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We are a village of small houses, big houses, grand gardens, handkerchief gardens and allotments. Living in the village are people who work in the home, in farms, schools, as professionals, run their own businesses, are retired, are young, old and everything in between. Just as it has always been. I hope this magazine can reflect our lovely diverse community. Go along to village events and tell us what you thought of them – tell us about what you're doing – share something you feel passionate about (or even just mildly interested! The magazine is put together by Nina Jeffries and delivered by volunteers in the village. All contributions welcome. The magazine is put together and printed in the last week of each month, so please email contributions to [poulshotnews@icloud.com](mailto:poulshotnews@icloud.com) by the 22<sup>nd</sup> of each month.

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## **In memory of Richard McLeod**

- any friends who want to say goodbye  
are invited to wave him off  
as the hearse passes the village green  
for the funeral at 2 p.m. -

Richard McLeod, who lived in the village for over 30 years, died last month after four years of living with cancer. The fact that it was four years, and not the one year that was initially prophesied by the Doctor, was typical of Richard: tough, determined to live life on his own terms and not go before he was ready. One of the few positive aspects of Covid 19 was that it gave Richard and Jayne, his wife, the time and space to be together, pottering at home and sitting in the garden, talking, listening to the radio, knitting (Jayne), watching war films (Richard) and quietly enjoying their time together.

Although Richard loved Poulshot, his was not the typical village life. Away for months at a time, his return to the village could generally be heard in advance as he drove his big truck – one called the ‘Lady Jayne’ when I first met him – along the lane and into Corn Close, back from whichever rock / pop tour he had just worked on. Over his many years of driving, and sometimes helping crew the shows, Richard had worked with such greats as Tina Turner, Simple Minds, and of course the dinosaurs: not an aging rock band, but a tour of animatronic dinosaurs. Gold discs and other memorabilia from tours hung in the house alongside family photos, Jayne’s needlepoint and bowls of eggs or vegetables from the garden, giving a snapshot of the breadth of their life together.

Not that Richard was able to regard time off from a gruelling tour as a holiday. Once he’d had a day or so to get used to being home, Jayne would have a whole list of things ready for him to do, as Richard was also a very hands-on, practical, person. Whether it was decorating, building a potting bench or a summer house, or

digging a new veg bed, it was all done before Richard once more took to the road. The tours took him all over the world, though there was the odd occasion when he worried that having Aden (where he was born) on his passport might create the odd problem.

Richard's world obviously changed hugely when he was first given his diagnosis 4 years ago. Aside from the fact that he defied all expectations in living as long as he did, his health and capacities varied immensely during that time, and he even managed to work on a short tour after he was diagnosed. Both the illness and the medication had an impact on what he could do, and how he did it: I remember vainly trying to keep some semblance of order at a village quiz as Richard volubly enjoyed the – by then rare – chance to be out in the pub with friends (and the odd bottle of wine).

He was much quieter in his last months, laughing at jokes from his grandchildren and enjoying having his family around him. He died, as he would have wanted, in his own home, with Jayne. She, their sons Ben and Sebastian, their partners Laura and Rose and Grandchildren Felix, Finn, Freya and Fina already miss him, and want to celebrate his time as a life well lived. Due to the restrictions of Covid 19, the funeral will be a private affair with 30 invited guests. It will be held at St Peter's, Poulshot, at 2 p.m. on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September, and the family hope that any friends who want to say goodbye will wave him off from the village green as the hearse takes him to the church.

*Nina*

## **Dear friends and Neighbours.**

I have to make a heartfelt apology to **Jean Perrett** for missing her off my list of "Thanks" in the last magazine. Jean spent a long time waiting in line for prescriptions at Rowlands, so a big Thank You to her.

It is with a sad heart that I have to confirm that the BBQ is unlikely to take place this year if present circumstances remain. It has been a challenging year for everyone so we will have to see what the New Year brings. I will be asking at the Raven as to what the decision is on the Christmas Party, again it seems unlikely but we can all keep our fingers crossed. Please remember that we have a helpline for anybody needing prescriptions, shopping etc. who cannot manage on their own. Suzanne has kindly said she will still bring up prescriptions for anybody, from Boots, on her working days. Just let me know if you need this (828151).

