



*Mermaid, reindeer and flower
by Lily age 6*

***Poulshot News
No. 2 Oct 2019***

A magazine for everyone in Poulshot

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 will be put together and printed in the last week of each month, so please email any contributions to poulshotnews@icloud.com by the 22nd of each month.

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Harvest Supper

Saturday 5th October in the Village Hall
– all very welcome.

Join us for a delicious supper, followed by
The Crofton Stokers playing traditional music
and songs. £10 plus bar and raffle.

Tickets from Kate Hunloke on 828333 /
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Village Trust events

Wed 9th October: 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Horrible
and Unusual Wiltshire History. Talk by Tony
Brecher. £5 entry fee. Wine and nibbles

30th October – 7.30 p.m. - talk on Owls, Village Hall.

Village Hall Quiz

7.30 p.m. Saturday 16th November

£12 for a team of 4

Cash and cards at the bar

Contact Sam / Giles for tickets
(contact details at the back of the
magazine)

Dates for your diary ... events listed here are open to everyone in the village.

October
Sat 5 th - Harvest Supper in the village hall
Sun 6 th - 9.15 a.m.: Holy Communion; 25 th anniversary of the ordination of women, Revd Jane Knowles
Sun 13 th : Harvest Festival, St Peter's Church, Poulshot, Revd Joshva John
Wed 9 th - 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Horrible and Unusual Wiltshire History. Talk by Tony Brecher. £5 entry fee. Wine and nibbles
Wed 16 th 8pm Numismatic Society Autumn Coin Auction at The Raven. Viewing from 7.30pm, selling from 8pm. Open to members and visitors alike.
Wed 30 th - 7.30pm: talk on owls in the Village Hall -
November
Sat 2 nd – Village Bonfire Night / Lantern Parade
4 th Nov, 2 nd Dec – Farmer's Club, 2pm Village Hall
Sat 16 th – Quiz Night at the Village Hall - £12 / table of 4
Coming up
Sat 7 th Dec – Christmas Wreath Making, Village Hall
10 th Dec – Poulshot Friends and Neighbours Christmas Party, The Raven
7 th January, 3 rd March, 12 th May PCC Meeting Village Hall

Poulshot Friends & Neighbours

We had a blank month this month as the visit to the Winery had to be scrapped due to lack of numbers.

Next month we are having a talk, and tasting, about different Whiskies. It will be held on the 16th October in Hunloke Hall at 7.30pm. If you could let me know that you are coming I would be very grateful as I need to let the speaker know, just in case he needs extra bottles!!!! I also need to cater for refreshments. Please let me know by e-mail pamgillies45@googlemail.com or by phone 828151. Hope to see many of you there.

Our Christmas Party has been booked at the Raven on the 10th December at 7.00 for 7.30pm, again I would appreciate names as soon as possible. For those who have already replied I thank you.

At the time of writing nothing has been planned for November. If you would be interested in a lunch please let me know.

Pam Gillies

Poulshot Friends & Neighbours

The Friends and Neighbours group seeks to be as inclusive as possible and anybody who wishes to join will be very welcome. Subscriptions are £10 per person, or £15 per couple payable in January. The club tries to put together, each year, an interesting programme of talks, lunches and visits to places of interest.

Pam Gillies

VICTORY IN EUROPE DAY - VE Day 75th Anniversary 8 May 2020

8th May 1945 was the day peace emerged after nearly six years of war, so the 75th anniversary on 8th May 2020 represents an important milestone in our history. I have been asked by the Parish Council to coordinate the pulling together of a Village event and I am sure you will agree that we cannot let this day pass without reflecting on the enormous sacrifice, courage and determination of people from all walks of life who saw us through this dark period.

The rest of the Country will be taking part in the celebration over the weekend of 8th - 10th May 2020. It is planned to be an international celebration of peace – a time to remember, reflect and pay tribute to the millions who played such a vital part in achieving it. This includes the Armed Forces personnel from many countries who gave their lives, and those who returned home injured in body and mind; the hard-working women and men who kept the factories, mines, shipyards and farms operating throughout the years of turmoil; the ARP wardens, police officers, doctors, nurses, firemen, local defence volunteers and many others who put their lives on hold to safeguard the home front.

