

In Memory Of The Airmen Who Died In The Battle Of Britain 1940

We will remember today and everyday
This was your glory and your hour of fame.
The song that set you high among the bright stars
That wrote upon the flaming skies your name;
Tis we who weep who may not share your triumph
Your youthful hands and laughter-loving eyes,
The pain of memory sears out hearts of anguish
The old old partings, and the long goodbyes.
The calm day dawns to greet your ghostly legions
See! to the sun the bright formations fly
The distant line of thundering battle surges
Challenging you once again to die.
Far far below, the island of your keeping
Rolls green and smiling to the silver sea
Your shadow wings pass over house and meadow
Trees, and rivers, dear to your memory,
And eyes at curtained windows watch your pageant
Proud tears aspace will dim your golden way,
But you will pass unclouded in your splendour
Winged hearts! so bravely in your blue array.
Oh! great immortal few, your star of glory
Will shine serene, long after we have gone
Pause to pity the dust of our desires
You, whose endeavours crowned the victory song.
The night has come. Eternity is waiting
Your engines throb, and fade far far away
And all your living brothers are returning
Back to their rest and dreams of yesterday.

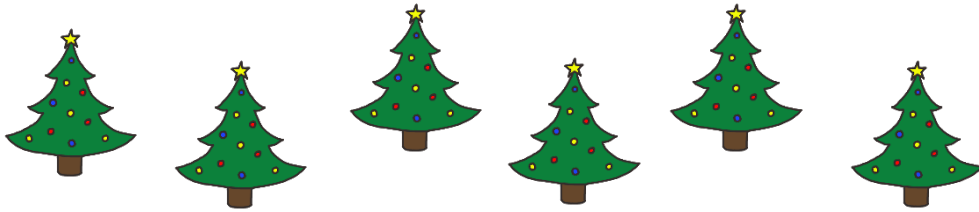
Sent in by Philip Piper; written by his mother.

*Poulshot News No. 14
November and December 2020*

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. The magazine is put together by Nina Jeffries and emailed or delivered by volunteers in the village. All contributions welcome: email to poulshotnews@icloud.com. Publication of articles / adverts does not signify agreement with the views expressed, nor an endorsement of a product.

The Over 65s Christmas Dinner



The Over 65s Christmas Dinner has been organised for over 20 years by a group of volunteers in the village, with the support of the Village Hall in providing the space, and a small grant from the Parish Council.

Actually, the *Over 60s Christmas Dinner* has been organised for over 20 years, only changing to the Over 65s a few years ago. One factor was that as time went on, many of the volunteers were rapidly qualifying to attend the dinner as well as cook and serve it, so (just like the pension age) it went up to 65. Though, unlike the pension age, there are no plans to extend it to 67 ...

Whatever the age range, it has continued to be a jolly get together, with singing and a raffle as well as a traditional home cooked Christmas dinner. Sadly, this year, with the Covid restrictions limiting both getting together and having a good old singalong, there will be no Over 65s Christmas Dinner in the Village Hall. But the Peggies (who organise it all) will organise an even better and brighter celebration for next Christmas.

So thank you to the Peggies for keeping up the Christmas spirit with the Over 65s for so many years, and thank you also to the Village Hall committee for doing the same for members of the wider village community who might welcome a bit of extra Christmas cheer in these odd times! (there's a page about this later in the magazine). What a lovely lot you all are!

From the Editor ... a personal view

The magazine is significantly later this month, and as it's so late I've decided to make it a double November / December issue, so it's also 2 weeks early for December. The next issue will hopefully come to you at the beginning of January.

I've been trying to work out why I've found it so difficult to get the magazine done this time. Strangely, the answer came in the combination of wise words from our very own Jonathan Hawkins on the Poulshot Facebook page, and Barack Obama (yes, I know, possibly the only time these 2 sages will stand shoulder to shoulder). Jonathan wrote about how the village worked together for Bonfire Night a few (pre-Facebook) years ago, just working together to get it done and have fun; and Barack Obama wrote about the importance of responding to others in a way that credits them with their own beliefs and good intentions.