At least the weather has been, mostly, kind to us and I have seen all the lovely gardens being tended. My damson tree has not performed as well as in previous years, has anybody else noticed this? The apple tree is full but the apples are not good, maybe a trim methinks!! As I write this we are having rain, even the cat is loath to go outside and is ensconced in the conservatory, the joys of British weather.

It was lovely to see the flags out for VJ day, thanks to all that participated in this. I am sure some villagers will have stories of relatives who served in Burma, my Dad did but not during the war.

Pam Gillies

## **From Councillor Jonathan Seed**

I write in the middle of a heatwave and I suspect that we will be enjoying the rain we are currently praying for by the time you read this. After a hot COVID April an average summer turned to a scorching August. Many of us were very glad of decent weather to allow us to at least get outside during lockdown. As the lockdown eases, we remember victims and hope for a vaccine. Whatever the future our outstanding Doctors and scientists have worked so very hard to understand and tackle the virus and as a result we all have a much better chance of pandemic survival than was the case in March. In local government some of the spending which Wiltshire Council incurred on tackling COVID has been replaced by central government. There is still a gap as a result of lost income (e.g. leisure centres) but the Council is going to get through all of this without being declared bankrupt. There will be hard choices and some services will not re-emerge into whatever is the new normality as we knew them. However local government goes on. Much of the business of Wiltshire and Parish Councils alike has been conducted using Zoom or Teams and generally this has worked. I look forward to Chairing my first remote meeting when in August I Chair the Western Area Planning Committee. On the positive side remote meetings have pushed many into the internet and virtual world and many more members of the public have attended meetings than would have done so in person. Indeed there are many who would like to see Parish Councils meet remotely after the pandemic on dark, cold and wet nights and in my opinion this should be considered. On a personal note, like many others, I have taken time to reflect on my future in general and my politics in particular. The election for Police and Crime Commissioner was postponed for a year: this had a devastating effect on many candidates & incumbents. Government is conducting a review of the way PCCs operate but has made very clear that both the post and the number of PCCs will remain the same. Next year I will be standing as the Conservative candidate for PCC for Wiltshire and Swindon. Many PCCs also serve as back bench Councillors because they find it keeps them properly in touch with local people and local politics, and having seen some PCCs perform this is definitely required. However I will not have the advantage of a year to continue as a Councillor to see how the two posts work together. Also the Division of Summerham and Seend has been split so I have had to make a decision not only on whether but also where to stand locally. After much thought, I have decided to apply to be a candidate in Melksham Rural West which is where the majority of my current voters will be and will keep me involved in Melksham. This means that I will sadly no longer represent Poulshot after twelve years' service as your local Councillor. It has been a privilege to be your Wiltshire Councillor and I will miss representing such a lovely village and its people at County Hall.

*Jonathan Seed*



## Wellsprings Benefice Services September & October 2020

\* All 10am services will continue to be live streamed via  
zoom

<b>Date</b>		<b>Service</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Church</b>
6 <sup>th</sup> September	Trinity 13	BCP communion	8.00	Poulshot
6 <sup>th</sup> September	Trinity 13	Holy Communion	10.00	Seend
13 <sup>th</sup> September	Trinity 14	BCP communion	8.00	Potterne
13 <sup>th</sup> September	Trinity 14	Morning Praise	10.00	Worton
20 <sup>th</sup> September	Trinity 15	BCP communion	8.00	Seend
20 <sup>th</sup> September	Trinity 15	Holy Communion	10.00	Poulshot
27 <sup>th</sup> September	Trinity 16	BCP communion	8.00	Worton
27 <sup>th</sup> September	Trinity 16	Holy Communion	10.00	Bulkington
4 October	Trinity 17	BCP communion	8.00	Seend
4 October	Trinity 17	Morning Praise	10.00	Potterne
11 October	Trinity 18	BCP Communion	8.00	Potterne
11 October	Trinity 18	Morning Praise	10.00	Seend
18 October	Trinity 19	BCP Communion	8.00	Seend
18 October	Trinity 19	Holy Communion	10.00	Worton
25 October	Trinity 20	BCP Communion	8.00	Worton
25 October	Trinity 20	Holy Communion	10.00	Poulshot



