

*Poulshot News No.9*  
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**Village thank-yous** ,, the positive aspect of these very odd times has been how much everybody has stepped up to help others. *Thank you Mandy Housby* for bringing me (and others) a newspaper so I can keep my brain going with the crossword ... and to *Kelly and Wendy* in Gin Club, and *Lara and all at Poulshot Lodge Farm*, for bringing me my shopping and far too many good things to eat, not forgetting keeping the public right of way in the field clear so I can happily walk the dog ... on behalf of all of us, *thank you plaques* were presented to *Poulshot Lodge Farm and Derek at the Spar shop* for all they have done in keeping everyone supplied with food (and drink and other essentials like chocolate brownies) since lockdown began ... thank you to *Mandy Housby* for organising this, and the many other things she does to support the village ... thank you to *Pam Gillies, the Morgan boys (and other volunteers* no doubt) for organising and collecting prescriptions and other errands ... David Brooks has sent in his thank yous to *Planks Dairy* - for lovely milk, bread, eggs etc; *Poulshot Farm Shop* - for the best steak I have ever eaten, plus lots of veg and essentials; Bromham Farm shop - for delivering veg and bits over the last few weeks; *Derek and the great people at the Spar* for working tirelessly to keep up with demand; *Herman in Mill Lane* for keeping the public footpath clear with his strimmer (mine wouldn't start!); and *all the local farmers* who I watch out of my window who are always out milking, mowing, digging and planting - we all owe you a pint and a cheer for keeping the food on our tables during these worrying times; Wendy Moore would like to thank *Sam Hurn* for always checking if anyone needs anything when she's going into town, and picking up bits and bobs; and *Pam Gillies* for sorting out her prescription ... Jim and Sue Aldridge want to thank *all the neighbours and friends* who have been so kind to us during this difficult time; prescriptions have been collected, papers delivered, shopping done, cakes and biscuits baked (and enjoyed by us!) also a delicious rhubarb crumble arrived. We have even received seedlings to be planted. What a wonderful village we live in. We look forward to the day we can thank you again but with hugs and kisses this time ... their daughter, Lisa Hammond also wrote - my parents, Jim & Sue Aldridge have been Poulshot residents for over 30 years and as their eldest daughter I have always been grateful for the friendships and support they have experienced, particularly as I live some distance away. During the current crisis, the love and kindness of *friends in the village* has been particularly touching. *Both new neighbours and those who have known my parents for years* have checked on them, shopped for them, baked cakes and generally made sure they have not felt alone. Of course, I would much rather be able to see them and give them a big hug myself, but knowing they have such special friends close by has made a horrible situation so much more bearable. Thank you to you all! ... Pam Gillies wants to send her thanks to *Suzanne Hoskins* for bringing all the Boots prescriptions; *Ian Gillies* for doing all the West/Market Lavington prescription pick ups; *Caroline Coles, Tom Morgan, Karen Wright and Jean Perrett* for doing the other prescription pick ups - *Liz and Tim Jalland/ Steve and Mandy Housby, Jan Boyd and the Wests* for doing shopping - *all those in the village* who have done things for their elderly/infirm neighbours who are in shielding lockdown, I thank you all. It is amazing how the virus has brought most of the village together to help. I would also like to thank *Claire Plank* for arranging my cream delivery, it has been so much fun trying to track down my AWOL cream, seemed to have a mind of it's own as to where it was delivered but she, and Stewart have been friendly and helpful throughout it all and we now have a regular delivery, have to chain the bottles down so they do not go walkabout on their own!!! ... Chris and Ian Bertram would like to thank *Pam and Ian Gillies* for helping us when we ran out of milk in self isolation and *all those volunteers and neighbours* helping out at such a difficult time ...



And thanks to Tim Hues for his tractor-tree-cutting-rapid response unit in clearing this rather large tree in Sillington Lane which bit the dust in the recent winds.

