

POULSHOT NEWS No. 16
APRIL 2021

Parish Council Elections
6th May 2021

The Parish Council Elections are where we get to exercise our most direct democratic power, electing people who will make decisions about things that are on our doorsteps, our footpaths, our fields, our houses, our village.

This issue contains an introduction to all the candidates.

Please read. Please vote.

Parish Council elections: May 6th 2021

Candidates

Adrian Baber
Cook`s Orchard, The Green,
Poulshot

I was born and grew up in Poulshot, living at Chy an Drea, Barley Hill Lane and then Duke`s Farm until moving away, temporarily, in the mid 80`s. I spent my young life playing with friends in Barley Hill Lane, on the Village Green, in the fields, lanes and at Duke`s Farm under my Parents and Grandparents loose supervision. In my teens and early twenties I spent much time delivering the daily Newspapers, helping prep the Cricket Pitch, playing for the Cricket team and working at Duke`s and Lodge Farms.

After 13 years away I was able to move back in 1998 when I built Cook`s Orchard next to the Village Hall. In Shepherding terminology I feel I`ve become “hefted” to this Village and the surrounding countryside.



Liz Bissett
186 Poulshot Rd, Poulshot

My name is Elizabeth (Liz) Bissett and I have been a resident in Poulshot for 35 years. I live at the bottom of the village at 186 Poulshot Road Poulshot with my husband, Tim. We have 3 children who have all grown up in the village and have always cherished their time here. My husband and my 2

sons have played for the village cricket club over the years, my husband being a founder member of the cricket club.

I have worked as a tennis coach in the village for 21 years, coaching lots of our residents and now their children!!! I am a Councillor on the Lawn Tennis Association Board and I am on the Wiltshire Tennis Executive committee as the Councillor and Secretary, both voluntary roles.

I now have more time to devote myself to the Parish Council as I am passionate about our village and want it to be a safe and diverse society for the future generations. I would like all ages and parts of the village to be represented when making decisions for the future of the village. I would like to protect and enhance the environment and community facilities within the Parish. I would like to maintain the beauty of the village and I believe I can make a positive impact on local community matters where I live.



**Clare Church
Stockers, Poulshot Road
Poulshot**

My name is Claire Church, I live in Poulshot with my husband Nick, 2 children, Jack 8 and Isabel 6, as well as Dottie the black Lab. Like us, she has been very grateful to live somewhere with so many wonderful walks over the past year!

Nick and I have been here for 11 years but I have been involved in village life for a little longer, having worked in the Raven for nearly 10 years from the age of 16. The pub has always been a social hub of the village and I have loved meeting so many great characters there over the years. I now enjoy spending time on

the other side of the bar and, like everyone else, am looking forward to it's reopening and enjoying some great food and company there once more.

Likewise, we cannot wait for the return of the village fete as well as cricket matches on the green and many more events where we can all get together again. I love village life in Poulshot and am very keen to get more involved by continuing the work of the Parish council.



Mike Davis
Resident in Poulshot

Previously Vice-Chairman and then Chairman of Seend Parish Council for some years 10 years ago, before returning to Poulshot to live. Have been asked to stand by a great number of parishioners so feel that now is the time to make a contribution to both present and future village life. Very used to making decisions.



Tim Hues
Poulshot Lodge Farm, Poulshot

My name is Tim Hues and I have lived in Poulshot for all of my 42 years. I would hope, and intend, to remain here for the rest of my life!! I am married to Lizzie and we have 3 boys, Freddie, James and George. We farm with my family at Poulshot Lodge Farm, my parents Michael and

Dibbie having moved to Poulshot some 58 years ago. During that time, my Father served on the Parish Council for 36 years (between 1973 – 2009).

