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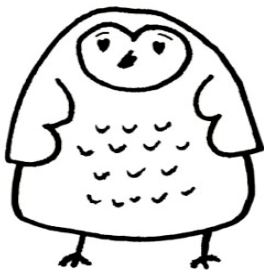
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Next issue - beginning of March

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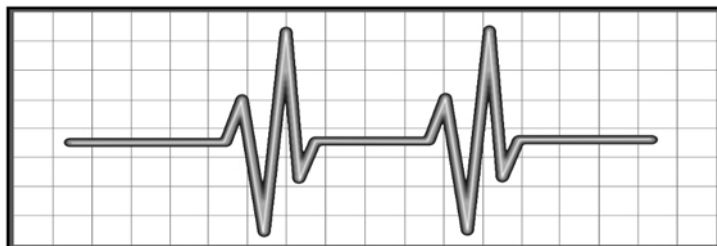
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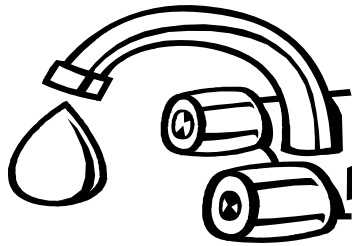
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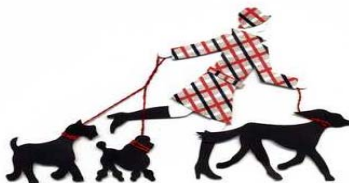
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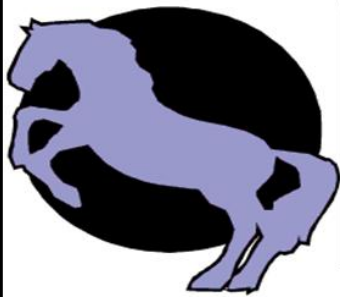
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PCC Members -

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(Deanery Synod) - Mr Brian James

Organist - Mrs P De Belle

Parish council

Chairman - Mr Nicholas Hunloke 828333

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Meembers - Mrs Sue Aldridge - Mr Joe Baber - Mr Geoff Collett
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e-mail jonathon.seed@wiltshire.gov.uk.

Farmers Club

Mr Richard Francis 828232

Mother and Toddler Group

Mrs Clair Waldron 828602

Poulshot Ladies Club

Lady Kate Hunloke 828333

Village Hall -

Chris Saunders 827290

Bookings - Joyce or Brian Arnold 828833

Village Trust - Chairman - Mr Nicholas Hunloke 828333

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- April 17th -Back by popular demand, entertaining talk on wine including sampling, in village hall 7.30 (Denise)
- May 15th - Watercolour Landscape painting demonstration by local artist Mr Dolbear; village Hall 7.30 (Jean)
- June 20th (Wednesday) - Lavender farm visit including a talk, Ploughmans supper and drink (Audrey)
- July 17th - Heale house trip (Kate)
- August 21st - Rounders on the Green and picnic.
- September 18th - Skittles (Penny)
- October- date to be confirmed, our trip to Worton Ladies.
- November 20th - in village hall 7.30 Chocolates and bags/ scarves in time for Christmas.
- December 13th - Christmas dinner at the Raven.

**Devizes Area Committee
CANCER RESEARCH UK**

COUNTRY HOUSE CAR BOOT SALE

The local committee of Cancer Research UK is once again holding an upmarket Country House Car Boot Sale at Manor Farm, Stert (off A342) following the resounding success of the 2010 and 2011 events.

It will be held on Saturday 19th May.

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Notice to all parishioners

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**The Mobile Library Van
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Jubilee Wall Hanging

Among the events being planned for Her Majesty The Queen's Diamond Jubilee, the Poulshot Ladies Club have decided to create a wall hanging for the Village Hall, encapsulating life in the Village in 2012. We would like the whole of Poulshot to be involved with making it, men, women and children. We would like you to make something as below:

- No bigger than 6"x6" or 30cmx30cm
- Any colours
- Any shape
- Any subject, but not the main buildings, ie the church, the pub and the village hall.