### Lackham Vintage Society Vintage Gathering on Poulshot Green

It is with regret that during these uncertain times the Committee of The Lackham Vintage Society has had to make the difficult decision to cancel The Vintage Gathering on Poulshot Village Green on 17th June 2020. It has become increasingly evident that it would be irresponsible to hold this event as we have to think of the safety and wellbeing of our exhibitors and public and also the effect of bringing many visitors into the village. We have held out until now hoping that we could go ahead so that we could donate some money to The Freewheelers charity, but sadly this isn't to be. Hopefully, things will eventually return to normal and we can try again next year.

*Pauline and Keith Day*



Special birthday greetings to *Shirley Taplin*, who will be 90 on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. As her family can't be here to celebrate with her – being in Australia and America - some of us are going to stand outside her house at 10.30 a.m. on the day and sing Happy Birthday to her. Do join us in a socially distant way if you know Shirley and would like to add your voice to the celebration.



Lockdown Life



During my lockdown period I have managed to make 76 hats for the neo-natal unit at Winchester hospital (wanted to do 100 but ran out of red wool!!) and am now knitting a baby shawl. This and gardening has kept me sane!!  
Pam

Lili and Mum Kelly have made a house.



Wendy has completed a tapestry.

The children in Sillington Lane have been brightening up the street.



## From the new Curate to the Wellsprings Benefice, joining us in July.

Hello Wellsprings!

It's Adrian your new curate here. I have to let on that there are a few, 'I can't quite believe it' moments going on in my life right now. Not the pessimistic Victor Meldrew kind, more the amazed, 'I can't believe it's not butter' kind.

I can't quite believe that I'm writing this with only a few weeks to go before I join you, and I can't quite believe that I've only got one assignment left to complete after 3 years of training. I also can't quite believe that I have been blessed with the opportunity to come and work with you all in Wellsprings and to understand all that God is doing already and how I can help out.

As much as I've been through training over the past three years, I am in no way a finished article, in fact far from it. My time with you as a curate is just another stage of my training. I am also a relative newcomer to the Church of England, having been raised as a Roman Catholic. I've also spent most of my life working in industry, so please bear with me should I be a bit rough around the edges at times.

Both my wife, Katie, and I were expecting to move out of this area that we have lived in for over 25 years, but due to some divine interference with HQ's admin, we find ourselves staying here for another 3 to 4 years. We love the area so feel doubly blessed by this too.

As you can tell, I am married to Katie. Katie trained as a nurse and now works in health care in Devizes. We have 4 'kids' aged 26 to 18 in boy, girl, boy, girl order. Between them they do clever science, nursing, engineering and animal care. I have had a varied career up until now having worked in the defence electronics, mobile, banking and the transport sectors. I am not sure how any of this will apply in my curacy, we'll have to just wait and see!

In my spare time I work with a small charity, called Projects Delivering Hope, that runs short-term projects with a long-term benefit for the people of South Sudan. I have had the great privilege of travelling to that part of the world over the past few years and in doing so, made some life-long friends in the process. If I'm not doing that then I can often be found underneath my old Land Rover, reattaching some part that has fallen off again.

My journey to ordination hasn't been straightforward. It took quite a few Godly nudges from various people for me to finally get the hint that I should take a closer look. It's thanks to them and their nudges that has led me to this point.

I am looking forward to hopefully meeting you all in person over the coming months. In the meantime, I send you all my best wishes and prayers for your health and wellbeing.

*Adrian*

### Poulshot Fete 2020

Like most decisions taken in this Covid 2019 year, the Fete committee have decided to cancel the Fete. We thought that we might be able to hold it as it usually takes place late on in June but the fact that the Village Hall can't open until 4th July meant that there would be no place for teas and no loos either! We are still thinking that we could hold it in September but we need to wait for a while to see whether there is going to be 'a second spike'. God forbid! Otherwise we will wait until June 2021 and celebrate then in full Poulshot style!

The VE Day, now VJ Day, team are also on hold. VJ Day is on 15th August. That is still over 2 months away. So here's hoping that something can be arranged. More news on that as we go along! Keep well and as cheerful as possible in this weird time!

*Kate Hunloke*



Here's Nick Hues at Poulshot Farm Shop accepting the Covid 19 Champion plaque from the village, to mark and appreciate all at the shop have done to support the community during the lockdown. And as local resident David Brook said in his 'thank you's' email "Since the lockdown we have re-evaluated how we buy things and feel safer and happier to support local businesses and won't be returning to the big supers after this is over except for some bulk stuff.'

