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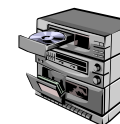
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EDITORIAL

It has clearly been a busy summer and I hope that everyone is suitably refreshed, gently tanned and ready to knuckle down to putting gardens to bed, sweeping up your neighbour's leaves and getting ready for Christmas – the brochures have been stopping up the letter boxes for some time already.

On the Friday before the new term started at Rowde Church of England Primary School we visited the brand new buildings that are at last open for business. It has been a long and tortuous journey fraught with every obstacle known to man thrown in its way, but all those concerned, Head **David Ball** and all his staff, Chairman of Governors, **Mandy Housby** and her fellow governors, parents and friends have persevered and can be very proud of their achievement. The impression one has is of space and light, both inside and out and this is reflected in all the classrooms, and especially in the assembly hall, adaptable for meals, gym and religious services, and large enough to accommodate a significant number of people. The IT Suite and the Music and Drama Rooms are both most impressive and, once the grass has grown, the outside facilities will be just as impressive – indeed the swimming pool already is. The menu for school lunches attracted a noticeable number of parents who were heard to hope that the facility might be available for them in holiday times! Incidentally, I searched hard, but in vain, for a blackboard and some chalk and for one of those chalk dusters, a block of wood with a cloth fixed to it, which could be mighty painful if thrown by an accurate and irate teacher! I suppose that it is really a good thing that schools have come a long way since then; it is unarguably a very good thing that Rowde School has taken such a great stride with their new school – well done everyone.

May I draw your attention to the notices about Grants (*page 4*), Volunteers (*page 16*) and Rural Arts (*page 19*). If any of these strike an interest, please contact **Mike Wilson**, the Clerk to the Parish Council, who will be able to point you in the right direction.

Having just had a “publication holiday”, I feel almost, if not quite, embarrassed to tell you that there will be no magazine at the end of December. It really is too difficult to put together a meaningful issue then and guarantee that copying and delivery arrangements work. So after the issue on 30th November, the next will be on 31st January 2007. Please plan your contributions so that they are with us by 20th January at the very latest.

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John Quinn

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- Sun 1 Harvest Evensong, St Peter's Church, 6.00pm
 Mon 2 Mobile Library, The Raven Car Park, 1125—1135am
 Mon 2 Plastic & Cardboard Skip, Village Hall, 1130am—1.30pm
 Wed 4 Black Wheelie Bin Collection
 Wed 11 Black Box/Green Wheelie Bin Collections
 Mon 16 Mobile Library, The Raven Car Park, 1125—1135am
 Mon 16 Wiltshire Numismatic Society, Village Hall, 8pm -
 "Roman Coins" Dr A Hobbley
 Wed 18 Black Wheelie Bin Collection
 Wed 18 Wednesday Group, Village Hall, 7.30pm— "Nature or
 Nurture?"
 Wed 25 Black Box/Green Wheelie Bin Collections
 Wed 25 Poulshot Ladies Club—Evening with Worton Ladies Club,
 Worton Village Hall, 8.00pm (*see page 6*)
 Sat 28 Coffee Morning, Dukes Farm, 10am—12noon
 Mon 30 Poulshot Farming Club, Village Hall, 7.30pm—Talk by
 Mrs Kelley, "Berlin in 1969".

November

- Wed 1 Black Wheelie Bin Collection
 Tue 7 Parish Council, Village Hall, 7.30pm
 Wed 8 Black Box/Green Wheelie Bin Collections
 Fri 10 Poulshot Village Trust Open Evening, Village Hall, 7pm –9pm
 Wed 15 Black Wheelie Bin Collection
 Thu 16 Poulshot Ladies Club—Visit to Old Potato Yard, Lydeway,
 7.30pm
 Wed 22 Black Box/Green Wheelie Bin Collections
 Wed 29 Black Wheelie Bin Collection

Forthcoming Dates for your Diary

- Wed 6 Dec Christmas Bazaar, Village Hall, 6pm
 Wed 13 Dec Poulshot Ladies Club Christmas Dinner, The Raven
 Thu 21 Dec Over 60's Christmas Dinner, Village Hall

Deadline for copy for November - 20 October

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POULSHOT PARISH COUNCIL

5th September 2006

All members of the Council were present less **Mr Nixon** and **Mr Dyke**. Apologies were received from representatives of Wiltshire County and Kennet District Councils, and Wiltshire Police. There were eight members of the public present and **Mr Will Harley**, the Kennet District Council Conservation Officer attended for the first part of the meeting.

Mr Harley gave a detailed account of Kennet's conservation arrangements and outlined the rules that govern the conservation of trees and field hedges. In essence, all trees in a conservation area are protected once they reach a height of 1.5m or a diameter of 75cm and all work on them must be notified. Eight weeks' notice is required before work can be carried out on any field hedge. There is also legislation under the ASBO act in respect of evergreen hedges above a height of 2m. Mr Harley also explained the position regarding landscape conservation grants and their applicability to Poulshot. There was discussion on the presence of the current disease affecting **Horse Chestnut Trees**, prevalent in Tidworth, and the Council is discouraging the planting of this species, in favour of **Hornbeam** and the **London Plane**.

Next, **Judy Edwards** gave a report on progress in the re-establishment of Neighbourhood Watch. She now has volunteers to act as her link with each part of the village. (A list of local liaison volunteers is on page 8 of this magazine). There were reports of a group of youngsters walking through the village in an intimidating manner, throwing stones at cows and damaging signs, and the police were aware of this.