It is because I care deeply about the village and wish to give something back, that I have put myself forward for election to the Parish council. We live in a great village, and although in these modern times, situations evolve requiring changes to be made, it's always good to remember, what makes Poulshot what it is. At its heart is our community, and our preparedness to take on board the very different views and opinions held by each of its members. Whilst these may be diverse, this shouldn't detract from our willingness to respect them and each other. Our fantastic community enables our paths to cross in so many places, whether this be while walking in the village, playing or watching cricket, taking part in the various village groups or meeting at the church or the Raven.

Whilst we should all be prepared to challenge issues that affect all of our lives and enjoyment of the village, I feel it is important not to micro manage the minor –issues, an informal chat can defuse many a situation and rectify a problem. Live and let live is one of my favourite sayings and one that I try and adhere to! As I have said, everyone in the village is entitled to their own opinion and listening to those views and trying to act upon them - whilst serving as a member of our Parish Council - would be a huge privilege and one that I would relish.

We should all care for Poulshot and ensure that this great place can be enjoyed by future generations, in the same way as we have been able to do ourselves.



Nina Jeffries
3 Sillington Lane, Poulshot.

Here I am sitting with my lovely neighbour, Rebel, who sadly doesn't have a vote ... I've lived in Poulshot

for 20 years now, having moved here from Oxford. My working life began in Australia as a newspaper librarian, journalist and voluntary work with young adults with learning disabilities. Back in England, in Wiltshire (having come here as my Dad was in Market Lavington), I worked for the Gazette and Herald, cooked at Scott's Restaurant in Devizes, then the Wiltshire Red Cross. Then went to London where I ran a Women's Centre, was Senior Assistant to the Director of an AIDS project, leaving to be a full time (single) parent for 2 years before doing my teaching degree. I followed a year's teaching in Oxford with another 20 in Melksham, supporting other schools by being Acting Headteacher in various places until giving it up 2 years ago. So now I teach a couple of days a week and garden, knit, do the Saturday Times crossword, talk to the cats, tootle around and generally enjoy life. And do the village magazine. So, you know, like everyone, done lots of different stuff and feeling that I want to give back to our lovely community and help keep it lovely for all of us. As you might guess from what I say in the magazine, I'm big on communication and really keen that everyone in the village gets to know what's happening, not just those 'in the know' or friends of those 'in the know'. I believe I have good skills and experience to offer. I'll have my own views on the various things that come before the Parish Council, but as an elected representative of the community I'll remember that it's not just about what I think or want, it's what you, the village, think and want. If I am elected, I'll be one of 7 on the Council; but I'll be trying to help all 500 or so residents to have a voice.



**Caroline Nichols,
Townsend Barn,
15 Townsend, Poulshot,**

I am Caroline Nichols (née Coles). I am originally from the neighbouring village of Bulkington, but I have lived in Poulshot since 2004.

I have always shown an interest in village life and have good contact with many of you already. I enjoy the outdoors and rural setting in which we live and will be committed to seeing that our village retains its charm and beauty for years to come.

As some of you know, I own Townsend Barn Nursery which I set up with my husband Jim, in 2012. A few of you will have had children or grandchildren at the nursery over the years, so therefore you will perhaps know me better. The nursery was given 'Outstanding' by OFSTED in 2017 and currently employs 18 staff and has around 85 children on the register.

Before settling in Poulshot, I spent several years working as a researcher at the BBC in the Science and Arts departments; which led me to taking on freelance web design work for many local businesses in the area.

As an elected member of the Council, I would see it as my duty to take a reasoned view of all proposals and schedules within the village.

I look forward to your support.



Dan Scott
Alamein, 25 Poulshot Road, Poulshot

Who am I? I am Dan Scott, married to Lara with 3 adult children. We moved to Poulshot to establish our permanent family home in October 2017. I am coming to the end of my 30-year career as a serving Army officer; currently working with the 3rd Division in Bulford. My Army career has resulted in frequent house moves in the UK and overseas. Poulshot is now **home** and standing for election as a Parish Councillor is my way of contributing to the community. The Army is supported by strong community values and I believe I will bring a sense of togetherness, if elected.

