Bulkington
11.15am	Parish Communion	Seend
6.00pm	Evensong	Poulshot

Sunday 12TH SEPTEMBER

8.00 am	Holy Communion	Seend
9.30am	Family Communion	Poulshot
11.15am	Come and Praise	Seend
6.00pm	Evensong	Bulkington

Sunday 19TH SEPTEMBER

10.00 am	Benefice Eucharist	Bulkington
	(to celebrate the 150 th anniversary of Christ Church. Celebrant: Stephen, Bishop of Ramsbury)	

Sunday 26TH SEPTEMBER

8.00 am	Holy Communion	Seend
9.30am	Matins	Poulshot
11.15am	Family Communion	Seend
6pm	Evening Worship	Bulkington

SIDESMAN

September 5th
September 12th
September 19th
September 26th

READER

Mr C Saunders
Mr B James
-
Mr F Wood

Mrs J Arnold
Vicar
-
Col C Langton

Church Registers

Baptisms

25 July Harry William Hiscocks of Seend Cleve
Jacob Stuart Matthew and Crystal Kate
Matthew of Poulshot

Weddings

12 June Jamie David Hiscocks and Clare Louise
Gilbert, of Kingsley Road, Devizes

24 July Christopher James Mortimer and Katy
Hannah Dorken, of Penarth, Vale of
Glamorgan

Funerals

2 June Michael Bowden of Poulshot Road, Poulshot.
Aged 79

3 July Yvonne Hargreaves of Poulshot Road,
Poulshot. Aged 88

21 July Betty Kathleen Cornelius of Easterton,
Devizes. Aged 93

23 July Jack Body of Waverley House, Melksham.
Aged 82

August 100 Club Results

1st Prize	Ian Brothers	£25
2nd Prize	Mr & Mrs Shergold	£15
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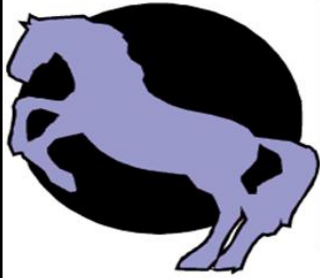


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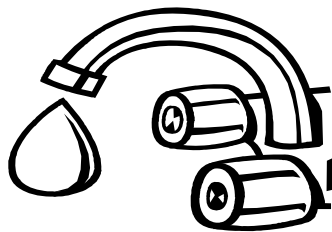
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A DAY TO REMEMBER the Ladies' Club visit to Highgrove

Without a doubt, the high spot of the Ladies' Club calendar this year will be the long-awaited visit to the gardens at Highgrove, the country home of HRH Prince of Wales. After a two-year wait, our application finally came to the top of the pile, the date was set and the tickets were snapped up.

On the day, the weather forecast was a bit pessimistic for the afternoon but the sun was shining as 25 ladies assembled to board our bus at the Raven. However, we were very nearly derailed before we started when the coach driver's chosen route to Tetbury led us to a Road Closed sign. This meant a long

detour north through some narrow country lanes with various tractors and other slow-moving vehicles and the minutes ticked by. For a while, it looked very likely that we would arrive late and miss our allocated slot - and, horror of horrors, not be allowed in!

However, we got there with five minutes to spare and were duly processed through some fairly tight security. (Isn't it funny how policemen look so young these days!) In spite of the security, the welcome was warm and very efficient and we began our two-and-a-half hour journey into an amateur gardener's fantasy world.

We started with a short film made by Prince Charles in which he explained how, when he first bought Highgrove in 1980, the 15 acres of grounds were mostly pastureland, apart from a neglected walled garden. From the very beginning, he was determined not to go for a quick fix - but to experiment with ideas he had always nurtured that gardens should be in tune with nature and sympathetic to the environment. Today, the gardens at Highgrove are 100% organic and everything is recycled - and, I mean everything!

He went on to explain how all the proceeds from the garden tours go to the Prince's Charities Foundation which supports 21 charities, including the well-known Prince's Trust.

We were very lucky to be allocated a lady called Carrie as our guide for the tour. She knew pretty well everything there is to know about Highgrove and her enthusiasm was infectious. An added bonus was her depth of knowledge about plants, herbs in particular, and there were very few questions she was unable to answer.