Examples of subjects could be your house, your pet, your family, local flowers, trees, events in the village etc.

- Any media, ie cross stitch, tent stitch, knitting, felting, painting on fabric, collage etc

We would aim to accept everything, provided there is space. Please could we have your contribution by the end of July. The whole would be made up by the ladies below in a way that incorporates everything contributed. This could be an amazing piece of work, which will hang proudly in the Village Hall for years to come. Please be in touch with one of the names below if you would like to be involved or for more info.

Joyce Arnold 828833

Yvonne Baber 828127

Jean Perrett 828695

Jackie Pohnert 827046

CHURCH SERVICES APRIL 2012
POULSHOT, SEEND AND BULKINGTON

Sunday 1 April - PALM SUNDAY

8.00 am	Holy Communion	Seend
9.30 am	All Age Worship	Bulkington
11.15 am	All Age Worship	Seend
6.00 pm	Parish Communion	Poulshot

Thursday 5 April - MAUNDY THURSDAY

Passover Meal	Bulkington
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Friday 6 April - GOOD FRIDAY

2.00 pm	1 hour before the Cross	Poulshot
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Saturday 7 April - EASTER EVE

7.30 pm	Service of Light	Seend
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Sunday 8 April - EASTER DAY

8.00 am	Holy Communion	Seend
9.30 am	Family Communion	Poulshot
9.30 am	Family Communion	Bulkington
11.15 am	Parish Communion	Seend

Sunday 15 April

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

Sunday 22 April

8.00 am	Holy Communion	Seend
9.30 am	Matins	Poulshot
11.15 am	Parish Communion	Seend
4.30 pm	2Church4T	Bulkington
6.00 pm	Evensong	Bulkington

Sunday 29 April

8.00 am	Holy Communion	Seend
10.00 am	Benefice Service	Bulkington

Thank you

May I take this opportunity to thank everyone who contributed to making my 'surprise' Birthday Party such a wonderful occasion. The secret was kept wonderfully by everyone and I really had no idea what was in store for me when I went out for a meal with Janet on Saturday evening !

But an even bigger thank you to everyone who gave so generously to 'Hope for Tomorrow' I am thrilled to be able to tell you that your kind donations came to £630, and once this has been Gift Aided, the total will increase to almost £800. On behalf of the charity and myself, sincere thanks to everyone for their kindness.
Brian James.

Dogs in the Green Gardens

I have received a complaint that some dog owners are either not clearing up their dogs' messes or, if they are, they are leaving the plastic bags in the Green Gardens. In either case, not very pleasant for everyone else. I do not feel that signs are appropriate, let alone bag disposal bins - who is going to empty them? Not me! So could I ask those dog owners, whose behaviour is exemplary, to have a quiet word if they see owners who are ignoring their dog responsibilities. Thank you.

Nicky Hunloke Chairman - Village Trust

Philip Henshaw

I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks to all those in Poulshot who attended Philip's funeral service and for their generous contributions to the collection for Cancer Research UK. In particular, I have to say that I have been overwhelmed by the messages of condolence and offers of support that I have received and I find it difficult to express how much they have helped me already and will continue to do so.

Thank you all so much, Sue

Draft plans for Diamond Jubilee Weekend in June 2012

Fri 1st 11.30am Townsend Nursery's Jubilee Lunch. All welcome.
Ring Caroline 828436

Sat 2nd 10.30am Flag making in the Village Hall for young & old
7pm Proms and Picnic in the Green Gardens.

Sun 3rd 1pm *On TV Thames River Pageant, Putney to Tower Bridge, specially rigged up barge. High tide 12.51*

2pm Wheelbarrow race, decorated, adults and children

2.30pm Children's Sports 1950's style Egg & Spoon etc

4pm Old fashioned Tea, Cucumber sandwiches
/Cake/Champagne - Help needed with cakes etc

5pm Photograph of all Villagers to be taken by Jim Nicholls in front of the Village Hall

6pm Thanksgiving Service in St Peter's Church.

