

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

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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

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)

Poulshot Community Fund

Newcomers to Poulshot may not be aware that we have a sizeable chunk of money available to be spent within the community for the community. The fund was given to the village by the company that built the solar farm and has helped many worthy causes. For example, the refurbishment of the footpath between Belle Vue Farm and Mill Lane. The Cricket Club has thrived as a result of help from the fund. Essential maintenance has been carried out at The Village Hall and the odd celebration has been helped along, the recent Jubilee for example. (It's definitely not for private parties!)

The fund currently holds just over £122,000. If you have an idea that will benefit all or a part of the community, please contact The Parish Council. Email addresses are elsewhere in this magazine. All suggestions will be considered openly.

Poulshot Parish Council

Poulshot Friends and Neighbours

Owing to the pandemic (as it has now officially become), we have done nothing since March and are likely to do nothing over the remainder of the year. Our next meeting is supposed to be at Worton this year but will not be happening. I have left the booking in the Village Hall for November. We were going to have a games evening and may still! The Christmas Dinner is still booked and we won't cancel that either for the moment! Always the optimists! Failing all that, we will meet in January, please God, for our AGM on a date to be advised. Keep well and the Friends and Neighbours Helpline is switched on again so please ring 828151 or 828333 if you are unable to get prescriptions etc.

Kate and Pam

Poulshot Cricket Club

Like all of us, COVID substantially affected our cricket playing season but thanks to the hard work of many of our members we managed to play a number of home and away fixtures safely. One major positive was that the 'friendly reputation' of our club led to welcoming a number of new and experienced cricketers which helped lead us to a number of wins and overall higher level of cricket for our spectators. The addition of our new mower has massively contributed to the playing surface and the overall aesthetic of the Green and we would like to thank the Parish Council, Melksham Area Board and our own members for helping to raise the funding. We completed our final match on the Green last weekend which saw players from all ages take part and I'm delighted to say that the match finished in a draw under a glorious Wiltshire sunny sky. We look forward to our 2021 season and hope that everyone stays safe in the coming months. Thank you for your support

Declan Gaule, Chairman, Poulshot Cricket Club

Photo taken 20th Sept 2020 – last match





Wellsprings Benefice Services September & October 2020

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

Date		Service	Time	Church
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

The Revd Adrian Burholt, our Curate, was ordained in Salisbury Cathedral last Saturday in a solemn and splendid ceremony. He now joins Revd Ali and Revd Dr Joshva in the Wellsprings Benefice. He is already contributing greatly to the Team and we welcome him warmly.

Renée's Ruminations –

I don't know about you, but I find the older I get, the more I am challenged by "ageism"! "Naturally," you might respond, "that's ever been the case"! Google defines age as: "... one of the protected characteristics under the Equality Act. **Age discrimination** is where you're treated unfairly because of your **age** or because you're part of a particular **age** group."

In some cultures, the elderly are treated with great respect. They are included as an essential part of the family group, and they are valued. In this country, however, I find that I'm frequently consigned to the scrap heap! For example, when

we first entered into “lockdown”, I was not allowed to join the Village Covid Team because I am “too old”. I was – er – incensed! Then I thought I might be able to short-term foster a dog for someone who might be temporarily unable to care for theirs. Having spent ages completing a lengthy application form on-line with one of the dog charities, I discovered, at the very end of the form, that people above the age of 70 need not apply! Grrr.

Some time ago, a friend, whose son was being rather patronising, listened patiently to all the advice regarding how he should be coping with life generally. At the end of the diatribe my friend asked “How do you think I got to my age?” “Pure luck” was the answer! Mmm. Well, let’s try to put things in perspective, shall we? “With regard to old age,” wrote Rev Edward Burnley in an article in Seend’s village magazine (Feb 1997), “it is sometimes looked upon as a personal achievement. On the contrary, it is a gift from God. Each day is an opportunity ... to make some reparation for what the Prayer Book Litany describes as our ‘Sins, negligencies and ignorancies’. Life is not a matter of length of days, as is proved by the fact that thousands die in youth or middle age.”