And, I thought, is that what's making me feel a bit ooohy here? That hint, from odd conversations and comments, that we may not always be working together, perhaps assuming that others won't understand or will react negatively or take over; and maybe others assuming that just because something has happened one way in the past, it should always be that way. Aside from this really not being helpful to actually getting things done, it results in a lack of transparency, as it leads to a focus on keeping control rather than sharing and being inclusive. It results in some people knowing about stuff (whether it's who cuts the grass, how we spend village funds, what they are, who's invited to an event, or whatever) and having a view on it, while others don't even know there's something to have a view on. And yes, many of us may not be able or bothered to attend meetings or look up the minutes or whatever on the village website or Facebook page, and just want to leave it all to someone else. But if our various groups want to really represent or work for everyone in the village, we do need to be active about sharing and inviting and working together.

So for my part, and with the help of our volunteer deliverers, I'll go back to doing a paper copy of the magazine so we can make sure it goes to every house in the village. And I'll be more active about asking our various village groups, run by good people who contribute their time and commitment for nothing, to regularly let me have fuller information for the magazine about their meetings, plans, spending, for the village, so that we are working together to get it directly to everyone rather than assuming they'll have the time or capacity to look it up.

That ooohyness, there's just a hint of it, picked up here and there. But hey, maybe we could get rid of it all together, take the lead from Messrs Hawkins and Obama, be active about working together and remembering those positive intentions. Still, that's just my thoughts. Have a nice day, y'all.

Nina

The Mobile Library

The Mobile Library will be starting again shortly. They have been in contact and would like the support of the village to keep the service going. During these difficult times to have a source of knowledge and entertainment on our doorstep is indeed fortunate.

Mike Wilson

From the Parish Council

A contract has been awarded to carry out tree works around the village green. The work will be carried out by Wiltshire Countryside Contractors.

DOCA News – Devizes Winter Festival



We're sorry that we haven't been able to bring you all the fun of the Street Festival, Carnival and Confetti Battle this year and current circumstances prevent us from having our usual Lantern Parade. **HOWEVER...** Instead, we will be hosting **Devizes Winter Festival** focussing on an art installation trail and market stalls full of **local Independent Traders, Makers and Crafters**. We will be ensuring audiences and shoppers stay safe and follow appropriate Coronavirus safety measures. The event will run from **Friday 27th to Sunday 29th November**. We hope this will give festival-goers more time and space to browse stalls, pick up some special Christmas gifts and enjoy delicious food.

Traders: to register your interest and for further information visit our website: <https://www.docadevizes.org.uk/christmas-stalls/>

We will be releasing further information for audiences soon. Please save the date!

Poulshot Friends and Neighbours

Well, another month has passed by, it will soon be Christmas!!! Hopefully you will get to see friends and family at this time. I hope everybody is keeping well and safe from this horrible virus. As you know, we are unable to meet, or travel, as a group. I am hoping that next year will be much better. It looks as though we will be unable to have our Christmas Party at the Raven this year but, hopefully, when it is open again we will all support Kate and her staff. We still have our helpline open for those who are unable to get out and about to pick up shopping, prescriptions etc. Just let Pam know on 828151 and we will do our best to help out. In the meantime please support the magazine and send in pictures or nuggets of information, fun etc.

Pam Gillies



UK Charity Reg No. 1154431

Market Lavington based charity 'The Nestling Trust', founded by community nurse Sue Hamblin in 2013, brings medical care and health education to remote villages in Nepal. It has also established a home for destitute, abused or trafficked children.

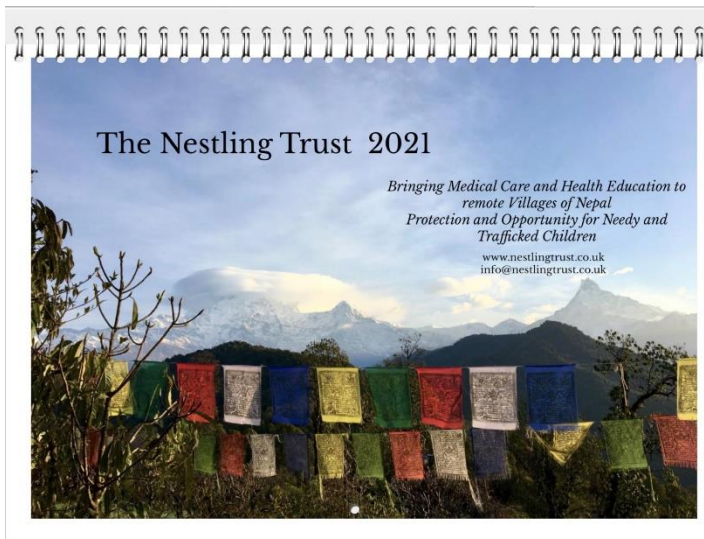
Due to the Covid pandemic the trust has been unable to organise its usual local fundraising events, but it has produced a lovely calendar for 2021 with colourful photos showing typical Nepalese scenes and showcasing some of our work.

