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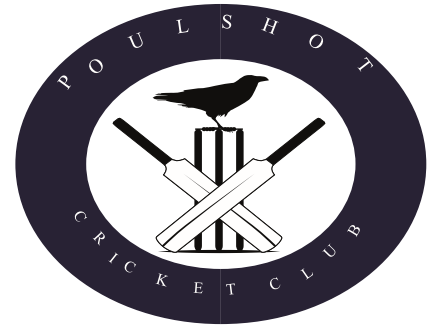
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POULSHOT CRICKET CLUB



Poulshot CC - August 2021

Once again credit and thanks to all those doing the hard work behind the scenes with six more games played in August, all but one of them at home on The Green. Whilst we lost more than we won, lots of fun and some great times had by all.

- *Wednesday 4th August v's Whitley (away)*: Poulshot won by 8 runs with some stand out-batting from Ben Sim, Greg Bowen (the start of a rich vein of batting form in August) and Elliot Hawkins before a great team bowling effort taking regular wickets and starving the Whitley batters of runs.

- *Wednesday 11th August v's Sutton Benger (home)*: we hosted a strong Sutton Benger side who came out winners by 32 runs having chalked up 136 runs in their 20 overs despite some canny death bowling from Paul Jones. Our response with the bat never quite got going and despite a supreme innings from Greg Bowen, some slogging by Nick Church and a more cultured knock from Albert Weeden we were always behind the game and Sutton Benger were worthy winners

- *Wednesday 18th August v's Broughton Gifford (home)*: Poulshot won a one-sided game by 9 wickets after a disciplined bowling effort led by Ben Sim, Paul Jones and Jon Bathe restricting Broughton Gifford to 108. Giles Collins and Chris Upton made light work of the chase, both retiring not out after a speedy 30 runs apiece leaving Ed Scott and Greg Bowen to smash the final runs leading to a win with 5 overs spare and more time in the pub!

- *Friday 20th August v's Erlestoke (home)*: with both teams winning their respective home games earlier in the season, the much anticipated 'decider' never quite lived up to its billing as Erlestoke amassed 169 runs

in their 20 overs before restricting Poulshot to 97 with the visitors winning comfortably by 72 runs. A stand out batting innings by Albert Weeden who scored a classy 29 in our unsuccessful chase being the one stand out performance from Poulshot before both teams retired to the Raven for a consolatory beer or three and some excellent grub.

- *Wednesday 25th August v's Christian Malford (home)*: the visiting team posted a competitive 154 runs despite a solid Poulshot bowling performance yet again characterised by a mix of youth (Albert Weeden, Alex Hoskins and Olly Bathe) and older statesmen (Paul Jones and Jon Bathe) with wickets hard to come-by but at the half way stage Poulshot were well in the game. After a solid start with the bat led by Giles Collins, who again retired after passing 30 not out, backed up by DanScott and Alex Hoskins both scoring in the 20s (long gone are the days when Dan Scott 'scored' in his 20s, but with his impeccable manners and charm we're expecting greater things from young Alexander.....), Poulshot came up just 14 runs short having never quite kept up with the required run rate.

- *Friday 27th August v's Worton (home)*: a trial of the England (& Wales apparently) Cricket Board's new '100' format was a bit of fun with a Worton team bolstered Olly Bathe, Dan Scott and Mike Hurn from Poulshot eventually coming out on top of a good fun Friday night game. Tim Nixon starred with the bat for Poulshot who batted first and with support from Jon Bathe and Alex Hoskins led the home team to a total of 108 runs with music blasting and an excited gathering crowd. One of the moments of the game came in the Worton reply when Henry Nichols clean bowled Dan Scott but the damage had already been done by the Worton batting line up who came out winners by 5 wickets.

An excellent month with lots of games, more laughs on and off the pitch and much appreciated refuelling back in the Raven. It has been fantastic to see a continuation of our 'all-ages & all-abilities' policy and a particular joy seeing several younger players getting time with the bat and ball in hand. Special mention to all of our younger players but notably to Albert Weeden who has also had success winning league titles with his Saturday club team and his area junior team, the latter of which he has captained as well as starred for with both bat and ball.

Thanks again to everyone who has supported the Club this season, best of luck to Ed Scott who has disappeared down south to start his first teaching job and a final thought to the older players - not naming names but including Phil 'Snoop' Ireson, Jon 'Hobble' Bathe and Paul 'I'm younger and fitter than them' Jones - who have turned out for the team for nearly every game despite having to re-assemble limbs the morning after each game. There is life in those old dogs yet.