Poulshot plans to be part of those celebrations. Please put the date in your diary so that you can take part. More detail will follow in due course. *Tim Jalland*

Poulshot VE 75th Anniversary Commemorations Need You

Having been asked by the Parish Council to co-ordinate the VE commemoration weekend, Tim Jalland has begun by having a meeting with representatives of the many different groups in the village. Ideas discussed include a children's street party, an exhibition in the Village Hall, a cricket match and afternoon tea, a flyover and a party in the Green Gardens. All good ideas – and hopefully you have more. The plan is to include everyone in the village, and to have events all around the village. Do contact me via the magazine, Tim (Parish Council), Sam or Alan (Village Hall), Caroline or Denise (Village Trust), Pam (Poulshot Friends and Neighbours), or Phil (Cricket club) if you have any ideas for the commemoration – all contact details are at the back of the magazine. , The next meeting of the planning group is 12th November, at The Raven, and it would be great to have more ideas.

Were you around 75 years ago? It would be great to share your own memories of the VE Day celebrations. The Village Hall are hoping to have an exhibition in the hall, so please contact Sam or other members of the Village Hall Committee with your memories.

**POULSHOT VILLAGE TRUST
BAT MONITORING SURVEY
– WILTSHIRE WILDLIFE TRUST (WWT)**

The WWT ecologist requested the use of the Green Gardens Woodland to be included in the study sample, for a bat monitoring survey in May 2019. The Parish Council and Village Trust sponsored the study, and readily gave consent for the village to participate in the survey, undertaken in August 2019. Two bat monitoring devices were erected in the Green Gardens and remained in situ for a week before being removed by the ecologist and taken for analysis. The preliminary feedback:

One monitor failed to record because the micro card had popped out of the detector. The other monitor was successful and had 10,000 recordings using bat detector scanning software, which identified 6 sound files. Further analysis will be undertaken using a variety of software including automatic bat ID. The Bat Survey Report will be published in due course.

Dankay Cleverly

The 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. Watch out for dates of forthcoming meetings and events which will be published in this magazine.

Caroline Morrison.

POULSHOT VILLAGE TRUST PONDS PROJECT UPDATE REPORT

MIDDLE GREEN POND

The pond has not retained much water and has been dry for most of the Summer with excessive vegetation. As it is a habitat for the rare Great Crested Newts, and due to the presence of the invasive New Zealand Pygmy Weed, the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust (WWT) ecologist was invited to assess the status of the pond. The feedback was that the overgrown pond with weeds and reeds may be difficult to manage by the local working group. The effect of the dry pond on the newts is not a concern, as the juvenile newts present in the pond seek water at the bottom of the pond underneath the plants.

Recommendation: The pond requires maintenance work from a contractor with experience and expertise in pond work. This planned maintenance is due in November, when the newts leave the pond to hibernate.

GREEN LANE POND

Maintenance work was undertaken in August by an experienced gardener, to cut and tidy the overgrown edges, surrounding areas of the pond and overhanging tree branches, in preparation for the development of wildlife habitat in the Autumn. The pond was also checked by the WWT ecologist. The feedback was positive. The pond looks tidy, good water quality in the pond, providing valuable habitat for wildlife. A Great Crested Newt was found in the pond during a survey undertaken in May by the ecologist. A survey to review the status of the pond will take place in the Spring 2020, when the newts return to the pond to breed. Maintenance work is due in November 2019 when the newts leave the pond to hibernate.

Dankay Cleverly Ponds Project Leader

POULSHOT VILLAGE TRUST EVENT - WILTSHIRE'S BIRD – THE GREAT BUSTARD

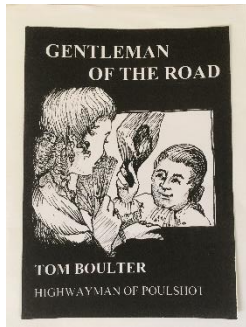
The Great Bustard is the largest flying bird in the world. It is also the emblem of our county, displayed on Wiltshire's flag. It was well known in earlier centuries but by 1870 had become extinct in England. We appreciated a most entertaining talk in the Village Hall given to the Village Trust by Dave Waters from the Great Bustard Group on 2nd September. Dave, by his own heroic efforts, has brought about the reintroduction of the species into Wiltshire.