Why vote for me? I am a natural leader, who enjoys responsibility and planning. My leadership role at work requires me to frequently chair or partake in meetings: I am comfortable engaging in debate ahead of making decisions. A professional engineer and soldier, I am registered as a Chartered Engineer and Fellow with the Institute of Mechanical Engineers. Outside of work I have served for 8 years as a Charity Trustee, for my Regimental Charity and as a Company co-Director, for a small trading company; both voluntary positions. I have completed the Institute of Directors' training program in Company Direction. These are some of the skills that I hope will be of value to a collegiate Parish Council. I am a team player and would strive to deliver effective Parish governance with fellow councillors and parishioners.

Since moving to the village, Lara and I have engaged with activities and the village community. We have many good friends here and are proud to call Poulshot our home. I am a member of the village cricket club, Poulshot Readers and customer of The Raven! I seek your support as a candidate Parish Councillor.



Helen Wright
10 Corn Close, Poulshot

I'm 63, married with 2 grown up children, Sam and Matt, and 5 grandchildren. Hubby and I live in our Motorhome and we're based in Poulshot - you may have seen us at the last few years' Poulshot Village fetes - a very large American Motorhome.

I have decided to stand for Poulshot Parish Council after attending several meetings over the past few years, and feel that some fresh blood is needed.

I was a Parish Councillor in Colerne for 10 years, so I have some understanding of what being a parish councillor involves ie hard work and dedication. During my very busy 10 years as a Parish Councillor we converted the Victorian old school into suitable single accommodation for Colerne villagers, rebuilt the recreation area and replaced all the equipment, installed a foot path from the rugby club to the village and only raised the precept by 19 pence. I was also the CPC representative for the Colerne Plan .



Sam Wright-Hurn
10 Corn Close, Poulshot

My name is Sam Wright-Hurn. I have lived in our beautiful Village for 16 years. I joined the Parish Council four years ago and have tried to work to improve the facilities in our Village and to provide transparency and accountability to the Parish Council.

I have been a Trustee of the Village Hall for the past six years and I am currently the Chair and have been on the Fete Committee for the last four years. I also work behind the bar at the Raven where I have met many of you. I enjoy working for the Village and helping to improve the facilities we have in Poulshot. I am an advocate of the recreational ground at Higher Green Farm, and I hope in the next four years to be part of the Parish Council that starts to develop this site. I am also a supporter of the Village Green and the Green Gardens and would like to see these areas protected but at the same time as enjoyable and open to as many Villagers as possible, such as supporting the Cricket club and improving the Football. I live on Corn Close with my husband Mike and our two children. I want to ensure that the Parish Council in Poulshot works for everyone, is transparent, accountable and respectful. I hope you will support me to become your Parish Councillor.

As you will have seen from the candidate information, Ben Hamilton, Steve Housby, Geoff Collett, Tim Jalland and Ian Gillies are not standing for re-election to the Parish Council. Their contribution to the village has covered exciting things such as securing the Village Community Fund (following the development of the solar farm) and more everyday organisation such as keeping the byways, footpaths and the green clear for all of us to use. I am sure that you will wish to join me in thanking them for their service to our village community.

Parish Councillors

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

EASTER

You may have noticed that there was a new initiative this year around Easter. Each of the churches in the Wellsprings Benefice put up a cross in the days leading up to Good Friday and on the Saturday, they were covered in flowers. Thanks must be given to Perry Chadwyck Healey, who made our cross and put it up on the railings of St Paul's Chapel of Ease (aka Hunloke Hall). We felt that it would be seen by more people than if we put it in the churchyard. Thanks also to those, who came to post flowers into the netting around the cross. I hope you saw all the crosses in the Benefice looking blooming wonderful on Easter Sunday. Next year, we will do it again and I hope that more people will come and make the flowers around the cross into a great show.