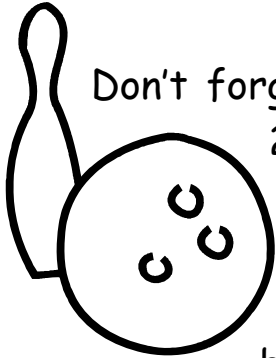
I am at a loss to describe the gardens themselves in any detail. I would need a hundred pages and lots of colour plate photographs - cameras weren't allowed, incidentally - and even then I would not do it justice. Suffice it to say that we were led from one garden to another - each one interesting and different in its own way. Some were spectacular, some quirky, some traditional and some downright amazing!

Have you ever wondered what members of the Royal family do with all the 'interesting' gifts they receive when they go on State visits abroad? Well, it seems that Prince Charles brings most of his back to Highgrove and finds a way of absorbing them into his garden. Statues, pots, seats, exotic plants and trees - all somehow looking perfectly at home in their new setting. We were also lucky to be able to walk right up close to the house itself. It is actually quite small - a mere nine bedrooms - but again the Prince has taken a modest, rather ordinary-looking 18th century house and turned it into a perfect country seat, totally in harmony with its surroundings.

Our tour ended with a most welcome cup of tea with big slices of home-made cakes and a trip to the Highgrove shop - where some of us indulged ourselves even further with a few souvenirs of our lovely day out.

On the bus home, there was lots of talk about how the gardens in Poulshot will be getting a face lift with all sorts of ideas being bandied about - some more realistic than others! I can see a few of the grander gardens in the village getting the Highgrove treatment in the months ahead so, if you have any redundant ecclesiastical stone or old tree stumps hanging about, you might well be sitting on a fortune!

NOT IN THE SAME LEAGUE (but hopefully still fun)....



Don't forget the Ladies' Club Skittles evening on Tuesday 21st September. I was hoping to arrange this at the Wiltshire Yeoman but it seems they are changing hands and the new people do not arrive until 1st September. In view of this, we have booked the Oliver Cromwell at Bromham instead (which incidentally also has a new landlord!) but I am sure we will be OK there.

The evening will start at 7.30 p.m. and there will be a small charge per head to cover the cost of the light supper and sticker-up. Spouses are welcome.

We need to know numbers so that we can order the food. Please give Penny Telling a call on 01380 828370 if you are planning come along.



Melksham Area Board update for Parish or Neighbourhood Newsletters

Special young people event: £5000 is available for innovative ideas to help improve transport and access for young people in the Melksham area. The Melksham Area Board will be holding a special meeting on September 8 from 7 - 9pm at the new Melksham Oak Community School where up to eight groups of young people will be able to present their ideas for projects. Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, Lionel Grundy will be attending the meeting to learn more about the views of young

people in Melksham. The theme is transport and access, which could include projects such as extending opening hours to make a service more accessible, or providing a free shuttle bus service.

A total of £100,000 has been made available for projects after a conference last year highlighting the access and transport difficulties experienced by young people across the county. Almost £5000 of this funding has been delegated from cabinet to the Melksham Area Board for this purpose. The application process is still open and Melksham Area Board is looking for innovative ideas to help solve transport and access issues experienced by young people in the area. Sarah Howes (sarah.howes@wiltshire.gov.uk) at Canberra Youth Centre can help with applications or project ideas. The deadline for applications is now 31st July 2010.

Upcoming meeting dates for your diary:

- July 28th, Shaw School
- Sept 8th, Melksham Oak Community School
- October 13th, Melksham Divisional Police HQ
- December 1st, Semington Village Hall
- February 2nd, Melksham Oak Community School

Contact details:

Website: www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards

Email: abbi.gutierrez@wiltshire.gov.uk

Phone: 01225 718443

Concerned about an issue in your community? Looking for cash help with your community project? Maybe we can help...? Since it started, Melksham area board has dealt with more than 55 local concerns and given more than £50,000 in grants. Visit www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards to find out more, to report your issue or to find out if your project could be eligible.