Dave told us the story of his passion for the creatures, of how eggs were hatched and chicks brought from Russia and Ukraine to Wiltshire, how he and his team learned how to rear the chicks to be wild and self-sufficient. Then they discovered that the nearest DNA match to our native birds was to be found in Spanish stock: so they began to collect and import eggs from there and to hatch and rear the chicks here in Wiltshire. Now there are over 100 healthy adult birds in and around Salisbury Plain, including birds of breeding age which grew here. This is a viable and sustainable population, and there is no further need to import eggs. In the Great Bustard world the mother birds do the hard work of hatching and raising the chicks while the males, after their splendid spring displays and brief dalliances, go and keep male-only company for the rest of their year in droves. The preferred habitat of these magnificent creatures is arable farmland and scrub, for which Salisbury Plain is ideal. Dave illustrated his talk with images displayed using the new village trust projector and screen. We plan a trip next spring to see the birds in the open on the plain. Tim Jalland thanked Dave and we handed over £100 from the Village Trust members for the work of the Great Bustard Group.

Robin Boyd

Poulshot people

In the magazine we will have articles about Poulshot people. Sometimes it will be because they play an active part in village life, so it'll be helpful for us all to know who they are. And sometimes it'll be because they have interesting stories or experiences to share. In this case, it's about a former resident! If you would like to contribute something about someone in the village – please do!



THE POULSHOT HIGHWAYMAN

Thomas Boulter was born in Poulshot in about 1748. He was the son of a local miller who was suspected of unfair practice. Boulter was given a reasonable education and his father trained him as a Miller. However, with a father who was publicly flogged in the Market Place, Thomas grew up with a motive for waging war against society.

In 1774 Boulter left Poulshot to join his sister in Newport on the Isle of Wight, where she owned a milliner's shop. Boulter opened a grocery business in the same house but after a year he decided robbery could make him more money. He decided he would carry out operations on the mainland and retire to the island when necessary. At this time, he received a letter from his mother telling him about his father's deportation for 14 years and her own public flogging for theft. Boulter came back to Poulshot to console her. He hired a good horse and set out for Salisbury. On his journey to Poulshot he robbed three people on horseback and two on foot: on his arrival, he was £40 richer. He stayed with his mother for a short time and then returned to Newport.

Over the next few years Boulter engaged in many exploits in the West Country and amassed the wealthy sum of £500. Now leading a leisurely life with relatives in the Devizes area, he was now determined to be more ambitious. For this he needed a new horse. Legend tells us that he acquired the legendary Black Bess, reputedly a descendant of the horse of the same name ridden by Dick Turpin for his famous ride to York.

In May 1776 Boulter set out for London. His plan was to rob the Western coaches as they set out from London. Unfortunately, most of these coaches carried armed guards so instead he robbed two public stage-coaches. His third victim was a gentleman in a post-chaise who was reluctant to part with his money or his life. After a chase and a brief exchange of pistol fire, Boulter eventually managed to extract pistols, a ring and £40. With the adrenalin now flowing Boulter set out through Windsor towards Maidenhead stopping three post chaises within sight of each other. He then rode ahead and entered Maidenhead only a short while before his victims who at once raised the hue and cry. Boulter panicked and decided to get back to Poulshot as fast as he could, making the journey to Poulshot on Black Bess in less than seven hours - an average speed of eleven miles an hour. Boulter decided to lie very low for two months.

In the Spring of 1776, Boulter decided to move his area to Bath and Bristol. This area soon became too small for him and his pursuers so he decided to prepare for a new life in the North. On his way north, between Sheffield and Ripon, he attacked a seemingly lone gentleman, then set off at a slow pace only to find after five minutes that he was being pursued by the gentleman and his servant.

Boulter was caught and taken before the local Justice who committed him to York Castle to await trial at the Assizes. A sentence of death was passed upon him at the March Assizes 1777.

However, on the morning of his execution, Boulter was granted the option of execution or entering the army. Boulter decided joining the army was the best option as he could escape. On his sixth day he was ordered to prepare to exchange his civilian clothes for his uniform. He took the opportunity to escape. He managed to hitch rides on numerous stage-coaches which eventually took him to Bristol. Boulter went to "The Ship Inn" in Milk Street where he met James Caldwell, the landlord. Caldwell was interested in joining Boulter as a "gentleman of the road".