We are raising funds to provide food and education for the children at the Sarangkot Nestling Home for 2021, our goal being £10,000.

Calendars will be available from Market Lavington Post Office, and Devizes Books. Alternatively please email info@nestlingtrust.co.uk or call Nick Reid on 07817 802363

A minimum donation of £10.00 per calendar would be very gratefully received.

For more information about, the work of the Nestling Trust please check out our website www.nestlingtrust.co.uk



POULSHOT VILLAGE HALL

Chair: Sam Wright Hurn Secretary; Giles Morgan
Committee:

Alan Webber (Vice Chair), Jon Martin (treasurer), Karl
Shuttleworth, Lucy Russell, Elizabeth Martin

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.

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



Something Extra This Christmas

At this merry time of the year and with the terrible year we have all had, the village hall committee would like to keep up the great work Liz Gaule started in the first lockdown. With a slight personal community feel.

Christmas will be very different for us all, so we would like to collect Christmas treats to make Christmas hampers for anyone in the village who needs a little extra to make Christmas that little more special.

Maybe you could donate

Cheese crackers
Tinned ham
Pickles
Mince pies
Chocolate treats
Christmas puddings
Brandy sauce/ custard
Twiglets and other styles
Canned Goods
Or similar
Sweet or Savoury

To donate please contact

Sam Wright-Hurn 828183 or
Jon and Elizabeth Martin 828206 or
Lucy Russell 07766918877,
Or drop off at the village hall doorway in the
box and we'll take care of it.

Or if you prefer you can make a monetary donation:

With this we can buy fresh vegetables and fresh meat.

Payment online: 20427362 60-83-01 reference to be used is HAMPER
or cheque payable to Poulshot Village Hall write HAMPER on the reverse,
or cash to one of the trustees listed at the end of the parish magazine



If you feel that we could help make a difference to you or someone you know this Christmas with a little addition please either talk to one of the Hall trustees in confidence or email hamper2020@poulshotvh.com or contact your normal support officer.

We are working with various charities and support groups in the Devizes area to offer our help and resources to support the community this Christmas

From St Peter's and the PCC

In these times of stress, difficulties and deprivations, there is often a need for help and for some this might be help in the form of religious help. Many in the village are not regular churchgoers but might like comfort from this source. If this is the case, every Sunday at 10am, there is a zoom service from one of the 5 churches in the Benefice and you would be very welcome to attend. If you are familiar with Zoom, the code is 677 811 9535 or if you would like help to connect, please contact a member of the PCC and we will talk you through it. You do not have to be seen or heard but you can be there!

Remembrance Day

There was no service in St Peter's Church as such, this year, to commemorate Remembrance Sunday. Following government rulings, we held the Service in front of the war memorial on the east end of the Church. The rain held off and it was a mild day. There were about 40 people there including four children. We were standing on the grass, socially distanced and wearing masks. Wreaths were laid for the PC (Ben Hamilton), Village Trust (Tim Jalland), PCC (Nicholas Hunloke), the VH (Sam Hurn), the PFN (Pam Gillies) and Townsend Nursery (Henry Nicholls). Other wreaths were laid for family members.

Reverend Joshva took the Service. Major General Andrew Ritchie gave the Exhortation; 'They shall grow not old...' It was a solemn but moving occasion, different from a normal year, but no less impressive.

From the Revd Ali Bridewell

Dear Friends

If Christmas were a colour what colour would it be? What colours will be decking your halls this year? I love the traditional green and red colours and like to bring some holly indoors to decorate the house. The holly for me not only looks beautiful and natural, but it also contains wonderful Christian symbolism. The red berries represent Jesus' blood, the spikey holly leaves are like the crown of thorns that encircled his head on the cross.

Whilst red and green may be my favourite colours, gold, blue, and white often follow suit. Gold symbolizes the gift from the three wise men, blue represents Mother Mary and the rich blue robes, and white links to the purity of Jesus himself.

