

Poulshot News No. 11

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Reopening
Tuesday
11th
August
- lunchtimes
and
evenings -

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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The Raven

*- reopening Tuesday 11th August -
(hurrah)*

“I want to talk to everybody – please pop in and say hello on the 11th”. This from the new landlady of The Raven, Katie Patterson – being absolutely welcoming before she has even re-opened the pub. Owing to the COVID 19 restrictions, the pub will be open only for drinks to start with, there’ll be a one way system and no standing at the bar. Katie is hoping they will be able to serve food reasonably soon and, to start with, she will be the chef. She’s worked in the pub trade since she was 13, and has been running The Millstream in Marden for 8 years, so brings a great deal of experience.

Though Katie is new to us in Poulshot, Poulshot isn’t new to her as she has long walked her dog here, has friends in the village and knows it well. Her arrival is an unexpectedly positive result of COVID 19: having considered taking on The Raven a few years ago, she felt it might be too much of a commitment alongside The Millstream. But when it came up again, she felt that the restrictions of the current lockdown / easing situation could provide a more forgiving environment as she and her team got to grips with for running both pubs. So – let’s all to the pub and introduce ourselves. See you there!

Nina

The Village Trust

It will, sadly, come as no surprise that we have had to postpone the events that were planned across the summer months. However, these will be re-programmed as we better understand the governmental direction in reaction to COVID-19. The next planned event is the Green Gardens autumn clean-up which will take place on Saturday 19 September, lockdown willing. More details will follow nearer the time.

We are at a crucial moment in this country's history. Since March we have seen many die from this terrible virus together with others suffering from its effects, loss of loved ones or close friends and those who have suffered internally. Coupled with this has been the negative economic effect it is having across the world and those businesses who will have to recover to help us, as a nation, regain fiscal health. In the bubble, that is Poulshot, we probably know someone in one of the above categories. Something to bear in mind whilst we live in such a wonderful location which has provided us with both protection and support.

The Trust continues to be not only be the custodian of what Poulshot is but also an organisation which will continue to look after its future in order to ensure that those that follow us receive the same benefits of friendship, service to the community as a whole and above all the continuance of Poulshot and all that it stands for.

If you would like to become a member please contact the Trust Secretary, Caroline Morison, whose details are in the Magazine.

Keep safe.

Tim Jalland

From the Vicar ... Maureen's Ramblings.....

With my brain freed from the tramlines of “normal” life, my rambles are even more rambling this month! Even as we begin to see the light at the end of the tunnel I look back on a bizarre few months. Weeks and weeks of not going to church; not being alongside my church family in worship; not celebrating one another in giving the peace, not receiving the visual aid of God’s love – the bread and the wine. But I have enjoyed some new adventures of church. The buildings may not have been open – but the church has been alive and active in all our communities. I so appreciate the Revs Ali and Josh and others for getting the Zoom services and meetings up and running. How great that those who find it difficult to access organised religion due to age, disability or their own struggles with faith or church, have been able to join, in full view or anonymously, with those who have worshipped on line. How important it will be to keep this accessibility going when the buildings have opened again. And I have enjoyed worshipping around the world – joining Zoom and YouTube services in Jerusalem, Cape Town, Melbourne, and Nigeria – experiencing different forms of worship and realising again that the church is NOT its buildings – but people, seeking to love and follow Jesus, who are living out their faith in their own homes and communities – showing the love of Jesus in the phone calls they make, in the cards they send, in the queuing at pharmacies and shops to meet the needs of others, in all the encouragement and support given. I don’t want to get caught up again in a church that feels just to be about buildings and endless discussions on things that no longer feel important. I want the church to look up and out; to be missional and serving; to be about living the faith in ways that make profound differences in our broken and wounded world. There was a social media post of graffiti

daubed on a wall in Hong Kong that read, 'We can't return to normal, because the normal that we had was precisely the problem.' Amen! I have been challenged to use the enforced silence and stillness to rejoice that God is with me everywhere, at all times and in all circumstance and to ponder some hard questions about how I live, about my priorities, about my values and about my faith. Where is God in this? What is Christian hope in such times? What is church when people can't be together physically? How can the suffering of so many people be transformed by God? My big brother died in April – not of the virus but of cancer. Like so many others I couldn't give him one last hug or attend his funeral and like so many others I have faced again the reality of death. I pray for myself and for the many people living in a Good Friday world - in your loneliness, God be your consolation; in your anxiety, God be your hope; in your darkness, God be your light. Amen

