

POULSHOT NEWS No. 15

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So, here we are again...

Didn't do the magazine last month as nothing to put in it! But with people now getting the vaccine, it does feel that we may be on the way out of these odd times. News in the magazine from village groups looks back on things to be grateful for, and we can start looking forward to life opening up again, and resume normal activities and events.

Not that I'm sure I can remember what 'normal' looks like ... will I actually remember how to talk to more than one person at a time? ... how will it feel to have someone knock on the door who's not delivering a parcel and may well COME INTO MY HOUSE!? But how lucky I am that those are the only questions I'm really facing. I'm sitting here in my cosy(ish) little house, looking through to my garden, the fields and Roundway Hill nestling under a blue sky. But even though we in Poulshot can count our blessings, the enforced separateness is hard on everyone. A big part of getting through all this has been finding the positive in every day - today it's that the bulbs I transferred to the back garden (when I turned the front into a gravel garden) are starting to come through. Little bundles of grape-hyacinth joy.

Be good to yourselves. And share the joy. Nina

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VILLAGE FETE AND VILLAGE FEAST

Spring is in the air.

The snowdrops are in flower, the birds are getting ready to nest and the Fete Committee is starting to think about this year's Fete. February can be a dismal month but, always the optimists, we would like to lay out before you a PLAN. The date of the Fete, according to tradition, is June 26th as St Peter's day is celebrated on the 27th. In these Covid times, we have absolutely no idea what state the country will be in on June 26th, but that does not prevent us from planning! We need to celebrate – we have been shut down for too long – we need something to look forward to that we can do together. If we aim for the end of June to have a Poulshot Feast weekend with the Fete and dancing and food and music and fun, it brightens the spirits even to think about it and gives us all something to look forward to. On the Sunday, we could have cricket, maybe, and finish with the usual Service on the Green. Perhaps, with any luck, this could turn into a Thanksgiving Service. So please put the date in your calendar, perhaps in pencil! Hope springs eternal!

Any new ideas on how to make the weekend a success would be very welcome. I am well aware that circumstances may make it all impossible but let's at least make a start! We will not meet until April so let the ideas roll in!

Kate 828333, Tim 828012, Sam and Mike 828183
and Lucy 07766 918877.

POULSHOT VILLAGE HALL

We were overwhelmed with the kindness and generosity of the people of Poulshot 😊. We collected over £300 in donations towards our village Christmas Hampers, for those needing a little extra help this Christmas. We also collected approximately £300 worth of food donations.

We delivered our hampers to the villagers in need, and had enough remaining food donations to send sent to the homeless shelter via Devizes Open Doors.



BIG thanks goes to The Spar, Hollychocs, Mill Farm Glamping and Poulshot Lodge Farm for their very generous donations of food, and to the kind villagers in Poulshot who donated both money and food items. We are rolling-over money to next year's Christmas Hamper. However if anyone in the village needs help throughout the year please get in contact with us.

Committee

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PEGGIES

(POULSHOT ENTERTAINMENT GROUP)

Peggies Christmas Parcels

Unfortunately, the annual over 65s Christmas meal, run by Peggies, could not go ahead last December due to the COVID restrictions. The Parish Council kindly agreed to donate the usual sum of money so we could bring some Christmas cheer to our more elderly residents and our elderly residents living on their own or in poor health.



We delivered 36 Christmas hampers which were very well received, and we had some lovely letters thanking Peggies and the Parish Council. Let's hope things will be back to normal for next Christmas.

PEGgies contacts

Denise on 827010

Mandy on 828464

Or through poulshotnews@icloud.com.

POULSHOT FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS

I have had quite a few thank you's from recipients of the Peggies' Hampers, I think they did a sterling job.

It is such strange times that we are living in at the moment but all we can do is to try and help each other. We still have the PF&N helpline running so anybody needs shopping, prescriptions etc. just let me know.