Matters arising from the previous meeting and from the agenda included the following:

Speed Limits. These had been approved and would be imposed as soon as the appropriate signs had been made and their location agreed.

Lengthmen. A new Stewardship system is to be introduced by Kennet District Council. *See page 5.*

The Green. There are still a number of minor obstructions on the Green and those responsible will be approached by the Chairman. It was agreed that the **Limes** that line the south edge of the Green should have their crowns raised. Now that the Pond was empty, it was planned to repair the drainage pipe and clear out surplus bulrushes.

Village Design Guide. There would be a talk on this at the next meeting (7 Nov).

Elections 2007. These will be covered regularly through the magazine (see below).

Recycling Skips. Skips for the acceptance only of PLASTIC & CARDBOARD for recycling would be sited outside the Village Hall between the hours of 11.30am and 13.30pm on Mondays – 2nd Oct, 11th Dec, and 5th Feb 2007.

Refuse Collection. It was unanimously felt that the new fortnightly collection of household rubbish constituted a serious health hazard and the clerk was asked to write a strong letter to Kennet District Council asking that the weekly service be reinstated.

Next Meeting. Tuesday 7th November at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Again, the Chairman encouraged members of the public to attend, both for the special occasions when there is a visiting speaker and also at ordinary meetings in order to see how the Council conducts its business on their behalf.

COUNCIL ELECTIONS

3rd May 2007

This may seem premature, but perhaps you need a little time to think of the implications for you and your community!

On 3rd May next year, you have the opportunity to give your opinion of those you selected last time to manage your affairs within Wiltshire County Council, Kennet District Council and, equally important, Poulshot Parish Council. Do be certain that you have registered as an elector and, if you are not sure, contact the Electoral Register Officer at Kennet District Council.

You may also feel that you would like to offer your services, experience and abilities to Poulshot by becoming a councillor. If you would like to consider standing for election to the Parish Council next May, or if you are already a member and wish to stand again, please contact the Parish Clerk, **Mike Wilson**, at the Old Chapel, Poulshot Road, telephone 828100.

EXTERNAL GRANTS

There are many sources of community grants from both government and other bodies that potentially cover a wide range of projects that might just be of interest and benefit to our community. Poulshot has already benefited, for example, through the Forestry Commission for a grant towards the Green Gardens Woodland and through Awards for All towards the publication of the Village History *Down Poulshot*. There have been others.

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The Parish Clerk holds an exhaustive and regularly updated list of grants that might be appropriate and available, and, if anyone feels that they have a worthwhile project, generally one that would be of benefit to the community, for which a grant might be on offer, they should discuss their ideas with the Parish Clerk who will be able to give initial advice and guidance.

STEWARDSHIP

Kenet are shortly to introduce what they term a Stewardship Scheme, which will nominate one individual on their staff who will be responsible for the kind of minor works, specifically in Poulshot, previously carried out by Council Lengthmen. Our nominated steward and our parish representative, **Mr Geoff Collett**, will liaise to ensure that our needs are included in the former's work schedule and carried out to our satisfaction. The Stewards' vehicles are all ready to be taken into action; there is still a delay in finding the men for the job. We are assured that it will not be long.

POULSHOT VILLAGE TRUST 19 September 2006

Fifteen people from the village attended the Trust meeting on 19 September. More members would be most welcome. Membership costs £1:00 per family each year.

Have you ventured into the Green Garden Woodland lately? It is a particularly wonderful sight during these autumnal weeks. The berries on our woodland trees and shrubs are quite spectacular. Plans are afoot for the removal of the trees that have died, maybe this is due to the early frosts that we had and lack of water this summer. The hedge is to be cut and maybe the mowing of the obnoxious weeds growing between the trees.

At the meeting we were shown the splendid Poulshot Book of Trees. This has been put together, over many months, thanks to the endeavours of **Nora Dixon, John Quinn** and **Brian James**. It is illustrated with many photographs of trees growing and deceased, and stories of memories associated with Poulshot's trees, all submitted by village folk. There is plenty of room for further items, so please continue to click your cameras at tree events in our village gardens and surroundings and write some more accounts about them. To commemorate the work so far done on this book it is planned that we have an Open Evening in the Village Hall on Friday, 10th November from 7:00 - 9:00pm. Please come and see and share a glass of wine with us.

The projected Village Mission Statement will be explained to the Parish

Council at their meeting on 7th November, at which Trust members are encouraged to be present.

Members were sad that **Mr and Mrs Nixon** had left Higher Green but delighted that they were staying in the village and wished them well in their new home. In the 1960s, there were 14 farms – there are now just three! Considerable interest has been shown in the farm and, as a separate entity, the house and paddock, but how far that interest has gone is not known. At the moment speculation on the future of the land and the possibility of development is unhelpful, but progress in the disposal of all elements of the farm will be followed closely.

The Ladies Club Picnic and Proms in the Green Gardens Woodland on 1st July had been a resounding success in every way and for all ages. Despite late changes in the date and the uncertain weather, which happily relented at the last minute, some thirty people enjoyed the Village Picnic on 3rd September.

The next meeting of the Trust is to take place in the Village Hall on Tuesday, 23rd January, 2007 at 7:30pm, at which all are welcome.

POULSHOT LADIES CLUB

October Meeting We have been invited to join Worton Ladies Club on Wednesday 25 October at 8.00pm in Worton Village Hall, when Dame Sybil Thorndike's niece, **Sybil Mitchell**, will be talking about her Aunt. This should be a most interesting evening. If you would like to attend please let **Paulette** know on 828527 as they will need numbers for the catering.