Looking ahead there are a couple more games to come - a home Friday night game on 10th September (early start expected to be 16.30 - tbc) and a closing game on Sunday 19th again at home against Potterne. As ever we welcome any support whether it be watching the game, playing or meeting us for a drink in the Raven after. If you would like to get involved in anyway please contact either our Captain Phil Ireson or our Chairman Dec Gaule (07779 303849).

A final mention that we will be organising a fun night in the Village Hall on Saturday 20th November.....as ever the running theme will be some light hearted fun organised by the Club with plenty to drink and fun to be had and we look forward to sharing further details in due course and hopefully seeing some of you there.....and don't forget to get foraging in readiness for our World Famous 'Drink from the Hedgerows' evening to come in February 2022....for any newcomers the general idea being to home brew a drink of your choice (eg Sloe gin, Damson vodka etc etc) and we have a fun night trying out what everyone brings along with additional entertainment (basically a raucous and drunken evening!!)

Nick Church

Last match of the season: Sun 19th Sept Potterne A

Please note:

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Poulshot Cricket Club

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Captain: Phil Ireson – 07802 756465

FROM OUR WILTSHIRE COUNCILLOR

Our world is already changing around us, with increasing temperatures, extreme weather and risks to property, health, wildlife habitats, and food production. A sober assessment of our planet's future has been delivered by the UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), a group of scientists whose findings are endorsed by the world's governments. Their report is the first major review of the science of climate change since 2013. Its release comes less than three months before the COP26 climate summit in Glasgow.

Scientists say a catastrophe can be avoided if the world acts fast and whilst this is of course a global challenge, there is still much that we can do in Wiltshire. In 2019 Wiltshire Council acknowledged the climate emergency and committed to becoming carbon neutral as an organisation by 2030.

Over the last few months, as Wiltshire Council Portfolio Holder for Climate Change I have worked with the Climate Programme team to develop our Climate Strategy and on 1 September the draft Strategy will be available for public consultation. This is your chance to help shape the future of Wiltshire in its journey to becoming carbon neutral county and more resilient to climate impacts. We will be asking for your views on how you think residents, communities and businesses in the county, can all play their part to achieve this. There will be an opportunity to attend engagement events to ask questions and share your views during the six weeks of the consultation period, so please do get involved and help to spread the word. The full consultation documents and information about events will be available at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/green-economy from 1 September.

I know that many communities are keen to take local action towards carbon neutrality and I am keen to work with local groups to progress initiatives. As well as Devizes Area Board funding opportunities, this week a new grant programme was announced by the National Lottery. Together for Our Planet will open for applications on 1 September and will offer grants from £1,000 to £10,000 to support communities to take action on climate change. Projects could cover areas such as food, transport, energy, waste and consumption or the natural environment. I would be delighted to support groups across Devizes Rural West take local action on Climate Change - please do get in touch if I can help on Climate Change or any other matter.

Tamara Reay
Wiltshire Councillor for Devizes Rural West.
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Services in the Wellsprings Benefice September 2021

Booking is no longer required to attend services. However please continue to sign in using sheets or QR code. We ask you to please wear a mask when entering and leaving the church and when singing, but they may be removed when you are seated. Online services can be accessed via zoom (link below).

Sunday 5th	(Trinity 14)	
8 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Potterne
10am	Holy Communion	Seend *
10am	Matins (BCP)/Holy Communion	Poulshot
Sunday 12th	(Trinity 15)	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Worton
10am	Holy Communion	Potterne *
Sunday 19th	(Trinity 16, Holy Cross Festival)	
8 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Potterne
10am	Matins (BCP)	Poulshot
10am	Holy Communion	Seend *
10am	Morning Praise	Bulkington
Sunday 26th	(Trinity 17)	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Seend
10am	Morning Praise	Worton
10am	Holy Communion	Potterne *
6pm	Evening Prayer/Holy Communion	Bulkington

Every Tuesday, 9am Daily Prayer service at Poulshot

* 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>.

Our churches are now starting to open during the week for private prayer – please check the church noticeboard for times. 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.

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	
Curate:	Rev Adrian Burholt	07537	185095
Church Warden:	Kate Hunloke	828333	
Benefice Administrator:	Sarah Leckie	07516 224057	
	sarahleckie.wba@gmail.com		

Church Registers

Weddings: Lily Buckley and Adam Jones on 17th July 2021.

No baptisms or funerals

FROM THE REV ADRIAN BURHOLT

What the questionnaire in May told us

It seems that everyone loves a model village, if the crowds of young and old at Babbacombe Model Village that I visited yesterday are anything to go by! As model villages go it is very current with a modern high street and tech shops on display. I also noted that there were two churches, both with weddings going on at the same time. Two weddings a day is something we may have to consider with all the covid postponed wedding bookings that are currently coming into the Rectory!