Another idea is to hold a Street Party Grand Jubilee Lunch, with tables down the Green. This would be a BYO Lunch, using tables and chairs from the Village Hall. If anyone would like to organise this, could they let Mandy, Kate or Denise know - numbers below.

Mon 4th Hog Roast/Fireworks/Beacon at Barley Hill Farm at 8pm.

Lighting of Poulshot Beacon around 10pm. 2011 other beacons will be lit in turn. We will be told a time to light ours.

Tues 5th Bank Holiday

There will be a Flower Festival, with a Jubilee theme in the Church. Please let us know if you would like to help with this.

There has been a good response to the idea of the Wall Hanging for the Village Hall. Please start thinking about your contribution.

Also going on in London:

Thanksgiving Service in St Paul's Cathedral

Concert in Buckingham Palace

Further info: Look online under Diamond Jubilee

Plans will be finalised when any suggestions or comments are received. These will be warmly welcomed as we want to make the weekend a memorable one. Any offers of help will be gratefully received.

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Mandy 828464 mandyhousby@btopenworld.com

Denise 827010 raydenjosey@gmail.com

Community First

As Wiltshire and Swindon 's Rural Community Council and a registered charity, Community First works to reduce the barriers faced by rural communities, to tackle disadvantage and build stronger, more resilient and inclusive communities. Our work can be found in almost every parish and village in the county, bringing support to the most vulnerable people.

Our rural villages and the people living in them, continue to be resilient, energetic and innovative in their determination to build stronger, inclusive local communities and Community First is equally committed to helping them.

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With kind regards, Lynn Gibson , **Assistant Chief Executive**

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The Wednesday Group

The next Wednesday Group meeting will be in Wattle Cottage at 7.30pm on Wednesday 11th April. In the broader context of the Archbishop of Canterbury's decision to stand down at the end of the year and all that that implies, we shall discuss the new Bishop of Salisbury's recent public statement that the current position of the Church of England "does not meet the pastoral needs of people in our care".

Please let John Quinn (828501) know if you will be with us.

Ladies club woodturning event

The Ladies club enjoyed listening to Mr Aitkin who told us about the history of woodturning. We had poems, a demonstration of turning several items including a vase, spinning tops, flowers and a beautiful honey drizzler -kindly donated to the raffle. We saw stunning turned items for sale some of which he parted with, which proves the ladies are for turning!

Ladies club April event, partners welcome.

Melsham area partnership board are sending a representative to Poulshot village hall on Tuesday 17th April at 7.30

We will find out what the partnership has to offer us in Poulshot.

Possibly new transport links, projects and events.

Items such as communication of local activities, enhancing pride in local area,

adressing alcohol abuse, reducing childhood obesity, improving mens health and reducing teenage pregnancy.

Reducing deprivation of preschool children, providing recreational areas for children.

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The board welcome volunteers, you can see why!

Come and find out how this works, and spread the word.

Wednesday Group

BENEFICE "BUZZZZ" GROUPS

The informal discussion groups start this month. Please make a note in your diary and come and join us. Everyone is welcome - you don't need to be a churchgoer. You can dip in and out, attend any or indeed all of them, just as you wish! The groups offer a great way to hear what the church has to say about inner healing, to discuss the Bible readings from the previous Sunday, or what Christians actually believe, based on the Creed. Complete schedules of the talks have already been distributed to everyone on our church electoral rolls, and spare copies are available at the back of church - please help yourself. The first meetings are as follows:

17th April 7.15 Arrival and coffee, 7.30 start. Seend Vicarage. (Inner healing) "Where did I come from?"

30th April 6.00 Hunloke Hall, Poulshot (next to the Village Hall, on the Green) (Bible based) Acts 4 and John 10.

2nd May 7.30 4 Northfields, Bulkington (What do we believe?) "God, Father and King?" If you have difficulty in getting to a venue please let us know, and we will arrange transport.

Pastoral letter - April 2012

We're already over a quarter of the way through 2012 yet the cycle of violence and bad things happening to innocent people continues - notably Syria and Afghanistan - as well as in the Sudan, with which our Diocese of Salisbury is linked.