November Meeting We have arranged to go to The Old Potato Yard at Lydeway on Thursday 16 November where there will be a demonstration of Christmas card making and we will have a hands-on session. We need to be there by 7.30 pm sharp. We take our own wine and nibbles, and the cost is £10 per person. Numbers are very limited so please let either **Angela** (828413) or **Paulette** (828527) know if you would like to attend.

December The date of our annual Christmas dinner is Wednesday 13 December at The Raven. Menus and full details will be distributed at a later date.

Please try and support our club. Not everybody likes everything we arrange but we do need your support – “Use us or lose us” ! Thank you.

The types of goods pillaged, depended on the type of ship encountered. Therefore many pirates were very selective in the ship they attacked, to be certain that the booty received was worth the risks of battle. It was equally important for the captain to choose the most rewarding area to monitor. One such area was the Spanish Main.. It was a well-known fact to pirates, that the Spanish treasure fleet made frequent yearly visits to Portobello in order to load treasure from Peru. This cargo could be as much as twice the yearly revenue of the King of England and often included 25 million pesos in the form of silver bars, and coins.

Choosing the right ship and the right cargo to pillage was an essential part of any pirate ship captain's duties if he wished to avoid mutiny. However, failing to attack a promising ship could also result in a mutiny, since most of his crew were only sailing for a share in the plundered goods.

The idea of buried treasure is mostly a mythical one, as it is romantically portrayed in books such as *Treasure Island*. One pirate however, who may have started the myth and was known for burying his treasure was Captain Kidd. But even though some pirates may have hidden their plunder in this way, a great deal more money has been spent searching for it, than has ever been uncovered. Most pirates squandered their wealth and rarely accumulated enough treasure to bury. Due to the danger and uncertainty of their profession, they were usually determined to live life for the present, and not save for the future.

Pirate compensation. (1 piece of eight is about 50 pence)

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Loss of a finger – 100 pieces of eight

Q: What is “pirataphobia”? A: Fear of a sunken chest!

Q: What character from Star Wars is really a pirate?

A: aarrrrrrggh 2-D-2!

Q: What did Blackbeard say to his men before they went on board ship?

A: Right me hearties! Get on board ship!



In recognition of National Pirate Day which was held in mid September, we are looking at all things piratical - "ah har me hearties!"

Pirate Punishments

Man Overboard

If a pirate were found guilty of a serious crime, he would be forced to walk the plank, or flung over the side of the ship. Particularly nasty captains would tow the treacherous pirate behind the ship on a length of rope until he died from hypothermia, exhaustion or drowning.

Marooning

Pirates found guilty of mutiny were either left on a remote deserted island or cast adrift on a tiny raft with no provisions.

Dunking

As a less severe punishment, pirates were strung upside down from the mast and lowered down into the ocean several times and then left hung up to dry in the hot sun.

The term "sick as a parrot" comes from the parrot disease psittacosis. The disease was not really harmful to birds, but could be transmitted to humans and often resulted in death. It was particularly rife aboard pirate ships. Symptoms included fever, dry cough and severe muscle pain. Psittacosis was caught from inhaling the dust of dried parrot poo.

The main force behind piracy has always been the search for wealth. Pirates were able to acquire amazing riches, and goods, through their campaigns. The assets that were most prized were gold and silver pieces, currency, jewellery, and precious stones. But the actual pirate booty, was acquired from looted merchant ships, which usually included items such as linens, cloths, food, anchors, rope, and sometimes medical supplies, spices, sugar, indigo, and quinine.

SEWERAGE WORKS - THE GREEN

Wessex Water have announced that they are soon to carry out works on the Green in order to eliminate occasional sewerage problems experienced by those living on the east side - "the other side of the tracks!" There will be some disruption to access to that side of the Green as a new, overflow control pipe is to be laid, running parallel to the existing one, laid some three years ago. Only that part of the Green between the road and the houses to the east should be immediately affected, but work, which is due to start in **the second week of October and last for five weeks**, will presumably create a rather wider disturbance. We are given to understand that flows from the affected houses, and roof run off flows, for a 1 30 year storm have been computer modelled to ensure that there should be enough storage capacity within the new system. *Hooray!*

PHOTOGRAPHS

Could I please put out a general request for ANY photographs for the Poulshot Web Site of the village, or parishioners (young or old).

Mike Wilson

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The Old Chapel

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YOUTH OF ROWDE & POULSHOT YORP

invite you to their **Annual General Meeting**
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the Club up and running. The Youth of Rowde and
Poulshot need your support
Come and have a drink and a chat



Neighbourhood Watch

Wiltshire is the second safest place to live in the UK, according to a recent Home Office report published in July. A Force spokesman for the county said: "Wiltshire is clearly a very safe place to live and work. Our detection rate for crime being better than the national average is a testament to the local policing style within Wiltshire which relies upon close partnerships with the community and agencies. We receive excellent support from the community, from other agencies and partnerships across Wiltshire". (See the full report at www.wiltshire.police.uk/news).

So, please keep up the good work in looking out for each other ... and for the unusual. Recent events in neighbouring villages demonstrate a need for vigilance.



In Urchfont recently, an elderly resident was called upon by two men asking if any garden work needed doing. The callers were hard selling and thanks to neighbours who intervened no money was exchanged. The callers were driving a Ford Transit Flat Bed marked Millennium Tree Trims.



Another 'van scam', this time in Market Lavington, involved two men who invited residents to look at fresh fish in their vehicle. Whilst residents were taking a look one of the men jumped over a fence and into the back garden of one house.