The weather can't seem to make up its mind either, I have had roses blooming all Winter, my Clematis flowered up until the 3rd heavy frost and we are having hedgehogs coming to be fed, luckily with all the rain there are plenty of slugs around but they do enjoy the cat biscuits. Our first hedgehogs of the year arrived on the 30th January. My cat has decided that the weather is too cold to be outside and has taken to her bed in one of my crates of wool!!

We were, unfortunately, unable to organise any events for the PF&N due to lockdown, but as soon as it is lifted we will try and put a few ideas forward and try and make up for lost time.

Ian and I were fortunate to have the Oxford Astra Zeneca jab at the guildhall on the 30th January and I hope that as this filters down things will start to get better. In the meantime, stay safe everyone.

Pam

Organisers

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POULSHOT PARISH COUNCIL

Key points from recent Parish Council meetings

- The Parish Council precept for 2021/2022 was set at £12,475 which was just under a 2% increase on 2020/2021. It was reported that the County Council increase would be around 4%
- The Parish Council recently arranged for tree work on the Green. The Village Trust has agreed to look at suitable replacements
- The Parish Council is looking at having a pavement from the Church to Townsend Farm
- There will be Elections on May 6th for the Parish Council and County Council (as well as Police and Crime Commissioner). Latest date to register to vote is April 19th. More details can be found at [Elections - Wiltshire Council](#).
- Wiltshire Council, because of the current covid 19 restrictions, has asked as many people as possible to register for a postal vote.
- Various planning applications have recently been submitted to the Parish Council for comments:
 - Extension at 136 Poulshot Road
 - 2 storey extension at 3 Poulshot Road
 - Tree work at 73 Poulshot Road

All had 'No Objections' submitted to Wiltshire Council.

The Parish Council is still meeting virtually by the aid of Zoom. Any member of the public can attend. The next meeting will be on Tuesday March 2nd and an Agenda, together with joining instructions, will be on the notice board and on the web site, www.poulshot.org.uk, a few days before.

Councillors

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POULSHOT VILLAGE TRUST

The Village Trust and members aim to preserve, protect and improve the natural amenities in Poulshot, encourage and lobby for high standards of planning and architecture in the village and its surroundings, and generally to maintain those parts of Poulshot we all use and love. If you are interested in attending meetings or events, please do join the Village Trust - annual membership is £10 for a family, £5 individual membership. When life gets back to normal, watch out for dates of forthcoming meetings and events which will be published in this magazine.

Executive Committee

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ROWDE PRIMARY SCHOOL

It is probably fair to say that 2020 was a year that most of us would rather forget, and the latest lockdown has meant that 2021 has started off in very unusual circumstances too. The promise of vaccinations and an opening up of society are there, in the distance, but the havoc wrought by Covid-19 remains with us for now. Here at Rowde Academy Primary School, we are very much open for key workers and vulnerable pupils, and are doing everything we can to support parents who are Home-schooling.

A typical day for our home-schooled pupils means two live 'lessons' on Zoom, coupled with a set of instructions on tasks for the day and two recorded lessons to watch, all provided by the staff here and aligned with the new curriculum we put in place last year. We have provided laptops for eleven local families, and whilst none of this is ideal for children or parents, learning is continuing and pupils have daily opportunities to interact with their peers. The support from parents has been superb, and the staff and I are very grateful. I'm sure the children are too, even if it isn't always apparent!

We will emerge from all this, and there is a great deal to look forward to for the children attending Rowde. A recent visit by a Diocese advisor confirmed what we already knew – that the changes we have put in place mean that the school's Special Measures designation by Ofsted is no longer accurate and we are very much a school 'on the up'. We have a new, re-designed website which will tell you more about this – and if you'd like to know more, please email me on head@rowde.wilts.sch.uk, or give me a call on 01380 723991. I am always happy to chat or show you around.

There are plans being drawn up for new sporting facilities which can be accessed by the community, and a huge refit of our current IT systems coming very soon. Some of our pupils are becoming involved with local plans for a play area, whilst Year 6 have made a film remembering those from Rowde who lost their lives in the First World War, which will soon be ready to share. Crucially, all those things that really make a school what it is – trips, events, community initiatives, Church links, celebrations and an ‘open door’ to our friends and neighbours – will recommence as soon as it is safe to do so. I can’t wait!