So will it be the traditional red and green? Or perhaps you will you be experimenting with some different colours and trying something new?

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This year we are also offering something different and new. We will be hosting a 'Blue Christmas' Service: When Christmas Hurts' - because we recognise that Christmas is not a time of joy and celebration for everyone.

For many, Christmas is a hard, painful experience. For some, Christmas has been a time to dread for almost as long as they can remember. For some, remembering happier times, or those who are missing, the pain can be almost overwhelming. For all of us, this has not been the year we had planned, not the year we would have chosen. We mourn together what we have lost this year. But maybe together we can look for small sparks of hope among the embers of our pain and grief.

As we anticipate the coming of the Christ child among us and prepare to welcome him afresh in new and different ways, perhaps we will also be challenged to see things differently. Will we allow our lives and our choices to be exposed to the searching light of God's truth, anticipating the time when Christ will come again and draw all things to himself? During the Advent season the words of the prophets challenge us to turn our lives around, to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with our God.

We need to embrace those values afresh as we prepare to receive the One who did not grasp at equality with God, but humbled himself, born as one of us in humility and poverty, to show us a better way – the ways of gentleness and peace, justice and righteousness. The world is looking for a Saviour – and Christians believe he has already come. Perhaps recent events will encourage people everywhere to stop looking for salvation elsewhere, but to look to our own hearts, recognise our individual and collective need for healing and renewal, and find our hope rekindled as we take a fresh look at the child in the manger, heralded by the angels who brought glad tidings for the whole of humankind.

We hope you will join us in any way you can during this season. Please keep an eye out for news of our events and festival services by following the Wellsprings Benefice on Facebook or visiting our website www.wellspringsbenefice.co.uk

Keeping in touch is even more important this year as most of the services are limited for numbers and will require pre-booking only, to help keep us safe during the pandemic.

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and every blessing for 2021. Rev Ali

Christmas message from Rev Ali

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WELLSPRINGS BENEFICE SERVICES DECEMBER 2020 AND JANUARY 2021

Sunday 6th December (Advent 2)

8 am Holy Communion (BCP) at Seend
8 am Holy Communion at Potterne
10 am Holy Communion at Worton *

Sunday 13th December (Advent 3)

8 am Holy Communion (BCP) at Worton
10 am Morning Praise at Poulshot *
4 pm Evening Prayer at Bulkington
6 pm Christmas carols and Unity choir on YouTube ¹

Sunday 20th December (Advent 4)

8 am Holy Communion (BCP) at Seend
8 am Holy Communion (BCP) at Poulshot
10 am Holy Communion at Potterne *
3 pm Blue Christmas: "When Christmas Hurts" at Seend *

Thursday 24th December (Christmas Eve)

6pm Online Carol service: Nine lessons and carols on YouTube ¹

Friday 25th December (Christmas Day)

9:15 am Christmas Day Family Communion at Bulkington
9:15 am Christmas Day Family Communion at Poulshot
9:30 am Christmas Day Family Communion at Worton
11 am Christmas Day Family Communion at Potterne
11 am Christmas Day Family Communion at Seend

Sunday 27th December (Christmas 1/Epiphany)

10 am Holy Communion at Potterne (not zoomed)

Sunday 3rd January (Christmas 2/Epiphany)

8 am Holy Communion (BCP) at Poulshot
10 am Holy Communion at Seend *

Sunday 10th January (Baptism of Christ/Epiphany 1)

8 am Holy Communion (BCP) at Potterne
10 am Holy Communion or Morning Praise (tbc) At Bulkington *

Sunday 17th January (Epiphany 2)

8 am Holy Communion (BCP) at Seend
10 am Holy Communion at Poulshot *

Sunday 24th January (Epiphany 3)

8 am Holy Communion (BCP) at Worton
10 am Holy Communion at Potterne *

Sunday 31st January (Epiphany 4)

8 am Holy Communion (BCP) at Potterne
10 am Morning Praise at Worton *

Every Tuesday at 9.00am there are Morning Prayers at St Peter's Poulshot (no booking necessary)

* Service will be live streamed via Zoom. The link is <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/6778119535>.

Events broadcast on YouTube will be premiered at 6pm on the above days and will be available to view afterwards at any time. If you need help accessing YouTube please get in touch.