Although these incidents are very infrequent, please be alert and report anything suspicious to the police. Thank you.

In an emergency call 999, or otherwise use **0845 408 7000, the single non-emergency number** through which you can access any station or officer.

Signage

New Neighbourhood Watch signs are soon to be erected at either end of the village – they are on order and should be with us by November.

Your local Neighbourhood Watch contacts

We now have a full complement of volunteers from the village who are happy to be contacted by you – their neighbours. Please do not hesitate to let them know of any concern you may have, or simply if you are going away from home and want somebody to know. They are:

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**Do please get in touch if there is a subject YOU WOULD REALLY LIKE
TO BE DISCUSSED. All offers willingly considered!**

We missed seeing **Peter Hicks**, who has decided to retire as our President; he has taken a continuing interest in the Club ever since he stood down as Chairman and was always there to give helpful suggestions. We hope to see both him and **Patricia** at our meetings when they feel able.

David Raby-Cox has kindly agreed to stand as Acting President until our next AGM.

Although the venue has not yet been fixed, the date for next year's Day Out will be Saturday, 21st July 2007, so please make a note in your diary.

The Stay Away will be centred on York and a provisional itinerary has been planned from Thursday 21st June—Monday 25th June 2007; please contact **Roger** or **Sue Johns** if you would like more information.

As pelargoniums were so successfully grown for the Club Class at the Flower Show this year, we shall have them again in 2007, but a different colour. **Sue Jones** has agreed to give tips for successful growing.

Malcolm Thomas, the September speaker, gave an interesting account of the development of weather forecasting over the years. It all started with the need for ships to have some knowledge of likely weather at sea, followed by the setting up of the "Met" Office. The advent of radio telegraph improved the speed of information, and computers and satellites have increased accuracy and speed up to the present day. You may have recognised Malcolm from the occasion when he stood in for **Tony Target**.

On Tuesday 14th November, the entertaining **Phil Collins** will be back with us again to talk about "Growing and Cooking" potatoes. The monthly competition will be a "Decorated Potato", so everyone can have a go at that!

Joyce Brand

THEY WALK AMONG US !!!!!!!

A man bought a new fridge for his house. To get rid of his old fridge, he put it in his front garden and hung a sign on it saying: "Free to good home. You want it, you take it." For three days the fridge sat there without even one person looking twice at it. He eventually decided that people were too un-trusting of this deal. It looked too good to be true, so he changed the sign to read: "Fridge for sale £50." The next day someone stole it!!!
They Walk Among Us !!!!!

I couldn't find my luggage at the airport baggage area. So I went to the lost luggage office and told the woman there that my bags never showed up. She smiled and told me not to worry because she was a trained professional and I was in good hands. "Now", she asked me, "has your plane arrived yet?"...
They Walk Among Us !!!!!

These are true stories !!!!!

Michael Hues	828255	(Poulshot Road)
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John Quinn	828501	(The Green)
Wendy Moore	828216	(Sillington Lane)
Nigel Blenkarne	828569	(Mill Lane / Townsend)

With thanks,

Judy Edwards

Rowde School News

The start of another academic year in the new school is well under way now. For those of you that may have doubted it would be ready and finished in time I'm sure you were pleasantly surprised, as were some of the staff no doubt!! It goes without saying it wouldn't have been ready had it not have been for all the staff's hard work and dedication (until very late some nights). **Mr Ball** practically lived at the school over the summer holidays I believe, with the exception of walking his daughter down the aisle! He really has put his heart and soul into making this new school possible. Thank you also to **Mandy Housby** Chairman of Governors who has invested a lot of time and energy at the school making sure it was all up and running. We are very lucky to have such a wonderful Chairman. Thank you to everybody else that gave up their time in the summer to help out.

It is great to see the end result after such a lot of hard work. The children are really enjoying their new school and fantastic facilities. The swimming pool has been used in the first week of term. The wonderful pieces of art work and sculpture the children worked on at the end of last term are now on display, and they look fabulous.

We welcome two new teachers this term. **Mr Andrew Hodder**, who joins us for just one term to cover maternity leave, to teach year 3 and **Mr Andrew Dyson** who is teaching year 4. We hope they will both be very happy in their time at Rowde. Sadly we have said goodbye to our school cook **Maureen Burbidge** during the summer holidays. Maureen has been the school cook for the past 12 years and was working in the school kitchen for many years prior to that. We are very grateful to her for all her hard work and dedication to the task over so many years.

Our annual Harvest Festival will take place on Friday 22nd September at St Matthew's Church at 1.30pm. All are very welcome.

Watch this space for Official Opening Ceremony and future school events.
Rachel Hues

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POULSHOT VILLAGE TRUST

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Residents of the Village

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On Friday 10th November

**When the recently completed Poulshot Book of Trees and other
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on

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10A.M.—12 NOON

at DUKES FARM, POULSHOT

in aid of

SAVE THE CHILDREN

Christmas Cards, Paper and Gifts will be on sale.

Also a Bring & Buy Stall and a Raffle

5th February **Mrs Marshfield** will talk about “My Visit to Buckingham
Palace.” Village Hall, 7.30pm.

5th March Talk on “Pens and Pencils” by **Mr Paul Mitchell**. Village
Hall, 7.30pm.

April Visit to be arranged.

For any further information, call **Mrs Christobel Francis**, 828232.

**YOUTH OF ROWDE & POULSHOT
YORP**

‘YORP’ resumed again on Friday 8th September with 22 young people attending, two of these being new members.