*Remember – a farm shop is not just for lockdown!*

### From our local Councillor, Jonathan Seed

We have now endured seven weeks of lockdown (at the time of writing) in a bid to beat the deadly COVID-19 virus. All of our lives have changed and sadly there have been fatalities. However the Prime Minister's announcements of safe progress on lockdown are very welcome and it is good to see our Government here in England showing the same respect to the people that the people have shown to Government and their lock down rules. None of us (including the Government) really know how this crisis will move forward but we must at least try to move forward safely. Hopefully the latest rules will allow just a tiny bit more "normality" as we edge towards that goal.

In local Government Wiltshire Council continues to operate, albeit in a very low-key mode, and with the operational lead taken by officers of the Council. The main aim is to look after the vulnerable and shielded in our society and this has proved to be incredibly costly with reports of a "black hole" in excess of £25million being opened up in the finances of the Council. At some stage the Councillors who are responsible for the Council will have to account for the control of this spending, but we must assume that robust fiscal controls were in place. Inevitably there will be a financial spending review in the near future.

Wiltshire Council has also been cautious in the introduction of virtual accountability and in spite of central Government moving quickly to allow virtual meetings the first tier of Wiltshire local government has been overtaken by many Parish Councils in local democracy. Locally, I congratulate Seend and Poulshot Parish Councils for their excellent Zoom Parish Council meetings and it is of note that these meetings were attended by many more local residents than would have attended in the village hall. As in many aspects of our current lives there are some definite advantages to the COVID way of working which we will need to consider as we move out of the crisis.

Finally I am getting expressions of concern from residents at the very quick removal of services by Wiltshire Council and the slower reintroduction of socially distanced services, again in spite of Government encouragement to do so. Our first priority must always be to look after the vulnerable in our society but we must also not lose sight of providing a service to those who pay for all of the services a Council has responsibility to deliver. Included in this list of services are Household Recycling Centres which have now reopened, albeit in a very limited way.

As your local Wiltshire Councillor I will continue to hold the administration of Wiltshire Council to account on your behalf - as soon as the Council introduces a virtual system to do so!

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*Staying  
supplied*

**Planks Dairies** deliver in Poulshot Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. They can deliver milk, eggs, bread, orange juice, cream and more. Contact them at

[milk@planksdairies.co.uk](mailto:milk@planksdairies.co.uk)

**Poulshot Lodge Farm Shop** is open, operating strict distance rules in the queue to help keep everyone safe. They will also bring out your order to the car, and deliver in the village. email on [poulshotlodgefarm@gmail.com](mailto:poulshotlodgefarm@gmail.com) or by phone on 01380 827202.

Derek at **The Spar on Bath Road** is open and also with an increased range of stock. They will also deliver general supplies to those self-isolating as well as weekly veg and fruit boxes, £5 each, delivered on Fridays. They can be contacted by the Derek's Deals Facebook page,

**Pam Gillies** has organised a list of volunteers who will help with shopping, collecting prescriptions walking the dog and getting lifts to medical appointments etc. This includes repeat prescriptions from Boots: they will deliver to Pam, then Mandy and Steve Housby will deliver in the village. Contact her on [pamgillies45@gmail.com](mailto:pamgillies45@gmail.com) or phone 01380 828151.



A free phone line of hymns,  
reflections and prayers

It's really good to gather each Sunday for our virtual on line services with people from across our team of churches within the Wellsprings Benefice.

Please see [wellspringsbenefice.co.uk](http://wellspringsbenefice.co.uk) for details of how to join our services.

But we know that not everyone is able to join us this way. Not everyone has a computer, smartphone or internet access, and in some of our villages broadband speeds can be a bit variable! The Church of England has launched a new free phone line of hymns, prayers and reflections. If you have friends, relatives or neighbours who aren't on the internet, do let them know about this special new service.

## **Poulshot village contacts and information**

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### **Poulshot Village Hall**

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Part of the Wellsprings Benefice –

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Healey

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