The Revd. Maureen Allchin. Retired Priest

St Peter's Church. Poulshot

On 9th August at 10 a.m., St Peter's will have the first service in the church since March. It will be a communion service, but will feel rather different from normal. It will also be relayed on-line to the rest of the Benefice, so please allow for the odd hiccup. As all the COVID rules need to be followed, your seat will be indicated when you arrive. There will be sanitiser for you to use, and you will need to wear a mask. The church will have been thoroughly cleaned, with service sheets and pew sheets provided. If you want to take communion, Revd Ali will come to you with the wafer only, not the wine. We do not go up the altar. If you are thinking of coming, please do let me know, as I have to make a list of attended.

It will be good to be in church together again.

Kate Hunloke 828333 / 07702385181

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

Thank you ...

From Sue Aldridge ... thank you from me to everyone who has sent lovely messages and letters to me and my girls on the death of Jim. Also, thank you to all the friends who came to “clap him off” before the funeral.
Thank you

Sue

From Pam Gillies ... I would like to thank, once again, those from the Friends and Neighbours, who have so brilliantly come together to walk dogs, shop and pick up prescriptions, especially Suzanne Hoskins, Steve and Mandy Housby, Tim and Liz Jalland and Tom Morgan. We have had such a pleasant response from people and Kate and I are very grateful to them. I would also like to say thank you to those in the village who have helped out their neighbours in this difficult time. My hedgehogs continue to thrive, they are certainly getting through enough food to feed a small army. The local feral, and non feral, cats are also doing well, as you can see!! During lockdown we have seen an increase in the bird population as it has been so peaceful.

Pam



A huge Thank you to everyone who came to celebrate Shirley's 90th birthday on 3 June. It was a bit damp that day but spirits were high with lots of banners and balloons. Shirley was overwhelmed by how many came



to see her throughout the morning whilst she was ensconced in the garage social distancing from afar! A wonderful memory was made and Shirley absolutely loved all the attention especially as her family couldn't get over to the UK to share the day with her.

A big thank you to Pam Gillies, Vicky Josie, Mandy Housby and Jan Boyd for all their help and for donating eats, cake and sparkly for all! Sadly Shirley took a tumble the very next day and broke her hip and had to spend a while in hospital. However, she has made a miraculous recovery after a very difficult time. No doubt you will see her in the coming months walking around the green ...and maybe even down to the church! Lastly, another huge thank you to everyone who so generously gave flowers, gifts and chocolates to make such a special birthday.

Sally



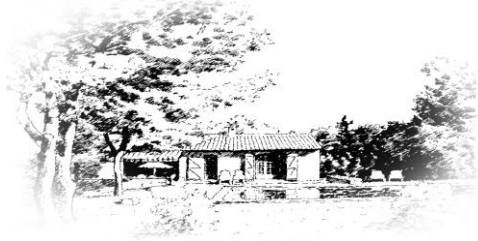
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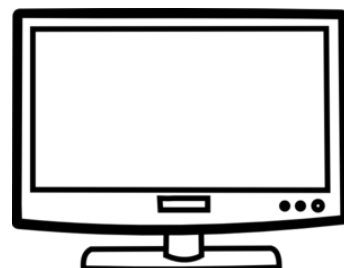


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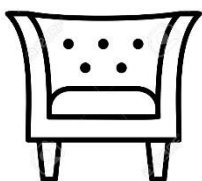
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