

Poulshot News No. 7
March 2020



*Here comes
spring!*

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.

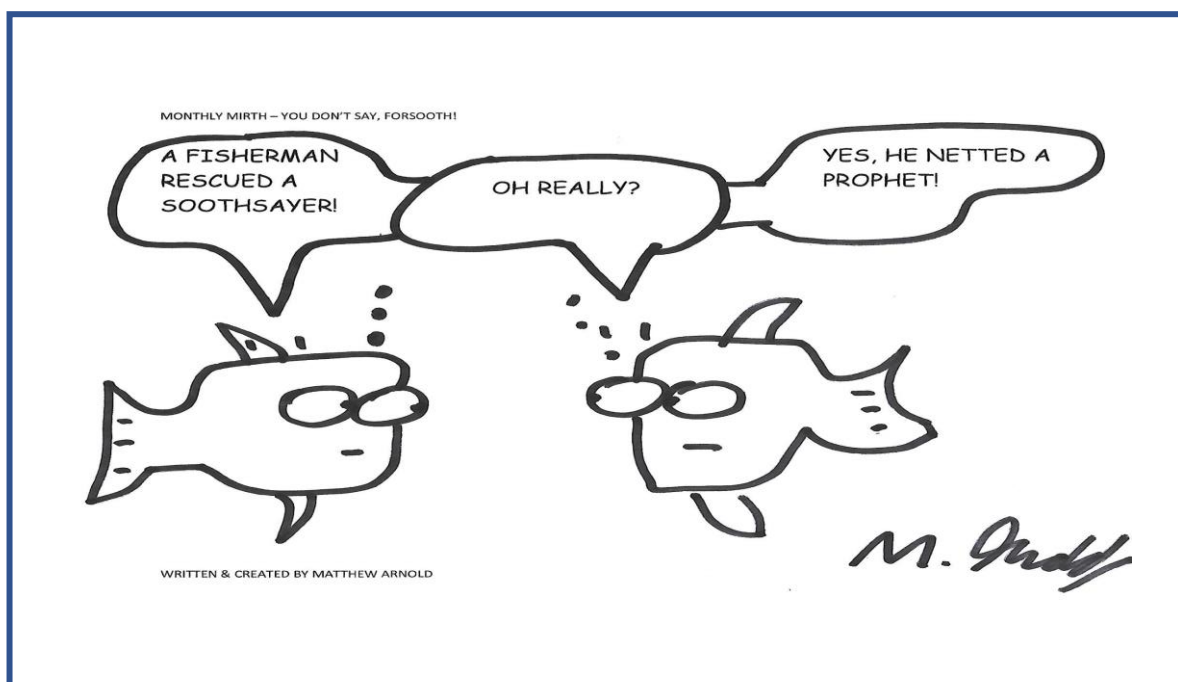
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Dates for the diary – March 2020
8 th – PEGgies Film Night in The Raven
11 th – 7.30 p.m. - Village Trust meeting/AGM, Old Rectory Hall
14 th - Green Garden Clean up
14 th – Lent Lunch in the Village Hall
19 th – Village Trust Great Bustards visit
20 th –7.30 p.m. – Poulshot Friends & Neighbours to White Horse Opera
Later in the Year
April 4 th – come and polish Poulshot - meet 10 a.m.
April 20 th – Easter Egg Hunt, Green Gardens
21 st April – Poulshot Friends and Neighbours Indian meal
April 24 th – Spring Quiz, 7.30 p.m. Village Hall
25 th April – Village Trust Great Bustards visit
29 th April – PEGgies Young Carers Lunch
6 th May 7.30 p.m. – Village Trust meeting, The Old Rectory Hall
8 th , 9 th , 10 th May – VE Day Commemorations
19 th May – Poulshot Friends & Neighbours American Museum lunch / tea
June 7 th 12 p.m. – the Big Lunch at the Village Hall
13 th June – PEGgies Greek Night
16 th June – Poulshot Friends and Neighbours Canal trip / fish and trips
17 th June - The Lackham Vintage Society Vintage Vehicle Gathering on The Poulshot Village Green from 6pm onwards.
27 th June – Village Fete
July 8 th 7.30 p.m. – Village Trust meeting, The Old Rectory Hall
July 18 th / 19 th – PEGgies family weekend events
July 18 th – Church summer party
21 st July – Poulshot Friends and Neighbours lunch
9 th September – Village Trust Meeting
September 9 th 7.30 p.m. – Village Trust, The Old Rectory Hall
September 26 th - Green Gardens clear up
October 3 rd – PEGgies Whist Drive
October 10 th – Harvest Supper
October 28 th – Poulshot Friends and Neighbours to Worton