The tragedy is - as with our young soldiers serving with the peace-keeping forces, those struck down by acts of violence and other disasters - that families who thought their children's futures were all before them must now deal with a truth that no parent ought to face. There will be no future, no falling in love, no weddings, and no grandchildren.

There is always a personal cost for the loved ones of those whose lives have been plucked short. It's impossible to calculate the emotional and spiritual cost in each case. It's perfectly natural and understandable to ask why such things happen ...why there is so

much evil in the world ... why man and nature so overwhelms us at times, and destroys our lives... why do innocent people suffer? And just as inevitably, people ask "Where was God in the face of such evil?"

These questions are as old as Job and are asked by the wisest people among us. People have tried to find the answer to suffering for years - and we continue to search for it. So what do we do in the face of monstrous works of evil, when God seems so far from us? Who is in control? Man? Or God?

In many ways such tragedies seem eerily echoed in the story of Job. Families have had their lives wiped out by an evil act. They were hit hard. Now what? We do what Job did when he learned of his loss. We mourn. Did God make or allow such violence? No, He did not. Did God have some purpose in all this? No! Were the perpetrators greater sinners than us? NO! and NO again!

The God we meet in John's Gospel is Love. He's no stranger to sorrow. Let's remember the Easter message - that Jesus suffered, and died. But he was also raised on that glorious Easter morning. Where is He to be found? He is here. He is found in us when we serve Him and when we serve our neighbour. Of course we should mourn, but we should also turn to God - we are all part of his family - and then reach out to one another.

The Resurrection story of Easter Day celebrates a new beginning. What will you do right now with this life you have? Will you turn to God? THAT's the question Jesus asks each one of us, right now!

God bless Renée

Churchyards

Please may we ask that all Christmas wreaths and other such artificial items of decoration be removed from family graves immediately. None of these items are allowed under Churchyard Regulations - partly for ease of maintenance but, more importantly, to safeguard the beauty and sanctity of these areas for all who visit them. Any such items that are still in place on Good Friday

will be removed and disposed of. Thank you for your understanding.

WILTSHIRE COUNCILLOR NEWS FROM JONATHON SEED

Wiltshire Council has now passed its Budget for the forthcoming Financial Year and this will be the last full year of this Council before Elections in 2013. The Budget was passed with little fuss and with overwhelming cross party support for 99% of the Budget which is in itself a tribute to the detailed construction of a very complex financial plan. It has not been an easy task for the Council to produce a balanced budget, freeze Council Tax, make £32million in real savings this year and maintain the effective delivery of all our front line services. However that is precisely what Wiltshire Council is determined to deliver for the people of Wiltshire this year and as your Councillor I will be watching very carefully to make sure that the Council not only does this but also continues with prudent management of our local finances by producing a sound Financial Plan for next year.

Services mean so much to our residents and Wiltshire has somehow managed to maintain almost all the services that the Council delivers with a minimum of disruption. Perhaps by way of example it is just worth reflecting on one area, the Library Service, when we consider how the Council is performing. Residents say that they want a good Library Service so Wiltshire Council has managed to open a new Library this year, extend opening hours in many Libraries through the new and innovative volunteer project and maintain a regular mobile library service for rural areas. Through a combination of creative planning and sound financial management the Council has been able to maintain and improve our Wiltshire Library service at a time when neighbouring Councils are closing Libraries and reducing their services. So perhaps we should ever so quietly acknowledge that even in these dire economic times there are some things which we can be proud of in Wiltshire and that our County is a better place for the way it is being managed.

I have also been suggesting to residents that they comment on the new Wiltshire Core Strategy as a matter of urgency. This is a very important policy document and will form the basis of all of the planning decisions in Wiltshire for the foreseeable future. Local issues that are attracting attention are the proposed separation of Seend Cleeve and Seend as village settlements and the abolition of Great Hinton as a village settlement. In addition many residents are expressing concerns at the potential development of wind turbines close to dwellings and a suggestion is being made that there should be no wind turbines closer than 2000m from a dwelling similar to the law in Scotland. Comments on the Core Strategy should be made to the Spatial Planning Team in County Hall or by e-mail to spatialplanningpolicy@wiltshire.gov.uk and all comments must be made by 2nd April.