Melksham area board covers Melksham and the surround parishes of Melksham Without, Atworth, Broughton Gifford, Steeple Ashton, Keevil, Poulshot, Great Hinton, Bulkington, Semington and Seend.

Parish Council Meeting Minutes (abridged) 6th July 2010

Nicholas Hunloke (Chairman) (NH) - Malcolm Nixon (MN) - Tim Nixon (TN) - Joe Baber (JB) - Steven Housby (SH) - Geoff Collett (JC) (Vice-Chairman) - Maggie Goodenough (MG) *Parish Clerk*

Open session - NH invited the public to raise any issues; one member of the public raised the issue of the trees on the green having been cut back and were they the correct trees? It was established that an error had been made in the quotation and that the wrong trees had been pollarded, the clerk pointed out that the quotation and planning application was for the trees worked on. Council agreed that a further quotation should be sourced and that one person should meet both tree surgeons to ensure continuity, TN agreed to sort the quotations.

1. **27/10/11 - Minutes of Meeting held on 4th May 2010**

NHC explained that in accordance with the agreement made in item 16/09/10 of the Minutes from meeting 02/03/10, the minutes 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 17/5/2010

2. **Matters arising**

- a. **28/10/11 - Pippin Homes Development** - NH read out the letter sent to WCC with reference the entrance to the development. GC explained that IS could not attend the meeting but that his understanding is that there are no further developments on the application.

29/10/11 - Village Green - SH reported that he and TN had carried out a walk around risk assessment of the Green and that they have recorded some 36 manhole covers and drains that need to be checked on a regular basis. SH suggested that this should be completed twice a year. The clerk suggested that as a matter of responsibility to the villagers and other walkers any risk assessment should be carried out more regularly, council voted on monthly or bi-monthly and agreed on Bi-monthly checks. Clerk to prepare a risk assessment check list. TN suggested that council make a ruling that any work required for Health and Safety reasons on the Green should be authorised between meetings as required, all council agreed that any urgent work should be completed as required for the Health and Safety of the Villagers and other walkers. Council also requested that a notice be put in the magazine asking villagers to report any issues urgently to any member of the council. Clerk to prepare magazine notice. A member of the public raised a concern about the height of the stop cock in the gate way of the Green Gardens; clerk to contact Wessex water re the safety of this.

- b. **31/10/11 - Ponds** - Dankay Cleverly (DC) gave the council a brief update of the most recent investigations into the ownership of the two other ponds in the village. DC confirmed that the pond on Poulshot Road at Planks Dairies is in fact owned by Mr Plank and that he is happy with any restoration investigation to be carried out. The pond in the left hand side of the village green is believed to belong to Mr Bartholomew, this is to be confirmed. Three newt surveys have now been completed and a formal report is on its way from Jan Freeborn. Wiltshire Wildlife assessment of the ponds will also follow shortly. Rural Services will be coming to assess the work required to the ponds, after this quotations will be obtained and then funding will be looked into. MN raised a concern about the expectation of the council to fund this

venture, DC explained that until the amount required was known then no requests for funding would be put to any parties and that the Village Trust will be liaising with the Council at all points as the pond on the green is on council land. DC also explained that Jan Freeborn has requested that she be given permission to run a course on the Great Crested Newts in the village all council agreed to this.