It seems that everyone loves their local church too, if the responses to the questionnaire we sent out in May are anything to go by. In Poulshot, nearly 90% of you that responded told us that you really value the presence of your church in your village. And before you think that the

responses only came from regular church goers, over 55% of them came from people that may never attend church or only attend for weddings or Christmas. There is no doubt, that Churches are very special places, and they stand strong and calm in the midst of all our joys, sadness and pandemics, something they have been doing for hundreds of years.

When it comes to the buildings and churchyards, it seems that most of the respondents were open to the idea of the church building being used for appropriate alternative uses, such as for film nights, exhibitions etc. There is however a greater concern about using the churchyards for alternative purposes. The main reason given for this is that churchyards should remain quiet and beautiful places where loved one's graves can be visited without interruption.

What was also good to see from the responses was that 75% of you in Poulshot valued having a local Christian community in your midst. We perhaps thought that this number would be lower, but then again, a church building without church (the collection people who seek to serve their local community as a witness to their love of God) is just an old hall that would probably be better run by someone like the National Trust or English Heritage!

When we asked what type of church services you would like to attend, if you were persuaded to even consider it, around 60% in Poulshot that responded said that they wanted traditional services, 55% standard services and 22% more modern informal church services. There was also quite a bit of interest, 39%, in outdoor services, such as those we hold on The Green. As a result of your feedback, we will be offering more informal services on a regular basis in one or two of the villages in your area from the early part of next year. Watch this space!

Finally, of the many and varied reasons why people don't come to church (health, time of day etc), quite a few of you said the reason they didn't come was because they don't believe in God. In hindsight we have realised that the responses are more likely to be saying that they don't believe in the God they think we, as your local Christian community, believe in. Maybe then, the next time you meet one of your local churchgoers you could ask them to tell you what type of God they believe in. We think you'll be pleasantly surprised.

Rev Adrian



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The new season is almost with here and the teams are all starting to get ready for the challenges ahead. A few new contacts in teams and are listed at the end of this report. Please get in touch with the relevant contact if interested in joining The Badgers.

Badger Cubs - ages 4-6years. Returning Saturdays from 4th September 9am @ Elisha Field, Market Lavington. All welcome to come and try for 2 weeks free.

U7s - Returning Wednesdays from 1st September 6pm @ Elisha Field, Market Lavington. Looking forward to playing in Mid-Wilts league for the first time.

U8s – Returning Tuesdays from 31st August 6.15pm @ Elisha Field, Mkt Lavington

U9s – Returning Tuesdays from 7th September 6pm @ Elisha Field, Mkt Lavington

Girls – Returning Tuesdays from 7th September 6pm @ Elisha Field, Mkt Lavington

U10/11s – Returning Fridays from 3rd September 5pm @ West Lavington.

Friendly vs Devizes on 5th September

U12s – Already back in training Fridays 6pm @ Elisha Field, Market Lavington

U14s - Returning Fridays from 3rd September 6pm @ West Lavington. Friendly vs Devizes on 5th September

U15s – Already back in training Fridays 7pm @ Northbrook. Friendly lined up for 5th September.

U16s – Already back in training Fridays 5.45pm @ Northbrook. Friendly lined up for 5th September.

Committee for Season 2021/22

Chairperson: Pete Huntle Secretary: Vicky Goddard Treasurer: Vicky Goddard

Welfare Officers: David Kiddle & Hannah Kervin

Grounds: Mark Goddard Web Pages: James Partington Newsletter: David Groves

All Team Managers, Treasurer and Welfare Officer positions will be changing during this season.

Club Secretary fundraising update – Now completed 17 runs at the time of writing (15th). Vicky is raising funds for a Secondary Cancer charity during the year has new target of 26 10K runs this year. Please look at the story on

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/VickyGoddard2>

Team Contacts for 2021/22 Season:

Badger Cubs– James Partington - 07532 628219

Girls Team – Liz Gaule – 07949 176623

U7 - Rob Nuttall - 07706 167347

U8– Pete Huntley- 07974756131

U9- Adam Shanley – 07423 576368

U10/11- Mark Goddard – 01380 813160

U12 - Neil Black- 07769 261750

U14 -Mark Goddard- 01380 813160

U15– Dave Kiddle- 07843678781

U16– Colin Weston 07484 696791

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POULSHOT SUMMER FETE SMALL BUT BEAUTIFULLY FORMED

This year's Summer Fete in aid of St Peter's Church was a bit smaller than usual but with a lovely cheerful atmosphere.