Please Note:

- These are the planned services but are dependent on the Covid regulations at the time and may change at short notice. Please check with our website or speak to one of the ministry team or church wardens to check whether they are going ahead.
- Because of limited capacity in church and in order to maintain social distancing, we must ask you to register for the Sunday and Christmas services. If you would like to attend any of the services in person please email sarahleckie.wba@gmail.com (by 5pm on Friday afternoon) or contact the church wardens directly (email addresses below). Many thanks for your co-operation.

- Bulkington Liz Futter: lizfutter@mailcan.com
Mike Rose: sue.rose4@btinternet.com
- Potterne John Starling: jwstarling@btinternet.com
Ruth Thorman: ruth@thormans.co.uk
- Poulshot Kate Hunloke: kate.hunloke@yahoo.com
- Seend Len Murray: seendlen@gmail.com
- Worton Heather Walker: heatherwalker66@gmail.com
Jean Lane: joje@talktalk.net

OTHER EVENTS IN THE BENEFICE OVER CHRISTMAS

Doorstep Carols:

Look out for our Christmas trailer which will be spreading the hope and joy of Christmas on the following dates:

Potterne	Sunday 20 th December	5pm – 7pm
Worton & Marston	Monday 21 st December	5pm – 7pm
Poulshot	Tuesday 22 nd December	5pm – 7pm
Bulkington	Wednesday 23 rd December	5pm – 7pm
Seend	Thursday 24 th December	3pm – 5pm

Sat 5th/Sun 6th Dec Angel trail Potterne

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

Ministry Team

Rector:	Rev Ali Bridewell	739064
Associate Priest:	Rev Joshva John	828137
Curate:	Rev Adrian Burholt	07537185095
Church Warden:	Kate Hunloke	828333
Benefice Administrator:	Sarah Leckie	739064/07938 270815
		sarahleckie.wba@gmail.com

Church Registers No baptisms, weddings or funerals this month.

Poulshot Parish Council

poulshotparishcouncil@gmail.com

Chair: Ben Hamilton – poulshotpccchairman@gmail.com

Vice chair: Steve Housby Geoff Collett, Adrian Baber, Tim Jalland, Sam Wright-Hurn Ian Gillies

Clerk: Richard Culverhouse: poulshotparishcouncil@gmail.com

Poulshot Village Trust**Executive Committee**

Chair: Tim Jalland – 07583 162277

Trustees: Dankay Cleverly, Perry Chadwick Healey

Vice Chair: Ray Josey – 827010

Treasurer: Ben Hamilton – 828004

Archivist: Denise Josey – 827010

Secretary: Caroline Morison – 828545

Robin Boyd, Jan Boyd, Tim Nixon

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www.poulshot_play-cricket.com

Chair: Decklan Gaule – 07779 303849

Secretary: Jon Weedon – 07769 692026

Email: jonweedon@holchem.co.uk

Captain: Phil Ireson – 07802 756465

Poulshot website <http://poulshot.org.uk>

contact parish clerk to edit / add –
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Kate Hunloke – 828333

Pam Gillies - 828151

Police Community Support Officer

Maggie Ledbury

– 0747 102 8939

maggie,ledbury

@wiltshire_pnn.police.uk

Poulshot Readers

Philip Piper – 828326

Wiltshire Numismatic Society

Richard Jeffery – 01225 703141 jeffery.melksam@gmail.com

St Peter's Church

Part of the Wellsprings Benefice –

www.wellspringbenefice.co.uk

Priest in charge: Revd Ali Bridewell 739064

Associate Priest: Revd Joshva John - 828137

Retired Priests: Revd Jane Knowles 870325 -Revd Maureen

Allchin 828931 – Revd Renee Coulson 725208

Churchwarden: Kate Hunloke PCC: Treasurer: Nicholas

Hunloke – Secretary: Robin Boyd 828373, Angela Bullen,

Dankay Cleverly (Deanery Synod), Jan Boyd, Sarah

Prestwich, Perry Chadwick Healey

- 828206

Poulshot Village Hall

Chair: Sam Wright Hurn Secretary: Giles Morgan

Committee: Alan Webber (Vice Chair), Jon Martin (treasurer),

Karl Shuttleworth, Lucy Russell, Elizabeth Martin , Jan Bpyd

Bookings/tickets/events – <http://poulshotvh.com>