- c. **32/10/11 - Playground safety inspection report** - MN had carried out a visual inspection of the playground and that all seemed in order.
- d. **33/10/11 - Community Area Partnership** - Tim Jalland reported that the direction of the partnership has gone slightly off course and that they are re-focusing. That everything is still going along but they are still finding their feet with things but learning very quickly. He explained that WCC needs to be clearer on the subject of their support for the CAP's.
- e. **34/10/11 - Barleyhill lane and Broadway Lane** - NH explained that the lane is now back to flat and a good job was done, with only a couple of issues about grass reseeding and about the longevity of the repairs that have been carried out to the gateway. Council agreed that the clerk should contact Mr Youatt to raise these concerns but also to thank him on the fact that the work has been carried out.
- f. **35/10/11 - Community Speed Watch** - NH explained that despite managing to obtain enough volunteers for the scheme council had now been informed that , as there is a current speed camera site on the green the scheme cannot proceed in this area. However if other areas in the village are considered problem areas that these could be considered, the Clerk requested to comment as a parishioner, this was granted, she commented on the myopic view of speeding being only across the green and raised point of speeding further down Poulshot Road, she asked council to consider reviewing this area for the speed watch scheme? Council agreed that MG should contact Abbi with regard a survey being carried out in this area.
- g. **37/10/11 - Letter to Chairman regarding parking on the Green** - NH read out a letter received from Mrs Gravina with regard parking, by walkers from outside the village, on the tracks around the green. NH suggested that if this happens again the people should be asked to move their vehicles to the car parking area along from the village hall and if this didn't work that vehicle numbers should be taken. TN pointed out that on the 6th August the Shires group would be attending the village and should they be asking for permission? Council agreed that as this is an annual event that they would not wish to discourage such things. SH asked if such an event occurred again could the name of the group organiser be asked for and then written to? NH and all council agreed that common sense must prevail with such parking problems.
- h. **38/10/11 - Memorial Bench**- MN explained that the Village Hall committee which to put a memorial bench in the green gardens as a memorial to Mr Scamell, all council agreed to this but requested that the bench could match the one currently in place and that the question of maintenance of the current bench and the new one could be raised with the family. MN to take the response back to the Committee.
- i. **39/10/11 -Allotment Vacancy** - one allotment is now free. There is currently no one on the waiting list, from the village, and the meeting agreed that the clerk place a notice in the magazine offering its rental.
- j. **40/10/11 - Advert for Magazine** - SH noted there is nothing in the village for

younger teenagers and that feedback has already been received suggesting eg Bike ramps. SH feels that more should be done to make the youngsters feel more part of the village. Teresa Ollerhead and Mandy Housby are willing to be contact points for the youngsters to send their suggestions to. Tim Jalland raised a suggestion of a Youth Council representative who could be the voice for the teenagers? Council agreed to place a notice in the PVN asking for the youth suggestions.

- k. **41/10/11 - Grass cutting** - Although not on the minutes NH asked to comment on the grass cutting of the Green, NH had suggested that a small part of the green be left uncut to allow wild flowers to grow. MN pointed out that the Green Gardens was a perfect place for wild flowers and that he didn't see the point of leaving patch in the green. TN suggested leaving the bonfire site, as this would cover the site during the summer. Council agreed to try it for a year and to hold a site meeting to discuss the location of the longer grass.

3. **42/10/11 Finances** - Council agreed payments to

Payable	Net	VAT	Gross
Community First Membership	36.00	0	36.00
M Goodenough (Clerks Salary Apr-May 2010)	174.16	0	174.16
Acer Tree Surgeons	330.00	57.75	387.75
Simon Franklin -Grass Cutting	490.00	85.75	575.75

A. Clerk requested that although Simon Franklin's invoice had only been received that morning, as it was a pre-agreed contract would council authorise payment rather than waiting for the September meeting, all council agreed.

B. Clerk confirmed the balance at 31/04/2010 was £8087.80 and that the VAT reclaim of £1342.47 had now been received.

C. MN asked if the clerk had decided which laptop would be appropriate for the work, MG explained that no decision had yet been made.

4. **43/10/11 -Planning** - Applications granted - NH confirmed the applications granted since the last meeting

E/10/0302/FUL	M P Hues, Lodge Farm. Poulshot	Alterations to external appearance of farm buildings in connection with conversion to farm shop.	Permission received
E/10/0623/TCA	Mr J Collett Dukes Farm	Removal of conifer tree at front of property	Permission received
E/10/0597/TCS	Mr P Piper Greenways	40% reduction of Robinia Pseudo acacia tree in garden	Permission received

5. **44/10/11 -Next Meeting**

The chairman confirmed that the next meeting, would be held on Tuesday 7th September 2010 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Charity Mixed Doubles Tennis Tournament

The Anthony Nolan trust is a registered charity (number 803716)
Chosen in memory of Rachel Dee Shapland

Sunday 12th September 2010



10am start £15 per person
Your partner will be drawn at random
Barbeque/bar for semi-finals /finals at,
Liz Bissett, Apeldorn, Townsend, Poulshot,
Devizes. Wiltshire.