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Call 01380 816629 to book yours in.

SEEND AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

Our next meeting on April 10th is the final indoor meeting of our year and our AGM. Our speaker has cancelled so after the business we will be having a flower themed cryptic quiz to be done in groups whilst partaking of refreshments, which, of course, are provided by you. Joyce already has a list of members willing to provide sweet and savoury plates of food but we can always do with more. Bring something along on the night or ring Joyce to see what is required. There will also be wine, tea and coffee available. If you wish to buy a fuschia plug plant for the Flower Show entry please contact Sue Jones ASAP if you have not put your name on the list. She will be bringing the ordered plants to the meeting. The information sheets about our 3 trips will be out for the last time and it is the deadline for payment. If you haven't had the

information yet, will miss the AGM but would like to go on one or all of these trips, please contact Carole for the trip to Exbury on April 28th, Sue Johns, the evening walk at Rowdeford on June 12th and Jackie the trip to Hillier's Arboretum and Hinton Ampner on 14th July. Joe will be ready and waiting for your cheques or cash.

At our last meeting Steve Renvoize talked very knowledgeably, to a smaller than usual audience, about bamboos. He was head of the grasses and bamboos department at Kew for many years and told us enough to keep us interested and informed without too many slides. Some of his pictures were taken at Hilliers so those of us going on that trip will be able to see the plants he talked about. The Spring bulb show resulted in Tim Vince winning classes 4, 8 and 11, Tony Hill winning class 10 and Joyce winning class 12.

Finally we need plants, produce and volunteers please for the Church fete on June 2nd^h and Lye field fete in August.

See you all at the AGM. Sue.

100 Club Draw for March

1st Prize Mr D Lovelock £25

2nd Prize Mr Adam Kidd £15

3rd Prize Julia and David Foord £10

The Badgers'

Worton and Cheverell F.C.

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

Can you name the four companies that have sponsored the F.A. Cup ?
(answers below)

Currently the Club are in the final stages of CUP competitions, for which we will know by next publication if some of the teams have been successful in getting to the Final:

- Under 17s who are currently 4th in their League, are in the Semi-Finals of the League Cup and are to play Bradford Town , having beaten Warminster Town 1-0.
- Under 12s are also in the Semi-finals and will be playing big town opposition Trowbridge
- Under 11s also through to Semi's after a great Quarter Final win against Bradford Town 6-0.

Also the Under 11 team will be participating in a tournament away in Camber Sands (East Sussex) from 1-4 June. For this event they will be raising money through a sponsored run, help with packing at Morrisons/Sainsbury's, Quiz nights, cake stands...etc. (donated to use as a prize is a weekend away in a cottage in the West). Any support to help with raising funds or contributing is most welcome. They are also seeking sponsors for a promotional banner to use during the tournament and at matches next season. (contact: Neil Black 07769-261750)

FA Cup sponsors: Previously - Littlewoods, AXA, E.On, and the current name is ' the FA Cup with Budweiser'.

Steve Dagnall

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Bowood Charity Dog Show & Summer Fair
with the Tractor Ted Farmshow.
Sunday 10th June 2012, 10am to 5pm

This will be the 7th Bowood Charity Dog Show and Summer Fair, started by the Marchioness of Lansdowne to raise funds for local charities (£132,000 to date). The ethos of the show has always been to provide an event for all the family - a great day out, whether or not you have a dog; and Bowood House and Gardens is the perfect location. One of the important parts of the day is the Dog Show, comprising family and fun classes, with companion classes for pedigree dogs, all being held under Kennel Club rules. There are also displays, attractions, shopping, children's activities, food & drink stands and lots more.