The lads gave us a very energetic street dance demonstration to some of the beats on the just released NOW 64 CD, then had to cool off outside on the grass! Others enjoyed the PlayStation games and sports in the main hall, and the making of organza, ribbon and bead necklaces was available to the girls and lady helpers.

Helen Drew, aged 17, has joined us as a youth worker for a year as she is working towards her Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award. Gaining experience in this field will help her to complete her assignment.

Please note there will be **no** YORP on Friday 6th October

On Wednesday 11th October Youth of Rowde & Poulshot invite you to their AGM to be held at the Cross Keys at 7.30pm. We have two vacancies to fill on our Committee. Please consider giving a very small amount of time to keep the Club up and running. “YORP” need your support—come and have a drink and a chat.

On 20th October **Ke**v from Youth Action Wiltshire is coming to show the lads how to make an air-powered model car, finishing on the indoor circuit to find a winning Rowde racer!

SEEND GARDENING CLUB

It was great to see so many members at the first meeting of the Club in September and to welcome some new members as well.

as the very best beef and went a long way towards redeeming the catering. Needless to say, the excellent salmon and good looking prawns (shrimp) didn't get down to my end of the table! If we go to Greenland again, and we are sorely tempted, I for one shall take my own sandwiches.

Fortunately, Sisimuit was redeemed by a visit paid to the small Lutheran Church there. The whole church was candlelit, and the choir was on parade, in their wonderfully decorated national costumes – sealskin breeches, high boots also made of sealskin and colourful beaded capes. The choir sang beautifully, finishing with their rendition of “our” Christmas carol “*Silent Night*”, which the visitors were invited to sing with them!!! The Greenlandic songsheets were handed out, and after a quick lesson in pronunciation, away we went with great verve!!! A delightful end to a walking tour of Sisimuit in the pouring rain which had taken us to the museum to see amongst many other things a peat house, the size of a garden shed in which two families would have lived; and to a demonstration of traditional kayaking where the bare handed young Inuit turned his custom built kayak over and over in the water, ending with his party piece – paddling along upside down. He seemed completely unfazed by the freezing water in the harbour!

All in all, it was a trip to be highly recommended, and we also saw a couple of live whales, spouting and rolling as we sailed along.

POULSHOT FARMING CLUB

We are a mixed group of about forty retired people with rural interests. Our annual subscription is £6.00 and we meet through the winter months, with a day out in May. Anyone who wishes to join or to come along to a meeting will be most welcome. This winter's programme is as follows:

13th September Visit to Longleat.

25th September Talk by Commodore **Jan Gibbs**, “From Cadet to Commodore and Beyond”.

30th October Talk by **Mrs Kelley**, “Berlin in 1969.” Village Hall, 7.30pm.

4th December AGM and “Crazy Whist”. Village Hall, 7.30pm.

10th December Christmas Lunch at Bromham Social Centre, 12.30 for 1pm

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8th January Talk by **Phil Collins**, “Market Gardening”. Village Hall, 7.30pm.

WEDNESDAY GROUP

A small but select group met on 20th September to consider the question “Is War Inevitable?” First reactions suggested that it might be the shortest meeting on record as the immediate response to the question from most of us was an unequivocal “YES!” However after a brief consideration of the history of wars since the Second World War it became apparent that perhaps there was a case, albeit in the long term, for avoiding the inevitable.

The Cold War had shown how the deterrent effect of nuclear weapons had effectively ensured that the gap between the Communist East and the Democratic West could be solved by dialogue and without bloodshed, although this was only after a lengthy period of posturing, bluff and counter-bluff. We have to be optimistic that this signals a removal from the argument of the likelihood of another global war. Unfortunately nothing has eliminated the threat of the smaller wars which have continued unabated, the Korean War, Vietnam, the bloodshed that accompanied the end of Empire (India and Pakistan, Kenya, Cyprus, Malaysia), Iran and Iraq, Borneo, the Middle East, former Yugoslavia, Northern Ireland, and many others, particularly in Africa. Now we are in the course of the aftermath of two wars in Iraq, conflict in Afghanistan and on the tenuous brink of at best a ceasefire in the Lebanon between Israel and Hezbollah. Superseding all these now is the war against terrorism, which is perhaps harder to recognise than all the others.

The reasons for war are many: power, wealth, empire, race, religion, influence, control, and a lack of respect for, and intolerance of the culture of others, and these reasons govern not only nations and governments but also individuals and it was felt by all that unless mankind can be weaned away from his and her seemingly inbuilt aggression, we are at permanent risk of war. The means of changing man's aggressive instincts at national level were seen as dialogue, ie the United Nations, economic aid, education, technology and religion, and all have their strengths and weaknesses, but we must not abandon the attempt.

There was, in past times, a popular saying that: “If rape is inevitable, lie back and enjoy it.” Such a sentiment is rightly no longer politically correct, and we would be quite wrong today to apply it to war instead!

Next month the group will meet in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 18th to consider the question “Nature or Nurture? Are we born to be or are we made to become?” Please join us and join (silently or noisily) in the usual lively and interesting debate.

WILTSHIRE NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

The Society met in the Village Hall on 17th July, one of the hottest days of the year and although a number of members were away there was a good attendance. The talk was given by one of the three members of the “Bobby Van Scheme Trust in Wiltshire”, based in Calne. It was one of the most interesting talks we have had for a very long time, put over simply in such a way that was understandable to everyone. There was a display of interesting locks and safety devices, including a Key Safe, that none of us had ever seen before. There were many questions and answers, and friends who had come a distance for the evening were most impressed. The raffle made £12.