Name:

Contact Tel No:

Email address

Please make cheques payable to The Anthony
Nolan trust

Send your entrance fee and slip to Liz Bussett at
the above address or Sally Hawkins, Sunnyside,
45 The Green, Poulshot. Devizes. Wiltshire.

Entrance close; 5th September 2010

POULSHOT VILLAGE TRUST: BIG TREES PROJECT UPDATE

When Poulshot became a Conservation Area in 1973, the Parish Council established the Village Trust as a charity, to monitor and advise on possible development, conservation, and the maintenance of the village's rural amenities, such as byways, lanes, ponds and woodlands.

The aims of Poulshot Village Trust's Big Trees Project are:

- (i) to greatly improve the visual quality, scale & character of the rural environment which makes Poulshot such a pleasant place to live, work & visit,
- (ii) to conserve, protect and enhance our local biodiversity by restoring Poulshot's traditional big tree habitats and the wildlife they attract,
- (iii) to play our part in reducing the impact of climate change by offsetting our own 'carbon footprint'.

Tree planting projects began in 1977, at first around the village green and then in 1985 in a small plantation. In 2003 we planted some 1,200 native trees and shrubs to create a 3½ acre wood, the *Green Gardens Woodland* - which has become a popular place for village and private gatherings, and functions. Big trees in hedges were a traditional feature of the rural scene in Poulshot and served as important habitats for wildlife. However, over the last 30 years most have been lost to Dutch Elm Disease and high winds. The modern use of mechanical cutters means that new saplings may get trimmed back with the hedge, giving them no chance to grow into trees. The Big Trees Project will involve the village community, with the support of local farmers and landowners, in planting new hedge tree saplings and tagging them. Tagging makes saplings more visible to anyone cutting hedges so they can steer clear of the young trees, allowing them to grow to maturity. Nicky Hunloke, Chairman of the Village Trust, is encouraging as many people as possible to bring spades and lend a hand with planting which will start in November. The Trust will be glad of any help and if volunteers of all ages want to come along, even to plant one or two trees, they will be most welcome. This is a chance for you to plant a tree that could be standing in Year 2500. Poulshot Village Trust has been fortunate to receive grants from Wiltshire Council and the International Tree Foundation. We are currently seeking grants from the Melksham Community Area Board and other groups. However, as the whole project is intended to be spread over five years, further funding will be sought, some hopefully from local sponsors. Over the next five years, a thousand or more oak, ash, and large-leaved limes will be planted, bringing back the big trees that a generation before made towering green avenues of every lane and byway in Poulshot. For further information contact the Big Trees Project Leader:

Peter Cleverly, Secretary Poulshot Village Trust, at

petercleverly@btinternet.com

WILTSHIRE COUNCILLOR NEWS FROM JONATHON SEED

Summer is drawing to an end and what a dry season it has been. I cannot remember so little rain in one summer and so it is ironic that I have spent much of this summer working on flood alleviation in Wiltshire. I Chair the northern half of the county's Operational Flood Working Group and there have been several meetings and preparatory meetings of the Group over the past few months. In July I represented Wiltshire Council at the Wessex Water Customer Liaison Panel meeting in Bath as well as attending the National Flood Forum on behalf of the Council in London. This latter meeting was particularly interesting as the Minister responsible for flooding, Richard Benyon MP, used it as an opportunity to announce rare additional government funding for flooding (£2M) and also to announce that the Government is planning major changes to sewage disposal including the making over of all sewage pipes to the water authorities. I find flood alleviation work interesting and it is an area of work where good Council planning can save a lot of private misery. Finally, I have also been working on a flood presentation for all the Area Boards and will be delivering this across the county starting in the autumn.