Without doubt this will be BEST SHOW EVER and what's more you can save a big 25% on tickets by booking in advance - CALL 01373 834500 or visit www.tractorland.co.uk

Race Night

On Friday 9th March the Village Hall erupted, once again, to the roar of frenzied urging as punter after punter watched horse after horse fail to cross the winning line first and thus provide them with a shedload of winnings. Another fun night of racing left a few better off and two worthy charities the beneficiaries of our generosity. We offer our heartfelt thanks to the sponsors in the village who put up prize money for each race and our congratulations to those who willingly bought the winning horses and jockeys before the event. The lucky owners have received their winnings and the two charities - Hope For Tomorrow and Dorothy House - are the beneficiaries of the remaining proceeds. To everyone who contributed to the success of the evening, including those for whom the evening was a financial disaster, many thanks for your generosity. It was a great night!

The Generous Sponsors were - Beechfield Reclamation Poulshot Lodge Farm, Jim Hunter Poulshot Nursery, Pippin Homes The Raven, Planks Nursery

The Lucky Winners were -, Penny Telling Kevin Urda, Pete Lamb, Mandy Housby, Caroline Brailey, Jackie Pohnert, Carol Cross. Paul Gibbs, Hazel Coleman, Denise Josey, Ray Josey

Great Bulkington Railway - Train Rides Easter Monday 09th April

The private miniature railway will be open for steam and diesel powered train rides for adults and children of all ages on from 1330 until 1630 hours on Monday 09th April. We are located on the corner of Mill Lane in the village of Bulkington, near Seend next to Bulkington village hall - SN10 1SW. There is a thousand feet of railway track, a 40 foot long tunnel and lots of workings signals - some of the engines will be steam powered and coal fired and some will be diesel. We have ride on carriages for our passengers and will

be supported by the West Wiltshire Society of Model Engineers. Sticky buns and teas on the lawns. Toilets are available in the Village Hall. This event will be in support of the charity '*Hope for Tomorrow*' raising money for mobile units to treat cancer sufferers with chemotherapy closer to their homes in Wiltshire.

Nev Boulton engine driver (long haul), GBR. 01380 828 101

News from "The Raven"

What a glorious week we've had! I hope you've been enjoying the weather and are starting to feel a little bit more Summery? Our **Spring Forward** night was a great success - the food was enjoyed by all and by the end of the evening the Karaoke was in full swing with some memorable moments, like Declan singing "*Whisky in the Jar*", Gavin doing Feargal Sharkey's "*A good heart*" and Tim, Ed, Simon and Nick's version of The Killers "*Mr Brightside*". Well done to all who turned up and took part, we will do it again sometime...

This coming week's big event is **Liz Gaule's Charity Night** on Tues 3rd April. We are pretty much fully booked for food but could just about squeeze a couple more in. The food will be followed by our **American-style Auction** which involves bidders putting pound coins into a bucket whilst a hidden timer ticks away. The last person to put a pound in the bucket when the timer goes off wins the item. Because of the format of this auction even the smallest of items can raise good money. We still need items, like, a bottle of wine, box of chocolates, perfumes, unwanted gifts (new), etc. Please bring items to the Raven any time (when we are open) up to and including the night of the auction.

This week's film is the last of the **Raven Film Nights** until October, so if you have not been before please come along to see what you have been missing. The films are shown on a large 100" screen with full surround sound and free (yes, FREE!) popcorn - nicely salted to make you drink more! This week's film is "*The Fastest Indian*". Here is a brief summary:

For 25 years in Invercargill at the south end of New Zealand, Burt Munro (1899-1978) has been working on increasing the speed of his motorcycle, a 1920 Indian. He dreams of taking it to the Bonneville Salt Flats to see how fast it will go. By the early 1960s, heart disease threatens his life, so he mortgages his house and takes a boat to Los Angeles, buys an old car, builds a makeshift trailer, gets the Indian through customs, and heads for Utah. Along the way, people he meets are charmed by his open, direct friendliness. If he makes it to Bonneville, will they let an old guy on the flats with makeshift tires, no brakes, and no chute? And will the Indian actually respond? The film stars Anthony Hopkins and is a real feel good movie so please, leave your normal Sunday evening viewing at home and join us at The Raven.

Well, enough for this week, please take care of yourselves and we hope to see you soon, Cheers, Jerry and Nathalie.