## **From the Revd Joshva John**

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. Paul writes this in his first letter to the Thessalonians in the chapter 5. (16-18). Interesting words, Rejoice always? Can we rejoice during the pandemic times? We live in a context where we are always exposed to sad news – more and more everyday through every media. There is still anxiety about many things including opening of the schools, movement of people, availability of jobs and restoring the health and other social serving institutions to normal life.

In spite of all harsh realities and sad news, one of the main purposes of God's creation is to invite us and to rejoice with God in celebrating the life here and now. This joy comes by celebrating our lives together with the family, with the community and with the world around and beyond us. When we look at the world around and beyond us, many are not privileged to have access to food, medical facilities, income support and even a place to stay. We need to be thankful to God for what we have and for what we have received from God.

In the exodus story of the Old Testament on their way to Israel during their long walk after facing harsh realities of Egypt, the Israelites were commanded by God to rejoice together. The question is why should one rejoice? How is this possible during the hard times?

One of ways of defeating fear and anxiety is to keep our relations and interdependence on one another including other beings that bring not only a lot of comfort but also joy to our lives. Joy comes with hope and faith in our lives and so having survived this far. We rejoice because we have got a family and a community around us that loves us and that helps us. It is like God has given us a second life after this pandemic and rather than worrying about the bad news. The word Rejoice does not necessarily mean to spend money or to go on holidays or to just forget everything rather rejoice means to forgive, to be thankful, to relate and give time to people, to listen, to love, to serve, to be generous, to celebrate what one is, what one can bring to one's own life and to other a little smile. In simple terms it means to

be happy and celebrate our life along with others and also in memory of others who made our lives to feel better.

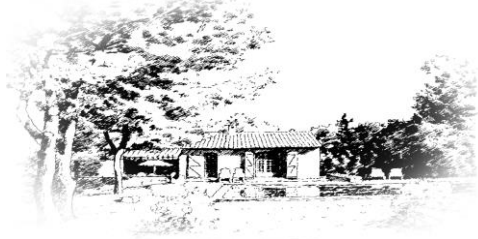
I remember one of my friends was advised by the doctors to enjoy the life as his incurable disease will let him live for six months. He went around and enjoyed with his family, friends and cherished all good relationships with good laughter and with joyful memories. Then, to the doctors' surprise he survived in spite of all further complications and he still lives as my friend near Birmingham fighting the illness but with joy. Being cheerful might have given him more confidence and more strength to fight this illness than before.

As we plan to celebrate our harvest festival seasons in September let us be thankful to God and also celebrate this life with joyfulness that might help us to overcome the fear and despair that we have had. We had services via Zoom and now we have services at 8 am and 10 am at the churches along with Zoom worship services. Please join us to worship the Lord who calls us to rejoice in the Lord for giving a life to live and be thankful to all who have supported it though these times.

We pray for all who are affected by this virus and for those who care and treat others. Particularly we are thankful to the medical doctors, nurses and carers who risked their lives to save many lives. We are also thankful to those who provided public services that they found a way to support all in community. Let fear NOT overtake and bring us down but our joy can defeat fear and anxiety particularly at this time. So rejoice in the Lord Always and again I say rejoice.

*Revd Joshva*

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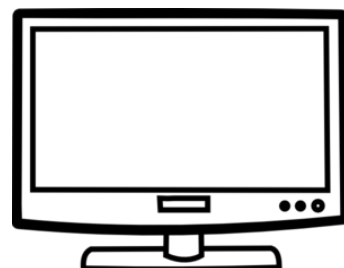


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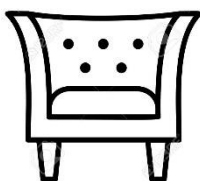
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