At the very well attended meeting on 21st August, the President **Michael Bowden** gave a talk entitled “Little & Large” about gold coins. On display were a 1/3rd Guinea, a £5 piece which is the largest gold coin ever circulated in Great Britain, the largest USA gold coin, the \$20 (the Double Eagle) and Europe’s largest ever gold coin, the 100 franc piece of Napoleon III. The raffle made £15 for Society funds.

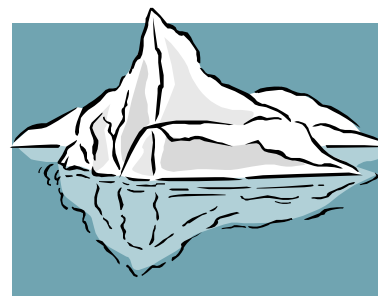
FROM THE RECTOR

From Where I Stand

...preparing a quiz or treasure hunt means you have to look very carefully for clues! I was asked to create a quiz for people to do while visiting Holy Cross Seend during our Patronal Festival weekend in September. In any church the Patronal Festival is like one big birthday party usually kept around the date in the year when the saint or name dedication given to the church is celebrated. In our Benefice, St Peter’s Poulshot have theirs at the end of June when St Peter & St Paul are remembered & Christ Church Bulkington now have theirs on a day in November called the Feast of Christ the King. Holy Cross Day is 14th September and celebrates the way in which the whole Christian Church has come to see the cross on which Jesus was crucified as the symbol for the Christian faith journey.

Like any birthday style celebration the time is meant to give thanks for the years passed and look with hope to the future. The church gives thanks for the generations of those who have worshipped there before us, looking forward with hope for the future, being aware of our responsibilities to care for both the church and being part of building the community in the parish around us.

pansion and where did you leave your team of huskies in the summer? The dogs roamed loose for a while but became too dangerous and now they all have to be chained up when not out hunting, a winter occupation. The flats are now beginning to border on slums.



There were two particular highlights of our time in Greenland. First was a two hour ride in a small boat, holding about a dozen, around what is called **Disco Bay**, which is the entry to the sea of one of the main fjords into which glaciers spawn the really big ice bergs. These break off the glaciers and gradually make their way down the fjord to the bay where they wait until they and the winds and the tides carry them out to sea and South towards Newfoundland. The journey from glacier to the sea can take up to three years and the mouth of the fjord is rather like a giant’s maternity hospital with dozens, possibly hundreds of ice babies waiting to be discharged. But they are big babies – as big as a three storey house, as wide as a football pitch and in many cases only a sixth is above the water. But to inspect them from only fifty or a hundred yards was wonderful. The sun was out but not too bright and we could see the weird shapes and the wide range of colours in all their glory. Our photographs will always seem dull when set beside the memories that we will always retain.

The second highlight is also unforgettable, but only to one of us! This was billed as a “Taste of Greenland” and took place in the large basement of the Seaman’s Mission hut in **Sisimiut**. Some forty of us gathered to find out what kept Greenlanders alive and supposedly healthy – we were to sample all the goodies they live on. First we had a piece of dried cod, which had little taste but was almost impossible to chew it was so tough and there was also a dried herring on offer which I declined. Next was a bowl of cubes of what looked like white marshmallow, and had a not dissimilar if rather wet consistency, but was in fact whale blubber. Fortunately it had little taste but was otherwise quite disgusting. It was followed by a bowl of much smaller treats, coral pink in colour and which we hoped might be pudding, but “Oh No!” it was seal blubber and even nastier than the whale. Then there was a stew which consisted of pieces of whale meat floating in a lukewarm, thin, grey sauce – the meat was just edible and of course the elderly will remember whale meat in the butchers during the last war. The grilled seal chop might have been acceptable if it hadn’t been for the large lump of fat hanging on the end and the slice of roast reindeer was as tough as old boots and with as much flavour. However it must be recorded that roast musk-ox is delicious, as good

AN ARCTIC HOLIDAY

Greenland was much further away than we had realised, or so it seemed, as we moved into a land of high cliffs, snow-topped mountains split by wide glaciers. The first inlet we entered, **Prinz Christian Sund**, was some 60 miles long and from 250 to 500 yards wide for most of its length, and the land on either side was both awe-inspiring and a little frightening at the same time. The weather was overcast and occasionally misty which heightened the air of tension and the excitement which seemed to run through the ship. On only one occasion did we pass habitation, at the point in the middle of the sound where it widened out and where there was a small bay with a little fishing settlement. If you were a crow it was only about seventy miles from its nearest neighbour, but for mere men there was only a canoe up the coast or, in the winter, a dog sledge over the mountains. Another feature was the growing number of baby bergs, off-cuts from their much, much bigger parents we were to see later. Fortunately, this was in the early morning and so one could be brave and watch through the windows accompanied by a large plate of bacon and eggs.....

As we sailed further North we saw more ice bergs, always at a good safe distance and it seemed as if there was a sea lane going North for ships and one going South for the ice. Although an experienced skipper in these waters, our captain had also taken on board an "ice pilot", a trawler captain from the Faroe Islands who spends most of his life fishing off Greenland.