To test Caldwell, Boulter suggested the two should try their luck on the Gloucester Road. This provided them with their keep for a few days. Boulter travelled back to Poulshot and left Caldwell to acquire a horse. They then decided to head for Leicestershire. They made for Cirencester robbing several people on the way, then rode on to Gloucester robbing everyone they met. Their third encounter was with a post chaise which drove off at a furious pace. Boulter set off in pursuit and forced the driver to halt. He was about to order the occupant out when a pistol was fired and Boulter was hit in the face, tearing of the skin on his forehead and burning his left eye. When Caldwell arrived he found an injured Boulter, who was so incensed that he convinced Caldwell that they should pursue the chaise and demand recompense from the occupant. This they accomplished and returned to Bristol.

Boulter then vowed never to rob by night as it was impossible to see if these victims were armed. However, he was now very easy to recognise due to his scars. Boulter and Caldwell spent some time in Chester and formed a friendship with a Mr Vaughan, the landlord of "The Bull". Mr Vaughan agreed to act as custodian for all the loot they acquired whilst in the area. They carried out numerous operations and then returned to Bristol. Boulter then decided as it was harvest time he would spend some time with his family and friends in Poulshot. He then returned to Bristol to join Caldwell in a trip to Exeter.

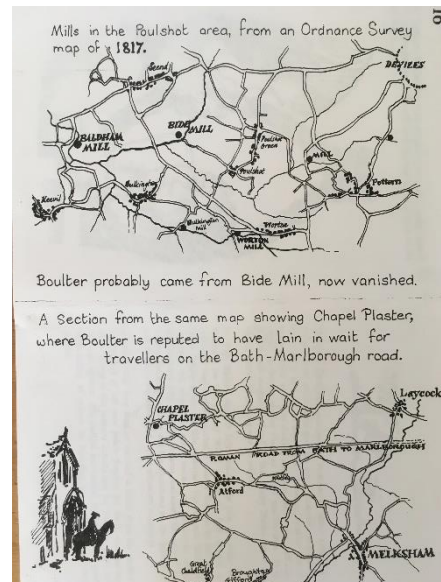
Boulter had returned to the Devizes area before 24 December 1777. On that day Thomas Fowle of Devizes issued a poster offering a reward of £40 for the capture of one or both of the highwaymen that had robbed him the previous Monday. Other posters issued by other victims carried detailed descriptions of Boulter and Caldwell. To escape the hue and cry in Wiltshire, Caldwell and Boulter set out for Warwickshire. In Birmingham they were taken into custody. Both men were committed for trial and sent to London: Caldwell to Tothill-Fields and Boulter to Clerkenwell. Boulter had only been in prison for two days before he started to plan his escape. With the aid of his fellow prisoners and women who visited the jail, Boulter obtained the necessary implements to free himself from his chains and to breach the wall. On the night of the 30th May, Boulter and his fellow inmates set to work, after three hours Boulter had won his freedom. He took up lodgings two doors from the prison to evade the hue and cry. On the third day he travelled to Dover hoping to escape to France but found the port closed owing to the anticipation of hostilities with France. From Dover he journeyed to Portsmouth, Bristol and then back to Bridport where a

taken to Dorchester jail. From there he was taken to Newgate and then to Winchester Castle where Caldwell was already imprisoned.

On 31st July 1778 Boulter and Caldwell were tried and found guilty of numerous offences. Their execution was postponed until the 19th August in the hope that Boulter and Caldwell would divulge the whereabouts of their acquired goods. Boulter did dictate a full account of his escapades and as a result “The Ship” and “The Bull” yielded their trove.

At midday on Wednesday 19th August 1778 a cart passed slowly out of Winchester Castle and took Boulter and Caldwell to the gallows.

Denise Josey
Village Archivist



Wiltshire Numismatic Society

We meet at The Raven. Our next meeting is on Oct 16th, which is our AUTUMN COIN AUCTION, starting to sell from 8pm, viewing from 7pm.

Richard Jeffery
Treasurer/Acting Secretary

Poulshot Readers

Red Dust: Those of us that had either nearly finished it or had finished the book found it a comprehensive read which gave great insight as to what life was like in China in the 80s, complemented by the internal struggle the author was faced with. Thanks for the choice Robin & your take on the book. It was suggested that we book the dining room for the Christmas meet and as per last year partners are invited. We have gone for Wednesday 4 Dec, meeting at 7.30pm. Please let me know if you would like to attend.

The Road Home: Just over half of the group met in the Raven in August to discuss the Road Home. Those that had read it enjoyed the book albeit it proved somewhat predictable in places. There was a number that had started the book and will finish it having heard the positive reviews. We spent a few quiet moments reflecting over the loss of our fellow reader, Malcolm.