VILLAGE FETE AND VILLAGE FEAST

The Fete Committee, consisting of Tim Nixon, Kate Hunloke, Lucy Russell, the Wright-Hurns and Jon Martin met to discuss the Fete. The date has been set for **26th June**. The date is a week after 'unlock day'. We hope that all will be well and that we will be able to hold it. But please be aware that we may have to postpone. It will be more of a village do and get together. We thought it would be useful to Poulshot residents if we included a small car boot sale so we are suggesting that about 10 cars should book a slot to sell all the year's accumulation of STUFF. We would charge £10 per car and the condition would be that all associated leftovers should go home with the car owner. Also if the car owner made lots of money, they might like to give a donation to Fete funds. We would not hold our bric a brac table this year. There will be more detail in the next magazine. **SAVE THE DATE!**

Kate 828333, Tim 828012, Sam and Mike 828183
and Lucy 07766 918877.

POULSHOT VILLAGE TRUST

The Village Trust is holding its AGM (via zoom) on 10th May at 7 p.m. Please contact Caroline Morrison on awcm.mfh12@gmail.com if you would like to attend so you can be sent the link.

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. When life gets back to normal, watch out for dates of forthcoming meetings and events which will be published in this magazine.

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



WELLSPRINGS BENEFICE SERVICES MAY 2021

All Sunday services are now open to attend in person. We will be strictly adhering to covid regulations and there will be no singing. Please wear a mask and maintain safe social distancing. If you are shielding, vulnerable or anxious about the risk to yourself, please do not attend. Please book if you wish to attend a service in church (details of how to book are below).

Online services can be accessed via zoom (link below).

Sunday 2nd May (5th Sunday of Easter)

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

Sunday 9th May (6th Sunday of Easter)

8am Holy Communion (BCP) Seend
10 am Morning Praise Bulkington *

Thurs 13th May (Ascension Day)

Service to be confirmed, please see website for details

Sunday 16th May (7th Sunday of Easter)

8 am Holy Communion (BCP) Potterne
10am Holy Communion Poulshot *

Sunday 23rd May (Pentecost)

8 am Holy Communion (BCP) Seend
10am Holy Communion Potterne *
4pm Songs of Praise Poulshot

Sunday 30th May (Trinity Sunday)

8 am Holy Communion (BCP) Potterne
10am Holy Communion Worton *
4pm Evening Prayer Bulkington

Every Tuesday, 9am Daily Prayer service at Poulshot (no booking required)

*** These services will be available on Zoom. You can access them via our website below or use the link <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/6778119535>.**

Booking is essential for all Sunday services in church. Please email sarahleckie.wba@gmail.com (before 5pm Friday) or contact the church wardens. Outside of these services, all churches will be open for private prayer on Sundays from 10am to 5pm. Anyone attending for private prayer is reminded to check-in (on paper or using the NHS app) and adhere to the covid safety notices displayed.

We will continue with morning prayer via Zoom at **9:00am on Wednesday and Friday mornings**. We will also continue with evening prayers on Zoom, led by Rev Joshva, on **Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 6:00pm**.

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

Church Registers No baptisms, weddings or funerals this month.

Ministry Team

Rector: Rev Ali Bridewell 739064

Associate Priest: Rev Joshva John 828137

Curate: Rev Adrian Burholt 07537185095

Church Warden: Kate Hunloke 828333

Retired Priests: Revd Jane Knowles 870325

Revd Maureen Allchin 828931 – Revd Renee Coulson 725208

Benefice Administrator: Sarah Leckie 739064/07938 270815

sarahleckie.wba@gmail.com

PCC

Treasurer: Nicholas Hunloke

Secretary: Robin Boyd 828373,

Angela Bullen, Dankay Cleverly (Deanery Synod), Jan Boyd,

Sarah Prestwich, Perry Chadwick Healey

Happy Eastertide from your local church!



I love Easter, quite possibly even more than Christmas! I love the light, the long-awaited revealing of new life and the message of hope that Easter brings.