In June I was re-elected as the Chairman of the Melksham Area Board. I was also pleased to see that the deputy Leader of the Council fulfilled his promise to offer the seven parishes of Summerham and Seend a formal review concerning their placing in the Melksham Community Area. Although the village of Poulshot would clearly prefer to remain with Devizes Community Area this is a question of placing the whole of the electoral division in a single community area. Melksham is probably the best available compromise and it is of note that none of the Parish Councils concerned asked for such a review and so the Division stays in the Melksham Community Area. The Melksham Area Board itself goes from strength to strength and it really is becoming an influential part of our community life. I was pleased that the Board has helped with the closure of the King Street Lorry Park which will make the lives of local residents so much more comfortable. We have also recommended to the Council the transfer of the Bowerhill Sports Field to the local Parish Council and the retention of land for a link between the A350 and the Industrial Estate which will help with industrial regeneration and job creation in the Area. It is also of note that partly as a result of the

lead taken by our Area Board, we have come out of the County Leisure Review exceptionally well and that within the next three years we can look forward to a brand new Leisure Centre and Swimming Pool almost certainly adjacent to the new Melksham Oaks School . This location will be very handy for all of the residents of Summerham and Seend.

Finally congratulations are due to the new Semington Sports Field Committee in securing their Performance Reward Grant of £24000 for the new sports changing rooms which will be along similar lines to those in Steeple Ashton. This grant application was pushed and sponsored by the Area Board and I am always happy to engage likewise in other community projects both small and large. I have asked the Poulshot Parish Council to identify suitable village projects for funding and in due course let's hope we can attract some Area Board funding to Poulshot.

Contact JONATHON SEED on 01380 850696 or
jonathon.seed@wiltshire.gov.uk



Please help Rowde School to raise funds by donating good quality second hand clothes, bedding, curtains, shoes, handbags and soft toys. *The Bag2School scheme passes on the donations to wholesalers in Europe, Africa and Asia. The wholesalers then have a chance to earn a living by selling the items locally. Rowde School will*

receive a donation depending on the total weight of bags donated. The scheme has proved successful in the past and all money raised is invested into the School's facilities and resources to enhance the children's education. You can use black bin bags or special bags available at the School Office (from 15th September). Please bring all bags to the School Hall on Monday 4th October before 9 a.m. Thank you for your support!

WILTSHIRE AIR AMBULANCE APPEAL.

2010 NEWSLETTER.

Police/Air Ambulance Helicopter during which time they have attended a total of 534 Air Ambulance Missions - this is 80 less than 2009. From these incidents 396 people were flown. Once again, it has been an extremely busy year for the Wiltshire to hospital which is about the same as last year. Although we have no detailed records it is felt that in the majority of these incidents the patient's chance of recovery was greatly enhanced. This, of course, is what the people of Wiltshire expect from their Air Ambulance for the generous support that they have given and have given from the first years when we commenced in the early nineties.

We would like to say again that the Wiltshire Helicopter is one of the only two Air Ambulances in the country that carry out HEMS (Helicopter Emergency Medical Service.) work at night. It should also be noted that one third of our Air Ambulance work is carried out at night.

As indicated in last year's Newsletter we did open a new Charity Shop in Devizes and it is now going from strength to strength due to the hard work of the Manager and her volunteers. At our Westbury shop Dot and her volunteer assistants are still providing a regular income to our funds and as you know, last year, passed the £1m mark from the shop over the eleven years trading and are now looking to the second million! What a splendid effort.

Our recycling schemes for mobile phones, computer ink cartridges plus our textile banks which are now in nearly every town are providing a good source of revenue. Our aim is to have these textile banks in all of our large villages. Melanie Gee founded our WAAA Monthly Lottery which is going great guns with many of you joining. The prize is a £1,000 each month. Melanie has now, unfortunately, left us and the Trust is advertising for a replacement Fund Raiser.

We still have to raise £500,000.00 each year and we are entirely dependant on public support of the people of Wiltshire to raise this amount to keep our Helicopter flying. To date you have met our requirements year after year and for this you all have our heart felt thanks.

OUR CONTACT NUMBERS ARE 0845 1221423.