November 4 th 7.30 p.m. – Village Trust, The Old Rectory Hall
November 7 th – Bonfire Night and Lantern Parade
November 14 th – Church coffee morning / lunch
December 8 th – Poulshot Friends and Neighbours Christmas Party
December 17 th – Over 65s Christmas Lunch
December 24 th – Christmas Carol Service

**Open Forum re proposed
Poulshot Play Area
Saturday 7th March 3 – 5 p.m.
In the Village Hall**

Everyone in the village is invited to an open forum to discuss a proposed children's play area in the village. There will be information, a display and an opportunity to ask questions and share ideas. If you can't make the meeting, please email any questions or ideas to Victoria Sim at vickijosey@hotmail.com.

DARCY & JENNY'S DEVIZES TO WESTMINSTER 2020

On 10th April 2020, Jenny and I will be starting the Devizes to Westminster Kayak Race; a 125 mile ultra marathon beginning on the Kennet and Avon Canal at Devizes Wharf, and finishing on the River Thames under Westminster Bridge, London. As a ladies junior crew, we will be completing the challenge over 4 consecutive days - Good Friday to Easter Monday. We have decided to complete the challenge to raise funds for Horatio's Garden, a charity that creates and cares for beautiful and accessible gardens in NHS spinal units.

After my dad's accident on the farm last year that left him with a spinal cord injury causing paralysis, the garden in Salisbury District Hospital played a massive role in keeping him upbeat as he gradually regained movement, and learnt to live with the lasting effects of his injury.

Jenny and I have been training hard since October, on and off the water, with Devizes Canoe Club despite the stormy weather! We would thoroughly appreciate your support for the event, and donations for such a good cause. Please visit our Just Giving website for more details on donating and keeping up to date with how our training is going <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/darcyandjenny-dw2020> Alternatively, give me a ring or text on 07805 198418 if you'd like to donate but don't have access to a computer.

Many thanks,

Darcy Johnson, Dogwood Farm, Erlestoke.



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Taste of the Hedgerows

Storm Dennis may have been out in full force outside. But this did not stop the Taste from the Hedgerows supporters at the annual fundraising event. With a full village hall of very willing participants and twenty homemade beverages, it had all the ingredients of a good fun Poulshot evening.

With a cheese ploughman's, quiz and speed raffle the evening raised just under £900 for Poulshot Cricket Club. An incredible amount of money and huge thanks to all those that supported the evening. This year's winner with his Rose Hip Gin was Adrian Baber with 226 points. A very close second with 220 points was Tim Bissett and his Sloe Gin.

Remember all home cricket matches are free to watch and the mighty team of Poulshot always welcome any new players, we are a mixed aged, mixed ability, all-inclusive club that enjoys good cricket and great social.

Penny Nixon

Village Trust Meeting March 11th

To all Village Trust Members: Our first meeting this year will be held on Wednesday, March 18th at 7.30pm in The Old Rectory Hall. It will also be our AGM so please would you come with your sub to give to our Treasurer. Family membership £10, and Single membership £5.

Pam Gillies is trying to get together a band of people who could, when needed, assist people with lifts to doctor, hospital, shopping etc and/or assist with dog walking or sitting when necessary for people who may have health or mobility problems.

If you can help
please let Pam know on 828151 or email
on pamgillies45@gmail.com

Poulshot Friends and Neighbours

For Friends and Neighbours this month all I have to say is that the membership is now £5 per person.

Our next event is a visit to the White Horse Opera for their Spring Concert. Tickets are £10 pp and can be booked by putting your money in an envelope and leaving it at Chris Stark's, 101 Poulshot Road. Have to book quickly!

There is likely to be a talk on avoiding Fraud, and what to do about it if you are caught. This will be in September if there is enough interest. If interested please let Pam know on 828151 or by e-mail pamgillies45@googlemail.com, as soon as possible please.

Dates for the Great Bustard Visits

Time flies by and March 19th and April 25th are just around the corner. This is a fabulous opportunity to see these magnificent birds at a time when they are courting and displaying their plumage to their best advantage. If you would like to come to one or other of these visits, please would you get in touch with Robin Boyd (robinmcnboyd@gmail.com Tel: 828373) or Caroline (acwm.mfh12@gmail.com. Tel 828545) and let them know as soon as you can. There are fourteen places available, for each visit, to VT members first and foremost and any remaining places will be filled by PF&N. The visits last approx 2 hours. We meet at Enfield Village Hall, by the latest 11.15am, where we will pick up a Great Bustard Group bus, which leaves 11.30am prompt, to take us to the release site. The cost is £15 per head, cash or cheques only. Wellingtons, binoculars or telescopes are advised.