Right now as I type this, twenty-two pupils are learning in the main hall, another nine are in the Reception classroom, and more than 90% of remaining pupils are learning at home and awaiting the afternoon Zoom call with their teachers. It certainly isn’t school as I remember it, or the kind of education I have worked in for thirty years, but they are happy, safe and learning.

I can hear laughter from my office and the gentle hub-bub of curious children discovering new things. Let’s hope, by the time I next write to you, that our school will be bustling with a full cohort of pupils, and that for them, lockdowns are just a fading memory.

Jon Edy-Berry Head Teacher

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ST PETER'S CHURCH and THE WELLSPRINGS BENEFICE

We're already well into the "New Year" so please allow me to take this opportunity to wish you – and all those you love – a much happier year. The Queen summed up 1992 as being her "annus horribilis" None of us could ever have imagined that last year, 2020, would turn out to be an "annus horribilis" for us all, the world pretty much having been brought to its knees. And yet, notwithstanding all that's happened, and continues to happen, we've heard countless stories of devotion to others, bravery, selflessness and generosity. Yes. There have been so many dark days and yet, throughout it all there have been glimmers of light and hope – and love. And we have the vaccine, which has been rolled out at an amazing speed. But, you know, "dark days" such as those we're living through are nothing new – the Bible is full of such things – wars, plagues and so forth – and of how people came through the other side – chastened, perhaps, stronger – certainly - but also having learned through it all that our God is a god of love and wants only the best for us.

I can imagine you thinking as you read this, "it's all right for her, but ..." To tell you the truth, I believe that no-one has lived without experiencing their own "pocket of pain" in some measure. At times such as these I agree God can seem to be very distant, if not invisible. For me, the times I feel closest to him, in common with the majority of other people, is when I'm touched by the wonder of the created world, often by such things as simply watching a sparrow feed from my bird table.

Prayer can be really hard sometimes though, can't it? I'll be honest. I often find it difficult to pray at home, which is why losing the freedom to worship in church – quite often alone - is

especially difficult for me. I look upon prayer as akin to a conversation with God, while trying to build in the space and silence for it being other than a one-way street! I read somewhere God wants prayers from our heart, not from the head! In other words we don't have to worry about "church-speak"! And it is on this subject of Prayer that our churches will be starting an eight week course at the end of January. It would be great if you would like to join us - on Zoom on Thursdays at 7.30 pm (contact Sarah Leckie for details). The course includes videos of Pete Greig (author of "How to Pray: A Simple Guide for Normal People", as well as many other publications on this theme). The videos are also available on-line. We pray for an early end to all the restrictions we're currently facing – especially those concerning access to our loved ones, and for you all in your daily struggles and anxieties. Finally, please don't hesitate to contact us if you need support, if you are self-isolating or struggling to cope - we will try to help. We can offer a friendly ear and put you in touch with your local Covid support group if you need practical help. Please go safely. Rev Renee

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WELLSPRINGS BENEFICE SERVICES FEBRUARY 2021

Following the Government's recent announcements, and having discussed the situation with Church Wardens, we have made the following adjustments to our pattern of services, as set out below. It is with regret that we will be limiting ourselves to one weekly service which will be zoomed at 10:00am from Christ Church at Worton and Marston until at least Sunday 28th February.

Sunday 7th February (2nd Sunday before Lent)

10 am Morning Praise

Sunday 14th February (Sunday next before Lent)

10 am Holy Communion

Wednesday 17th Feb (Ash Wednesday)

Time tbc Holy Communion

Sunday 21st February (1st Sunday of Lent)

10 am Morning Praise

Sunday 28th February (2nd Sunday of Lent)

10 am Holy Communion

We will continue with morning prayer via Zoom at 9:00am on Wednesday and Friday mornings. We will also continue with evening prayer, led by Rev Joshva, on Tuesday evenings at 6:00pm. We will be starting a study course, based on prayer, on Thursday evenings at 7:30pm starting on Thursday 28th January. Please contact Revd Ali (739064) if you would like to join the course. During the prayer course the usual Thursday evening prayers will not take place.