We called into three settlements, each of which was in a sheltered bay but surrounded on the landward side with high mountains leading up to the icefields. As a result, although a livelihood of fishing was perfectly practicable and indeed the main industry is deep sea fishing, there was very little land for building and, while there were small but modern fish processing plants in each port of call, there was little else, and there was no scope for real estate development. Most of the houses were simple wooden structures, as were the few public buildings, the church, the school, the occasional shop and, a sign of the times, the museum and, in **Nuuk**, the capital, quite an elaborate Visitor Centre! In the years after WWII the Danes, who largely administer Greenland, attempted to concentrate outlying groups of Inuit people, who lived in the snow fields and tundra inland, and moved them into the coastal settlements, the better to give them the benefits of civilisation. They prefabricated blocks of flats in Denmark and erected them wherever there was a flat space and moved people into them. Cosy little apartments with electricity and running water were a great attraction, but in the words of one local resident, only for a fortnight. They were too cramped, there was no room for ex-

So as part of the preparation for the Holy Cross weekend I started to think about this treasure hunt quiz... Finding the clues meant carefully looking around the church, at the windows, the memorial plaques, the stonework. Many of the windows have stained glass images of saints like St John and St Paul, as well as Mary and Jesus, and saints linked with Salisbury Cathedral, like St Osmund and St Aldhelm, as well as women's names from the Bible like Dorcas and Lydia. There's also the great Millennium window with scenes from the Seend area like the canal and the farmland. The memorial stones remember the names of generous church benefactors over several centuries who have given bequests of money for the life of the church and the parish.

From where I stand, looking for clues for the quiz, it seemed to me that when looking at other people's lives we can often tell something about our own. The saints were people who knew their need of God, and followed Him, pointing others to discover Him too. They gave something of themselves, took seriously the need to get to know God better, and saw the benefits of this experience. The local church benefactors were ordinary people, part of the life of the church and community, who wanted to see the church and its work continue. All these names represent the people of the past for whom the church was important, for whatever reason, and they gave something of themselves not only to help the upkeep of the church building but as living stones being part of the church and community life.

The church is not a museum but a living, breathing, evolving place of worship, nurturing faith, just as the Christian faith is not a static and once only fact provable by logic or debate, but is an evolving experience, a spiritual resource, within our inner being. Really 'the church' is far more than its building, it is the people who live out their faith in the community around them, being living stones, just like the names on the windows and stones, taking their turn in building up and sharing our neighbourhood and village life. The whole village community shares in the puzzle of how we can do this together, looking for clues to our future - for it is building a community of love that isn't just the mission of God but it is for us all!

Perhaps many of us could find time to pause like this for a 'stand and stare' moment, to allow one experience to lead us to other reflections and realisations. In that place of pausing and reflecting we can journey a long way and may begin to sense the presence of God and so be led to see Him more clearly and find ways of knowing Him more deeply.

Revd Sacha Rearce

CHURCH NOTES

Date for your Diary

It may seem a long way off but it will be here very quickly. **Wednesday 6th December** is the day for the **Xmas Bazaar**—to be held in the Village Hall from 6.00pm. More details in next month's magazine.

CHURCH SERVICES - OCTOBER 2006 POULSHOT, SEEND AND BULKINGTON

1st October – HARVEST FESTIVAL

8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	SEEND
9.30am	Family Eucharist	BULKINGTON
11.15am	Parish Eucharist	SEEND
6.00pm	Evensong	POULSHOT

8th October

8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	SEEND
9.30am	Matins	POULSHOT
11.15am	Parish Eucharist	SEEND
6.00pm	Evensong	BULKINGTON

15th October

8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	SEEND
9.30am	Parish Eucharist	BULKINGTON
11.15am	Parish Eucharist	SEEND
6.00pm	BCP Holy Communion	POULSHOT

22nd October

8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	SEEND
9.30am	Family Eucharist	POULSHOT
11.15am	Family Eucharist	SEEND
6.00pm	Evensong	BULKINGTON

29th October

10.00am	BENEFICE SERVICE	BULKINGTON
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5th November

8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	SEEND
9.30am	Family Eucharist	BULKINGTON



Up to 50 villages across Wiltshire are enjoying professional arts events in their own village hall - is your village missing out on a great night out?

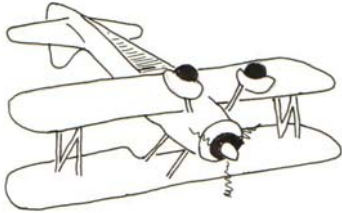
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Website: www.ruralartswiltshire.org.uk



POULSHOT PENSIONER GOES LOOPY

On a blustery day at the beginning of August I was about to have what for me was a pretty big adventure.

Rendcomb, just north of North Cerney in Gloucestershire, is a small grass airfield, once the home of the Royal Flying Corps, and now the base of the “*Utterly Butterly Barnstorming Display Team*”, and I, an elderly wrinkly of senior bus pass years, was about to be catapulted into the windy wild blue yonder in the open cockpit of one of those “hairy” aerobatic bi-planes. I had checked the flight list—I was down as “**Vanessa’s Dad**” (I should explain at this point that Vanessa is our youngest daughter and she had wangled the flight for her Dad by offering a discount on a bathroom she had supplied to the owner!) The only reservation recorded was by **Sue**, who, rather belatedly, wondered if our insurance would be valid!!

“Hi, my name is Tom” a young man in a sheepskin jacket and jeans faced me. The moment of truth had arrived. We walked over to the plane and I managed, with some difficulty, to haul myself onto the wing and into the cockpit. I did not have a parachute, and I’m not sure whether that lifted my confidence or not. What if....? “Have you ever done aerobatics?” “No—but I would like to try some loops.” “Okay. Now the only communication we have in the air is by signals. If you are happy and everything is OK, give me ‘thumbs up’, and ‘thumbs down’ for stop.”