Lent Lunch 12th March

The Lent Lunch takes place on Saturday 12th March from 12 to 1.30 in the Village Hall. There will be a range of delicious home-made soups, crispy baguettes and cheese for lunch. All will be free but there will be a donations basket for the Wiltshire Air Ambulance. Please come and enjoy a bowl of hot soup on a chilly March day!

Join the Great British Spring Clean

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Join us on
Saturday 4th April 2020
for the 4th annual GB Spring Clean

10:00 Coffee and Briefing in the Village Hall
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WILTSHIRE COUNCILLOR NEWS FROM JONATHON SEED

By the time you read this, unless something very surprising has happened, Wiltshire Council will have approved its budget for the coming year 2020-2021. This does not attract the headlines or political machinations that other budgets both national and political attract. Indeed, the budget discussed on 25th February was approved by the Cabinet of Wiltshire Council without any amendments or criticism from opposition parties. That in itself is tribute to the energy and effort that goes into producing a balanced budget for a Council that has an annual income of £344million. This is made up of £260M from Council tax, £24M from Social Care Levy, £57M business rates retention (this figure is only 35% of the total raised in Wiltshire) and £3M from other income. When it comes to spending roughly 2/3 is spent on adult social care, public health, education and children's social care with the remaining 1/3 spent on all the other resident's services. Schools are funded separately.

Managing the budget is clearly a big task but the underlying principle is the same as your own financial management. As Dickens' Mr Micawber said if you spend only what you can afford, the result is happiness! The full story is a bit more complicated than I have described. If you want to find more, the best place to look will be the documents for Council of Wiltshire

Council which can be found on the Wiltshire Council website.

Wiltshire Council is the unitary authority that is responsible for most of the services that residents use in the county. Town and Parish Councils provide other, more local services and raise a precept for these as do the Police and Fire and Rescue service. All these local tax or precept raising services may seem independent of each other and clearly their management is separate but they all have a responsibility to cooperate in the interests of the people of Wiltshire who they serve. Generally, that works well our local service providers cooperate well with each other.

It is a pity that the same cannot always be said of neighbouring authorities and it was particularly disappointing to see the Cleveland Bridge in Bath closed to traffic over 18t and forcing several hundred extra heavy lorries a day to divert along the A3650 through Chippenham, Melksham and Westbury. It was even more annoying that BANES Council announced that this was a temporary measure pending bridge repairs and then within days the ruling party from BANES launched a petition to PERMANENTLY close the bridge to heavy traffic. Many Wiltshire residents are rightfully angry at this duplicity and are demanding answers. Watch this space!

Contact me by e mail
at jonathon.seed@wiltshire.gov.uk
by telephone on 07770774463

Hire of the Village Trust Projector

The VT's Epson projector is available for hire to all and sundry in the village of Poulshot (but not to outsiders). There will be no charge for members of the VT but there will be a charge of £20 to non-members. The terms and conditions are:

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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. Watch out for dates of forthcoming meetings and events which will be published in this magazine.

Caroline Morison.

Poulshot Friends & Neighbours

The Friends and Neighbours group seeks to be as inclusive as possible and anybody who wishes to join will be very welcome. Subscriptions are £10 per person, or £15 per couple payable in January. The club tries to put together, each year, an interesting programme of talks, lunches and visits to places of interest.

Pam Gillies 82825 | /iansgillies@gmail.com

PEGgies

The **P**oulshot **E**ntertainment **G**roup is a group of women in the village who organise social events to bring us all together. All events are open to everyone in the village, families and friends. If you have an idea for a village event, do contact Denise on 827010, Mandy on 828464 or me (Nina) through the magazine, poulshotnews@icloud.com.

From the Vicar ...

The short Bible study course I am currently following, focusing on the letter of James (New Testament), calls it “a practical how-to book on Christian living. Forthright and pulling no punches ...” I’ve certainly found that to be the case. Although aimed at Christians, and Christian “enquirers” James (thought to be the brother of Jesus) gives sound advice for all who strive to live in harmony in the world and with each other.

One of the issues James writes about (among many) is our mis-use of words. We underestimate the lasting effect those we use in anger, abusive situations or through just plain thoughtlessness can have on the person to whom they are directed. We see and hear examples of this in our daily lives, don’t we? - on television, the radio, Facebook and other social media, as well as, sometimes, on our streets or in our shops. The sad thing is that, like the bucket with a hole in the bottom, the “bad” words leak out and – too late! - we have no way of retrieving them. The damage is done. An apology might go some small way in making things better but the memory and hurt always remain. James reminds us that we can “control and tame wild animals, steer huge ships with small rudders and control horses with small bits, yet no human can tame the tongue.” “... our words either bless or curse, delight or destroy, heal or hurt, comfort or cut.”