All of our churches, except Christ Church, Worton and Marston, will be open for private prayer between 9:00am and 5:00pm each Sunday. Anyone attending our churches for private prayer are reminded to check-in (on paper or using the NHS app) and adhere to the covid safety notices displayed.

All services, prayers and the study course will be live streamed via Zoom. The link is <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/6778119535>.

Please visit our website www.wellspringsbenefice.co.uk for more details of all our services, latest updates and to keep in touch.



The Prayer Course is an eight week journey through The Lord's Prayer which will help you grow and deepen your prayer life. We are running an online course on a Thursday evening. The course will begin on Thursday 28th January 2021. When you sign up, you will be sent a Zoom meeting link for the course. **To sign up for this course please contact Revd Ali on 01380 739064 or email Sarah on sarahleckie.wba@gmail.com.**

The course is split into 8 sessions...

Why Pray? - unpacking the importance of prayer and the different topics covered during the course

Adoration - exploring how we can enjoy God's presence in praise and worship

Petition - recognising the importance of asking God in prayer

Intercession - thinking about the importance and power of praying on behalf of others

Unanswered Prayer - tackling the challenges and realities of prayers not being answered

Contemplation - discovering how to spend time with God in silence to enrich our relationship with Him

Listening - unpacking the practical ways that we can tune into hearing God's voice

Spiritual Warfare - looking closely at the ways we can pray God's kingdom come in the midst of a spiritual battle

Each session includes a video (which we will watch online together) and then discussion groups (for which depending on numbers, we may break into small online breakout groups). There's no pressure to take part in the discussion...you are welcome to listen to the discussion of others. The Prayer Course has been developed by Pete Greig and his team at 24-7 Prayer.

Wiltshire Council Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 Temporary Closure of: Poulshot Road (Part), Poulshot (Ref: TTRO 7040)

Notice is hereby given that the Wiltshire Council has made an Order to close temporarily to all traffic: Poulshot Road (Part), Poulshot; from its junction with Sillington Lane to The Green. To enable: Wessex Water to carry out sewer renovation and associated works.

Alternative route: via Poulshot Road (unaffected length) – Townsend – Seend Road – Bulkington - A361 and vice versa. The closure and diversion route will be clearly indicated by traffic signs. This Order will come into operation on 15 March 2021 and the closure will be required between the hours of 07:00 and 23:00 until 26 March 2021. It is anticipated that the works will take the stated duration to complete depending upon weather conditions. Access will be maintained for residents and businesses where possible, although delays are likely due to the nature of the works. The Order will have a maximum duration of 18 months.

For further information please contact Wessex Water on 0345 6004600. Sustainable Transport Group, County Hall, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge BA14 8JN

Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 Urgent Closure of: C20 (Part) Cheverell Road, WORTON

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that on 11th February 2021, the following length of road shall be closed to all traffic in the interests of public safety to enable Wiltshire Council to carry out Carriageway resurfacing and associated works. C20 (Part) Cheverell Road, WORTON; from its junction with West End to its junction with A360. Alternative route: via C20 (unaffected length) - A361 A360 - and vice versa. The closure and diversion route will be clearly indicated by traffic signs. Access will be maintained for residents and businesses where possible, although delays are likely due to the nature of the works. These works will commence on 11th February 2021 and are anticipated to be required for one day between the hours of 09:00 and 15:00. This Notice will have a maximum duration of 5 days.

For further information regarding these works please contact Davina Hone 01225 730376 Wiltshire Council Sustainable Transport Group, County Hall, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge BA14 8JN

POULSHOT WEBSITE

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POULSHOT VILLAGE HALL

Bookings: <http://poulshotvh.com>

100 Club

This raises money for the Village Hall. The draw is made the first Tuesday of each month in The Raven. Monthly prizes of £25, £15 and £10 Christmas prizes of £100, £50 and £50 Cost is £15 per year, payable by cash, cheque or direct debit monthly or annually. Please contact any member of the committee for a membership form.