The Christian community has been marking and celebrating Easter for over 2,000 years but that doesn't mean that the church hasn't changed and adapted during that time. The basics of everyone being valued and transformed by a loving God, the God that we got to know first-hand through the life of Jesus hasn't changed. That is why some of us gather each Sunday to "Give thanks to the Lord because he is good, because his faithful love endures forever." (1 Chronicles 16:34)

How we 'go about' church though has changed over the years, maybe not quite at the speed of Google or Apple but we do and have changed. We are at a point in history where we are reevaluating what we do and how we do it. This is nothing new as we only need to look back to see how the church was involved in establishing the education, legal and health systems in the UK. And more recently we quietly led the way for some of the Covid community support work.

The church is different to almost all other organisations. We have been present in each one of our five villages for a very very long time. St Peter's, your local church at Poulshot, is 800 years old! This '*perseverance of presence*' has placed our Parish Churches at the heart of the English landscape, enabled Christian fellowship and provided a focal point for the spiritual heart for the community.

We would like our churches to be here in another 800 years, but we can only achieve that if we understand your attitude towards your local church building and church community. This understanding will help us to stay relevant to the village community and to better meet your needs in 2021 and on into the future.

In this month's magazine there is a quick and simple questionnaire to help us get a better understanding of your views. If you complete the questionnaire by **5:00pm on Friday 29th May** we will enter you into a prize draw to win a £20 M&S voucher (enough to buy a nice bottle of bubbly or 6 packets of Percy Pigs!)

There are no right or wrong answers, but we would very much appreciate your complete honesty and frankness. We are particularly keen to hear from younger people during this survey.

If you would prefer to send us an email or write a letter with your thoughts, rather than complete the questionnaire, then please feel free to do that instead. You can also get further copies of this questionnaire by emailing kate.hunloke@yahoo.com. We are deeply committed to our village communities. We now need to understand your views, whether a churchgoer or not.

Rev Adrian Wellsprings Family of Churches

FROM COUNCILLOR JONATHAN SEED

Dear Poulshot Resident,

This is a personal message of farewell and thanks for the past twelve years as your Wiltshire Councillor. It has been a privilege to represent you on Wiltshire Council, to take up issues, fight battles and try to get things done.

Best wishes Jonathon Seed

Wiltshire Councillor for Summerham and Seend

A sonnet for spring ...

Sonnet 98

From you have I been absent in the spring,
When proud-pied April, dressed in all his
trim,

Hath put a spirit of youth in everything,
That heavy Saturn laughed and leaped with
him.

Yet nor the lays of birds, nor the sweet smell
Of different flowers in odour and in hue,
Could make me any summer's story tell,
Or from their proud lap pluck them where
they grew:

Nor did I wonder at the lily's white,
Nor praise the deep vermilion in the rose;
They were but sweet, but figures of delight
Drawn after you, – you pattern of all those.
Yet seem'd it winter still, and, you away,
As with your shadow I with these did play.

By William Shakespeare

POULSHOT FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS

Organisers

Kate Hunloke – 828333 Pam Gillies - 828151

POULSHOT VILLAGE HALL

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.

POULSHOT VILLAGE HALL

Committee

Chair: Sam Wright Hurn 07557111241 828183

swrighthurn@gmail.com

Vice Chair: Alan Webber Secretary; Giles Morgan Treasurer: Jon Martin. Karl Shuttleworth, Lucy Russell, Elizabeth Martin

POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER

Maggie Ledbury – 0747 102 8939

maggie,ledbury@wiltshire_pnn.police.uk

POULSHOT ENTERTAINMENT GROUP

PEGgies contacts

Denise on 827010 Mandy on 828464
Or through poulshotnews@icloud.com.

POULSHOT WEBSITE

<http://poulshot.org.uk>
contact parish clerk to edit / add –
poulshotparishcouncil@gmail.com

Poulshot News is put together
by Nina Jeffries,
and emailed / delivered
by volunteers in the village.

All contributions welcome: please email
contributions to poulshotnews@icloud.com

POULSHOT READERS

Philip Piper – 828326



Happy Days!