After three postponements, mainly due to Covid-19, the villagers of Poulshot were more than ready for a get together. It was decided to keep it simple this year – no dog show, no photographic exhibition just bric a brac, a book stall, the tombola, coconut shy, BBQ and drinks with some traditional games for the children.

In stark contrast to the melting heat of the Fete in June 2019, the day was cloudy and overcast but the mood was jolly and it was lovely to see Poulshot residents of all ages perusing the stalls and stopping to chat with friends old and new, many who had not been seen for more than eighteen months.

To entertain any flying buffs there was an exhibition of model planes. These were brought along and set up by the Wessex Model Flying Club based at Keevil, part of the British Model Flying Association, which has 820 clubs across the UK. All of these model aircraft are radio controlled, and included a number of fixed wing varieties such as an Albatross and Bulldog and Chipmunk with also gliders, helicopters and drones. Some members have built their own large and exotic scale models, however most members buy ready-built models from local hobby shops. Many thanks to Peter Watts for organising this exhibition.

The local police also brought along a police car, complete with flashing lights and siren, for young and old to examine at close quarters.

The bric a brac stall run by Karen, Jayne and Lorna had a wonderful array of bygones, ranging from opera glasses to vanity cases, pictures and a variety of lighting which sold well. The book stall had a run on fiction, for those looking for escapism, with hardbacks proving less popular but jigsaws a big hit.

Victoria Sim kindly organised the sports and games. We had children aged from two to eleven taking part in running races, egg and spoon and beanbag races. You can't beat the trusty favourites!

The new tug of war rope was tested and remained steadfast. A team of children, aided with a heavy weight at each end, took part in the first bout. The second team, mainly of men, well fuelled with Pimms, tugged and heaved backwards and forwards over the marker, until the stronger team pulled to glory!

Tim and Penny Nixon ran a very popular beer and Pimm's Bar: 'The best Pimm's I have ever tasted, 'one visitor apparently exclaimed. Laden with fruit and served in pint or half glasses, they were certainly a welcome summer treat.

Jon and Bev Warwick laid on an excellent barbecue with the smell of slow fried onions drifting temptingly across the Green. Very warm thanks must be given to the Poulshot Lodge Farm team, who supplied the burgers and sausages for the BBQ.

Having the fete on a Sunday was an unusual choice but it worked well. Ending in a rousing sing song at 6pm of everything from the Oklahoma classic 'Oh what a beautiful morning' to 'Jerusalem', it was a fitting end to this fund-raising event which raised over £1500.

Not as much, some will note, as that raised in past years, but with the cricket team playing away and three date changes it was still a busy, action packed event that left a lot of smiling faces and gave us all a much needed opportunity to socialise.

Very many thanks to those providing the raffle and tombola prizes and especially for those baking the delicious cakes on the cake stall (thanks to Yvonne Baber and her team) and accompanying the teas. Some suggesting we should have our own Poulshot bake-off in a future year! Thank you too to all helpers, from those rigging the marquee to the final clearers up, without which it could not all happen.

If you have ideas for next year's Fete and Platinum Jubilee Celebrations on the weekend of June 2nd, please submit these to Kate Hunloke or any member of the Fete Committee. We look forward to hearing from you.

Claire Phoenix

ST PETERS CHURCH, POULSHOT TOWER AND BELLS RESTORATION PROJECT COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

The St. Peter's Parochial Church Council (PCC) plan to restore the three bells in the Church Tower and to reinstate bell ringing. The PCC believe that it is important for all members of the local community, to be consulted about the Tower and Bells Restoration Project.

A BRIEF BACKGROUND OF ST. PETERS CHURCH

The building of the historic Church of St. Peter's has a 13th Century origin and is within the Devizes Deanery and Dioceses of Salisbury. The church was designated as a Grade 2 Listed Building in 1962, and located in Poulshot which was designated a Conservation Area in 1973.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE CHURCH TOWER AND BELLS

The square stone tower erected in 1853 by a Rector, Canon William Fisher, was in memory of his first wife who died in 1852. The tower contains three bells, which were cast at the Bristol foundry. The first bell dedicated to St. John the Evangelist, dates from c1540. The second and third dates from 1606. Before the tower was constructed, the three bells were rung from a wooden bell turret found in the western point of the nave.

WHAT IS THE PROJECT ABOUT?

The poor state of the tower and bells and the need for restoration, has been a recurring topic over several years. "The dilapidated condition of the framework ... prevented the bells from being rung" as reported by the Reverend Stanley Harper (1933), in the Booklet "Historical Sketch of Poulshot".