I was then strapped in by a slim blonde (one of the wing walkers) which was a most enjoyable experience. She hammered a bone dome onto my head, and I was ready to go. A fast bouncing taxi to the edge of the field, turn into the wind, roar across the grass at great speed and zoom into the sky (this definitely beats cycling down the canal!). A slow climb away from the airfield, time for the first loop - nose dips (buttocks clenched, blood pressure pills go into overdrive), up and over. Now I feel OK. More! More! Back over the airfield, three more loops and a few low banking passes over the field and it’s all over.

I was on a high for about 3 days and bored all my friends rotten with my talk of the Poulshot ‘Biggles’.

Jim Aldridge

11.15am
6.00pm

Parish Eucharist
Evensong

SEEND
POULSHOT

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Mondays 9.00am
Tuesdays 9.00am
Thursdays 9.00am

Matins
Matins
Matins

SEEND
POULSHOT
BULKINGTON

CHURCH ROSTERS

October

1 Oct 6.00pm
8 Oct 9.30am
15 Oct 6.00pm
22 Oct 9.30am
29 Oct 10.00am

Reader

Lady K Hunloke
Mr C Langton
Mr M Houghton
The Rector
Benefice Service, Bulkington

Sidesman

Mr J Quinn
Mr M Houghton
Mr M Hues
Mr D Bullen

CHURCH FLOWERS

October

1 Oct
8 & 15 Oct
22 & 29 Oct

HARVEST FESTIVAL—ALL HELPERS please
Mrs Pam Langton
Mrs Yvonne Baber

November

5 & 12 Nov

Mrs Mandy Housby

FROM BRAESIDE AND BACK IN FORTY FIVE YEARS

How many of us at sixteen years of age seriously think what we might be doing in forty five years’ time? The one thing for sure is we could never imagine being back at the same school.

My short time at Devizes Grammar School was a very happy time, although I don’t think I realised it at the time. The teachers were slightly scary, some were very strict, some were kind and funny and others a mixture of all.

After leaving school I went into administration work, got married and had two lovely children.

When the time came to return to work I became a secretary at Devizes School. When the grammar school closed the pupils and staff moved to Southbroom and the school became Devizes School.

Those scary, funny teachers became my colleagues. Years earlier they were Miss or Sir and now they were **Bert, Lorna (Dr Lorna Haycock at Devizes Museum), Martin, Ron, Daphne**. etc. It was strange at first but in time those names slipped easily off my tongue. It soon became apparent that

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Volunteers can be of any age. You can use the opportunity to gain experience or learn new skills or you could be passing your skills on.

You do not have lots of free time to volunteer; you can volunteer as much or as little as you have free. Even if you work full-time and have a busy lifestyle you should still be able to find something that suits you.

Helping others can create a feeling of inner strength that can help to enable the person overcome their own problems. Research suggests that doing regular volunteering work dramatically improves life expectancy and vitality more than any other activity. Volunteers gain confidence, get the chance to try something new, make new social contact and get a real sense of achievement.

To find out more about local volunteering opportunities you can drop into Volunteer Centre Kennet at Office D, 12 River Street, Pewsey or call Nina Fishlock on 01672 564140.

You may also like to check out www.do-it.org.uk web site which is an ideal place to start your search for voluntary work. Do-it.org.uk provides details of volunteering opportunities throughout the UK and is powered by a large on-line database of current vacancies. The database allows users to search by postcode, type of organisation and type of work. All Volunteer Centre Kennet's opportunities can be found on the Do-it website.

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they weren't so scary after all and despite what we might have thought about them, were "normal" people!

Everything was going well when disaster struck—my marriage broke up and I had to find a full time job. A colleague saw an advertisement for a secretary at Braeside, now a residential education centre. I applied, got the job and have never looked back. It is now nearly twenty years since going back to Braeside and how it has changed. The library is now the office, all the ground floor rooms are conference rooms, and the first and second floors are bedrooms. I can walk into the headmaster's room, now Willow, and dream about what would have gone on in there all those years ago. Just across the landing the staff room now has bunk beds and lots of small children sleeping soundly in there at night—well sometimes!

The top floor of the house, which in our school days was out of bounds as it was the home of the caretaker, now sleeps nearly twenty pupils. The old dining room met with a sad end when a beech tree fell across it during a heavy storm. There is now a smart brick built dining room, with carpet and curtains at the windows! Prior to its demise, the stage had been removed to make way for more tables.

The amphitheatre is no longer, instead in its place is a pond where young pupils dip for bugs, etc. Gone are the lazy days of watching tennis being played on the top lawn. Now on sunny days pupils can be seen laughing and shouting playing volleyball. The one thing that is sad is that the prefects' lodge was demolished some years ago. It was decided by the powers that be at County Hall that it wasn't cost effective to repair it.

A few years ago I met up with another 'old' pupil and we are now married and he enjoyed coming to see me at the old school.

Most years a handful of past pupils return to Braeside bringing their spouses, children and friends, asking if they can look around. It is always a pleasure to go around with them and reminisce about our school days. Without exception they all say it was a wonderful place, and weren't we lucky to have been to school in such lovely surroundings. I feel so privileged to have spent so long at Braeside and enjoyed being "back at school".

(P.S. The writer retired on 4 August 2006 and is looking forward to a life of being a "kept woman" in Poulshot)

VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB

August Draw

Mr & Mrs F Wood	£25
Mrs M Routledge	£15
David Houghton	£10