E MAIL Wiltshireairambulance@gwas.nhs.uk

LETTER FROM THE VICAR

Do you know, I really thought life was going to quieten down a lot after the Christmas rush but I still seem to be chasing my tail - just like most other people I meet, I suppose! This is often called "the silly season". It's a time when many people are away on holiday and when it's difficult to find those extra pairs of hands needed for erecting gazebos for the village fetes, manning stalls and simply helping out with all those things that make up village life. There can't be many homes that don't contribute to our community life in one way or another. I try to do my bit by making cakes, and supporting events in the villages as much as possible. Talking about cakes, I have quite a few cookery books at home - one (Philip Harben's "Cookery Encyclopaedia") was given to me by my foster mum as a wedding present over 40 years ago. My most recent acquisition is one called "A Million Recipes" - rather more in number than I'll ever need!

Anyone visiting me at home might think I'm a good cook with so many recipe books to hand but, sad to say, although I've leafed through them all from time to time and enjoyed looking at the illustrations, I don't often get much further. And it seems to me that this is a good illustration of what life can be like for so many of us. After all, I could read all the cookery books going, but that wouldn't make me a better cook. Why? Simply because to become a good cook not only do I have to read the recipe, I also have to follow the instructions!

The Bible is a bit like a cookery book. It contains God's recipe for becoming a Christian and living a life that is pleasing to Him. A lot of people read the Bible every day and maybe attend study groups. But it isn't enough just to read and study the Bible. Reading the Bible won't make you a Christian any more than reading a cookbook will make you a cook. We must follow the recipe in our daily life.

How about you? What's cooking in your life? The challenge for us is to try to follow Jesus each day as the bible tells us to - and when we do - the Spirit of God will help us - and produce great meals - wonderful fruit - in our lives - not only the fruit that we're already harvesting in our gardens but also that about which we learn in our readings and in our joyful songs that we share week in and week out in our village churches, where a warm welcome awaits you. We have some extra special things coming up - "Messy Church" (for primary school aged children and their

families), coffee mornings, "Nosh and Natter" in the Vicarage (July and August), Pet Service at Bulkington (everyone welcome - dangerous animals on leads please !), Jazz Night (?), Welcome Service for our new Headteacher and the new intake of pupils at Seend School, the Poulshot Feast, Bulkington Church's 150th celebrations, Harvest celebrations and flower shows - not to mention weddings and christenings. Busy ?

Take me, Lord, from busy-ness
to the place of quietness
from the tumult without cease
into your great unending peace
Help me then, my Lord, to see
what I am and ought to be.

Oh yes, I forgot to mention our "get away from it all" quiet day. I'll be there, will you? You can find details of all these events in this magazine - or 'phone me, or Sue Taylor (01225 709360) for details.

God bless, Renée

Sand and Stone

Two friends were walking through the desert. At one point on their journey they had an argument, and one friend slapped the other on the face. The one who was slapped was hurt but, without saying anything, wrote in the sand: "Today my best friend slapped my face".

They kept on walking until they found an oasis, where they decided to bathe. The one who had been slapped got stuck in the mud and started to drown, but the friend saved him. After he recovered from the near drowning, he wrote on a stone: "Today my best friend saved my life". The friend who had slapped, and then saved his best friend, asked him, "After I hurt you, you wrote in the sand - and now, you write on a stone, why?"

The friend replied, "When someone hurts us we should write it down in sand, where winds of forgiveness can erase it away. But, when someone does something good for us, we must engrave it in stone, where no wind can ever erase it."

Learn to write your hurts in the sand, and to carve your blessings in stone. Be kinder than necessary, because everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle.

R.

Poulshot Feast

This new event will take place on Saturday 11 September from 2.00-4.30pm. Inside this edition of the Village News you should find a schedule of the events and an entry form for the friendly competitions. If you do not, or if you want additional copies, please contact me on 828833

You will see from the schedule that many people are generously giving of their time to make the event successful. The range of activities is wide and varied, and they are designed so that, wherever possible, you can try them for yourselves, especially the children. We hope you will enjoy these, learn something new, and, perhaps, then may wish to take them up in the future.