According to the Wiltshire and Swindon History Centre, archived literature date 2002, states that two of the bells had not been rung in living memory, which has been confirmed by the Lay preacher Brian James, that the Reverend Derek Frost (1995-2002), rang the only one bell that was usable, for Sunday Services at St. Peter's Church.

It was reported in the "Down Poulshot" Book (2002) by Nora Dixon, that in 1997 some local residents decided to restore the bells and reinstate ringing of all three bells as a Millennium Project, which was

welcomed by the PCC and members of the community. A Bell Specialist surveyed the tower and bells and provided a quotation for the work but the Project was postponed due to insufficient funds.

In 2016 the PCC and clergy started discussions about restoring this feature of our church building. A survey was undertaken by a Structural Engineer, to assess the status of the tower and bells. The conclusion was that restoration was desirable and essential for the continued function and safety of our church building. The PCC agreed to proceed with the project and started with the roof repair work, which was completed in 2018 and funded from Mr Daniel Baber's legacy. The restoration work was postponed pending the outcome of the Quinquennial Inspection (QI) which is undertaken every five years as part of the regular maintenance and improvements of the church building.

The Quinquennial Inspection of the Church was undertaken in September 2019 by the Salisbury Diocesan Architect, to assess the status of the whole church including the tower and the three bells. The Report's recommendation was that the tower and bells "requires immediate attention" due to the poor state of the bells and safety issues.

In 2020 the PCC and the Rector agreed to undertake the mandatory restoration of the church tower and bells, as recommended in the QI Report and decided to reinstate ringing of the restored bells, nineteen years after the final bell was rung, which ceased in 2002, due to deteriorated condition. (The Project was delayed due to the pandemic restrictions). The Project leaders, Dankay Cleverly and Perry Chadwyck - Healey are collaborating with the Salisbury Diocesan Architect on the Project, which is at an early stage. A Structural Engineer and Bell Specialist have recently surveyed the tower and bells.

WHEN ARE THE BELLS RUNG?

These bells have been rung through the ages, as they have all over Wiltshire, including the other four churches in the Wellsprings Benefice. The sound of Church bells is very much part of the life of a village.

St. Peter's Church bells will ring out for:

Sunday Church Services (usually only one service on a Sunday), Weddings, Funerals, Christmas Day, Special Occasions, and National Events.

Ringing hours will be limited to between 9am to 8pm. (The PCC does not intend for the bells to be rung on the hour).

Ringing length will be for no more than 10 minutes

If you have questions or require further information, please send your email to Dankay Cleverly dankaycleverly@btinternet.com by 4pm on the 22nd September 2021.

Thank you for your attention.

Project Leaders: Dankay Cleverly, Perry Chadwick-Healey

We would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to Mr Daniel Baber for his legacy to St. Peter's Church restoration of the bells. His thoughtfulness and generosity are much appreciated.

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POULSHOT VILLAGE HALL

BOOKINGS: [HTTP://POULSHOTVH.COM](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 TRUST

Dear Members and potential Members of Poulshot Village Trust

It is just over one month since the 4 of us were 'elected' at the COVID delayed Annual General Meeting to become the new team, pulling together ideas and fulfilling the duties of trusteeship of the 49 year-old Village Trust. The previous committee and their predecessors have set us a challenge to build on their brilliant legacy and take the Trust forward to its 50th year. The new committee have now agreed their roles as follows:

Chair of Poulshot Village Trust	– Lucy Russell
Vice Chair	– Geoff Collett
Treasurer	– Jon Martin
Secretary	– Chris Henwood

The month seems very short to us; in that time we have taken over the secretary and treasurers' records of the Trust, a number items of property and the precious archives. Our thanks to Caroline Morison, Ben Hamilton, and Ray and Denise Josey for making that transition so smooth. We have met three times as a committee and updated the Charity Commission records too. We are developing ideas that we hope you will like and that you will agree take forward the Trust's objectives.

Please pencil 26 September 2021 into your diaries for a late morning meeting (11.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.) with tea and cakes where we will tell you more about the plans that are developing. The meeting will be open to everyone in the parish with an interest in the work of the Trust, or as it says in the constitution '*Membership shall be open to all who are interested in actively furthering the purposes of the Society*'. Should we have to ask for a vote on any matters that will be restricted to those who have already paid their subscriptions for 2021/22 or who take out a subscription on the day.

Just as a little reminder, subscription fees for the Village Trust are £10 for a household or £5 for an individual.

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