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in trouble and in joy,
the praises of my God shall still
my heart and tongue employ.***

This hymn is a paraphrase of Psalm 34 – “I will bless the Lord at all times, His praise shall continually be in my mouth”.

Change is all around us; sometimes for better and sometimes for worse. The important thing is how we cope with it. As I write the seasons are changing. It is getting cooler and autumn is beginning to take hold, summer is over. I afraid I don't cope with that very well – the heating goes on, the sweatshirts appear and I feel quite sad that we won't see a long hot summer day until next year. There are changes in our home life as well with the oldest daughter preparing to move out (again!) and younger daughter preparing to move back in. Our daughter-in-law returns to work at the end of October and is very apprehensive about leaving 9-month-old Millie despite having two dotting Nanas to look after her!

Some of you may have just started working in a new job environment and are feeling uneasy about it because there are some unfamiliar tasks ahead for you. Perhaps you have just been transferred over to a new department and there are great expectations for you to perform well, expectations you are not confident you can meet. Perhaps there is someone reading this who has just got a place at university and you are wondering if you will be able to cope with the heavy workload of lectures, tutorials and assignments. Someone may be moving to a new house or flat. Another may be getting married soon or have just got married, and yet another may be having their very first child. And there may be some who are facing debt, sickness and even death. Our life is filled with one change after another (and that is without the great upheavals and political and social crises we face in the world today).

As we go through all these changing scenes of life, and as we move on to new places, to unfamiliar and uncharted waters, feelings of uncertainty and anxiety are bound to arise. And these unsettled feelings, if not properly dealt with, can easily lead one into the depths of despair and depression. This is why we all desperately need to know and believe what God has told us in the Bible about how we may include him in all the changing scenes of life.

In whatever circumstance or situation in life you are, you can find tremendous comfort and encouragement that you are not alone. For God has promised never to leave you nor forsake you (Hebrews 13:5) and he will be with you wherever you go. You can experience God's presence, where ever you are and as the writer of the book of Hebrews goes on to say in verse 6, “so we can say with confidence, “The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?”

As you go now through all the changing scenes of life, God will be with you in everything you do and in every experience in life - in good or bad circumstances, in sickness or in health, in life or in death. All you have to do is ask him:

*Change and decay in all around I see
O Thou who changest not, abide with me*

Liz Starling

Licensed Lay Minister – Wellsprings Benefice

POULSHOT VILLAGE HALL

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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

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Please contact Sam Hurn, Giles Morgan or Jon Martin for a membership form.

100 club winners this month –

£25 – Molly Service; £15 – Ben Hamilton - £10

Christine Bertram

All Village Hall matters (not bookings) –
please contact Sam (Chair) and Giles (Secretary).
(contact details at the back of the magazine)

A short history of the Wiltshire Numismatic Society

The Devizes Coin Society was founded on 8th December 1965, following a preliminary meeting at the Dolphin Hotel in Devizes. Meetings were initially held at the Dolphin Hotel, and the original subscription was one guinea a year. In February 1966 the society moved its meetings to a larger room at The Bell Inn, when membership rose to 17 paid up members. Then in 1968 the society changed its name to the Wiltshire Numismatic Society.

During the late 1960s and 70s membership continued to grow. The society was fortunate in being able to attract many important speakers to meetings. Their talks included talks on Copper Coinage, Greek Coinage and English Crowns. More recently, the society had talks on Tokens of Devizes, the discovery of the Frome Hoard and – coming soon – a talk on the Royal Mint Museum.

In 1971, an enamel badge featuring the 18th century Devizes halfpenny token, a stag, was produced for members to buy.

Towards the end of the 1970s and into the 80s the society enjoyed much support from members, and the programme of events was expanded to include trips in the summer months, including the Royal Mint and the British Museum.

The society moved to its current venue, The Raven, in September 1981, where we meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 8 p.m. prompt, from March to November.

Richard Jeffries

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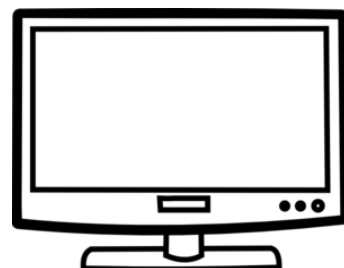


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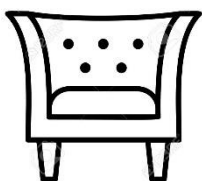
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