He continued: “The frustrations and limitations of old age are endless. Apart from aches and pains, every little job takes a little longer, and the days pass swiftly with duties undone or postponed until the next day. There are, however, compensations. One is relieved of the responsibilities of earlier life. And (*if one is fortunate*) many relatives and friends come to one’s assistance. Any small achievement is given a disproportionate amount of credit, and mistakes and failings are indulgently overlooked.

“There is every reason to thank God for creation, preservation and all the blessings of this life, and above all for

his inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace and for the hope of Glory". Absolutely.

Blessed are you who recognise the Lord in all you meet; the light of truth shines in your life for you have found true wisdom.

Go safely, Renée

Always Hope!

A new Debt Counselling Centre for Devizes and its surrounding villages

Debt is not exclusive to people of a certain age or of a specific household make-up. Uncontrollable circumstances mean that no one is immune to finding themselves in financial hardship. Year on year, the debt advice industry is seeing a growing number of people in need of help. Even before Covid-19 struck, well over a million people in the UK were wrestling with unsustainable debt. We can only imagine how the financial fallout of the current global pandemic will add to this problem. Often, those who fall into the sweeping tide of debt cannot swim against the current on their own and are instead dragged under, struggling to cry out for help. The stress of debt can be so destructive. It affects family relationships, health (both mental and physical), and can be very isolating.

Award winning national charity, Christians Against Poverty (CAP) is seeking to release thousands of families from poverty by debt counselling and community groups, bringing hope to tens of thousands of people every year. CAP has more than 300 church-based debt centres combining the care of the local Church with the financial know-how at CAP's head office. Members of St James' Church, Devizes, amongst others, have decided to partner with CAP to open the Devizes and District

Debt Centre, to serve the town and its surrounding villages. We are passionate about seeing people released from debt and poverty. CAP is an organisation that, at its core, cares for and listens to the people it helps, walking alongside them as they make their journey out of debt. The services provided are FREE and open to everyone. They are unique because we visit clients in their own home (when safe to do so) and we support them until they are debt free, however long it takes. We believe that there is always hope – you don't have to face financial poverty alone and no debt has ever been so bad that it couldn't be dealt with.

If you need help, please call CAP's free phone number 0800 328 0006 and an appointment will be arranged for you. More information can be found on the website capuk.org. If you are interested in financially supporting this community-funded venture, please contact me directly at katemorris@capuk.org for information on how to do this.

Kate Morris



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!

100 Club

After some delay with COVID we now have the ball-spinner back and our draw master has drawn March to July winners of the 100 Club.

March

1st - Liz Henwood 2nd - Patty Routledge 3rd - Andrew Herridge

April

1st - Ian Bertram 2nd - Andrew Jeffries 3rd - Jimmy Hunter

May

1st - Ivor Butler 2nd - Adrian Griffiths 3rd - Hillary Kidd

June

1st - Chris Saunders 2nd - Jean Perrett 3rd - Jackie Herridge

July

1st - Ivor Sault 2nd - Keith Day 3rd - Tor Morgan

August and September will be drawn soon.

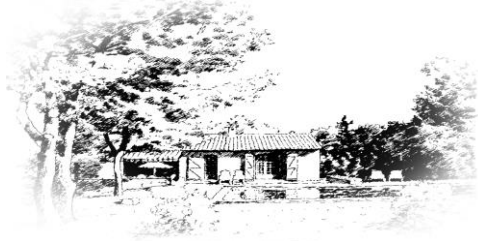
Winners will be contacted shortly. Payment is via direct deposit (if you're a winner, please contact us at

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with your banking details) or by cheque if preferred.

Renewals are currently being collected. If you're not already on direct debit, please contact us for a form (or visit our website poulshotvh.com and complete the form on-line. Otherwise, one of our committee members will be coming around in October and November.

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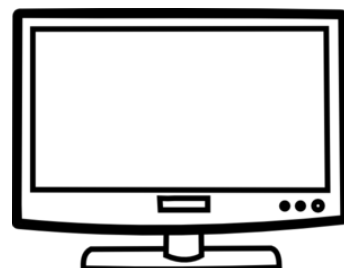


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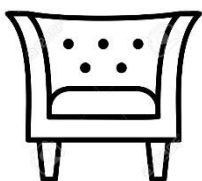
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Part of the Wellsprings Benefice –

www.wellspringbenefice.co.uk

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