Ash Wednesday, was on 26th February. It marked the first day of Lent, the 40 days that precede Holy Week and Easter - 40 days in which to reflect on our shortcomings – to resolve to use our words wisely in order to affirm others and value them, regardless of our mood or provocation – to say the right thing at the right time - and to prepare ourselves for the Good News of Easter.

A lot of people look upon Lent as a time of giving things up – chocolates or cigarettes are favourites - but wouldn’t it be better to give our time or our money (perhaps from saving the cost of those chocolates and cigarettes!) to a charity, or someone in need? There are so many different ways in which we can bless the lives of those around us and bring God’s kingdom just a little closer here on earth. May you come to know Him and His love over the next few days and weeks. And remember: be a blessing, as you are blessed. **Renée**

From the Vicar ... Footnote

When Seymour passed away, God greeted him at the Pearly Gates. "Thou be hungry, Seymour?" said God.

"I could eat," Seymour replied.

So God opened a can of tuna and reached for a chunk of rye bread and they shared it. While eating this humble meal, Seymour glanced down into Hell and saw the inhabitants devouring huge steaks, lobsters, pheasants, pastries, and fine wines. Curious, but deeply trusting, Seymour remained quiet.

The next day God again invited Seymour for another meal. Again, it was tuna and rye bread. Once again looking down, Seymour could see the denizens of Hell enjoying caviar, champagne, lamb, truffles, and chocolates. Still Seymour said nothing.

The following day, mealtime arrived and God opened another can of tuna. Seymour could contain himself no longer. Meekly, he said: "God, I am grateful to be in heaven with you as a reward for the pious, obedient life I led. But here in heaven all I get to eat is tuna and a piece of rye bread and in the Other Place they eat like emperors and kings! Forgive me, O God, but I just don't understand."

God sighed: "Let's be honest, Seymour. For just two people does it pay to cook?"

(Donel McClellan, "The Imaginary God")

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Diary of Services in March 2020

Sunday 1 st	1 st Sunday of Lent
9:15 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 8 th	2 nd Sunday of Lent
4 pm *	Evensong
Sunday 15 th	3 rd Sunday of Lent
11 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 22 nd	Mothering Sunday
10 am	Morning Praise for Mothering Sunday
Sunday 29 th	Passiontide
10 am	Benefice Service at Holy Cross, Seend

*** Note the change of time of this service. This is to make travelling easier in the dark evenings. This service will revert to later time in April.**

For other services in the Wellsprings Benefice, please visit our website www.wellspringsbenefice.org.uk or www.achurchnearyou.com.

Ministry Team

Rector: Rev Ali Bridewell 739064
Associate Priest: Rev Joshva John 828137
Church Warden: Kate Hunloke 828333
Benefice Administrator:
Sarah Leckie 739064/07938 270815
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Church Registers

No baptisms, weddings or funerals this month.



Easter Egg Hunt

*Come and join the Village Hall team
for the annual Poulshot Easter Egg Hunt
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**Saturday, April 20th 11:30am
until all eggs are found**

*This is free event sponsored by the Village Hall, open to
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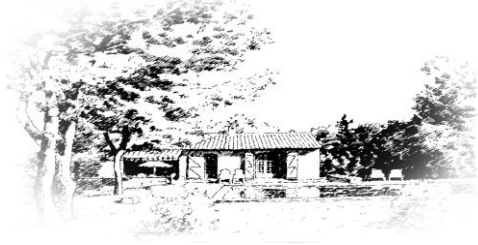
The Fete this year will be on Saturday 27th June. As you may remember, we had to change the date last year because of the weather. We want to do the Dog Show again this year as lots of people who have dogs in the Village were away. So please bring them along for a fun contest!

All the usual stalls, plus vintage car and model aircraft, a coconut shy and boules competition new for this year.

Although we have a team of wonderful people who help every year, it would be good if others would offer to help. Not for the whole afternoon, but to give the stallholders an opportunity to walk about and buy!

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Bookings:

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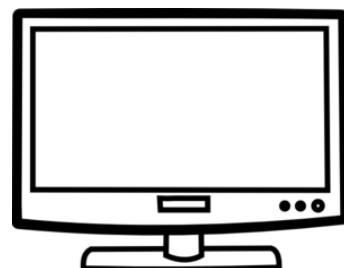


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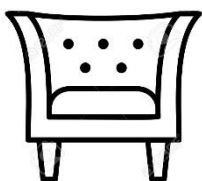
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Poulshot Village Trust

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