The friendly competitions are meant to be just that, so please try to enter and fill the Hunloke Hall to bursting. We have been fortunate to have the support of local donors of prizes for the overall best exhibit in each of the six categories, so many thanks to Planks Dairies, Pippin Construction, Poulshot Nurseries, and, from Devizes, Millers Homecare, The Emporium, and Urban Rustics. We are also most grateful to The India Shop of Marlborough and Salisbury for the loan of their large marquee in which many of the demonstrations will take place. Thank you also to Jerry from The Raven, Mike Hues Farm Shop, and aBecketts Vineyard for their demonstrations of food and wine - it all sounds appetising.



Dog owners please note that we want to stage a display of photographs of all the dogs of the village. This is not a competition, but for interest only - who would be brave enough to judge such a

competition? -though no doubt each of us dog owners will be able to pick a winner. Details are in the schedule; please get your photographs in by Thursday 9 September so we can set up the display for Saturday. The displays of the work of local artists and authors should also be very interesting as there is so much talent in the area - thank you to all the exhibitors. On The Green, in addition to the recreational activities you can join in, there will be a number of interesting vehicles both old and new, including the very exciting Ariel Atom.

On Saturday evening, starting at 7.30pm, will be the Poulshot Supper Feast held in the Village Hall and, possibly, in the main marquee. You will be able to purchase Poulshot Soup and Bread for the bargain price of £2. The ladies have been experimenting with recipes for some time, so test the results and try to identify the secret ingredient. Bring your own additional food and drink and join in the informal fun and feasting.



Then, after a good night's rest, come along to a Songs Of Praise Family Service at 9.30am on Sunday morning in the Hunloke Hall which will be decorated with the floral art and flower entries from the friendly competitions. Sing some of your favourite hymns with family and friends in an informal setting.

All in all, there should be something for everyone over the two days. Obviously, what we need to make it a real success (apart from luck with the weather) are as many people attending as possible, joining in the activities, enjoying themselves and, most importantly, giving generously to the two deserving charities - Help For Heroes and the Wiltshire Air



Ambulance. There are no charges or entry fees, so we are relying on your willingness to fill the donation buckets for these good causes. Incidentally, if you are unable to attend but wish to support the charities, you can make a donation through any of the organisers named in the schedule.



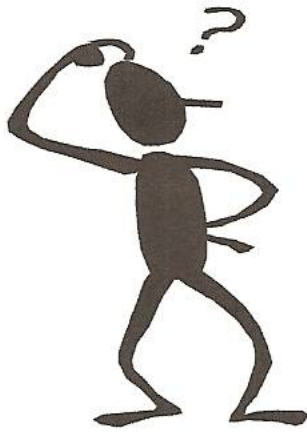
Thank you to all those who have willingly helped in planning these events, and thank you in advance for your hoped for support. For further information, or with any more advice or offers of help, feel free to contact me. Brian Arnold

Seend Branch Royal British Legion



First Annual Lecture
7.30 p.m. Friday 8th October 2010
Irene Usher Pavilion, Seend
"ENIGMA"
How the cracking of enemy codes
led to the World's first Computer
Speaker: Hugh Davies
(Bletchley Park Guide)

Includes a glass of wine
Cash Bar Available
For tickets please ring:
John Quinn 828501



QUIZ NIGHT

POULSHOT VILLAGE HALL

Friday 12th November

7.30 for 8pm

BAR RAFFLE

£12.00 per table (4 persons)

Can be pre-booked— contact:

Chris Saunders 827290

Alan Webber 828415

This is a General Knowledge Quiz
Quizmaster Alan Webber

Harvest Festival



26th September Holy Cross, Seend, 11.15 am
Harvest Supper 24th, in the Pavilion - ALL WELCOME
- contact Sue Taylor for a ticket or sign up at the
back of church)

Christ Church, Bulkington, 6.00 pm
(flower show on 25th/26th)

Harvest Thanksgiving gifts of tinned and dried foods will be very welcome, which will be given to a local Food Bank, as emergency supplies for those in need. We especially need the children to come along and teach the grown-ups the song "Our God is a great big God", which we will learn at Messy Church!

Don't miss the
POULSHOT FEAST
11th September
Details in the magazine!

Self-Employed??

Finding all the paperwork and tax
returns
a headache??

Wish it would all go away?



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