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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, whether it's Captain Tom and his millions raised for the NHS, people sewing scrubs and other PPE or someone doing the shopping. It's good to mark this, so if you would like to thank someone in the village for their support, please let me know so we can include it in next month's magazine – poulshotnews@icloud.com.

VE Day Commemoration 8th May 2020

As you will know, we have had to postpone the proposed plans for the Village celebration and commemoration of VE Day on 8 May 2020. However, despite the belligerent blight, we are asking if you will help the Village remember VE Day, whilst at the same time celebrating the work of the NHS and all those who are working hard to ensure that our lives can go on despite the challenges that we all face. The link below – from the Government - gives information and resources to support us joining the national commemoration. Clicking on the links in the text will also take you to other resources.

<https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fgovernment%2Fnews%2Fher-majesty-the-queen-to-send-a-message-to-the-nation-to-mark-75th-anniversary-of-ve-day&data=02%7C01%7C%7C970d4a60f94b42ad563408d7ec3bdffb%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637237614209672693&sdata=KKqsO9%2BQD5OD1Jq5%2B4N%2B8gyJ6QhDvWj65LqFYZZn7E%3D&reserved=0>

As part of special BBC programming-

- extracts from Sir Winston Churchill's victory speech will recreate the moment peace in Europe was announced 75 years ago at 3pm and the Prime Minister will speak about the importance of VE Day.
- the Archbishop of Canterbury will record a special reflection and moment of prayer for VE Day.
- Her Majesty the Queen's 9pm address to the nation will be followed by a national singalong of Dame Vera Lynn's 'We'll Meet Again'. The public will be encouraged to open their doors and join in with this national moment of celebration.
- the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport has produced a [template pack](#) so that the public can hold a [1940s style afternoon tea party at home](#) complete with homemade VE Day bunting, original recipes, games, and [educational and creative activities for children](#). Combat Stress is also producing packs that can be used to help with the day.

Keep safe.

Tim Jalland

Poulshot Parish Council VE Day co -ordinator

POULSHOT PARISH COUNCIL

Our country is in uncharted territory, Covid 19 has locked us all down and we are living very different lives to what we were a couple of months ago. We are lucky; we live in a beautiful village and have the option to take our daily exercise in wonderful countryside and there is plenty to look out for, while we have stopped nature has not.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the whole village for the way it has come together and particular thanks to Poulshot Friends and Neighbours for organising food and prescription collections for those most at risk in our village.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 (“the 2020 Regulations”) come in to force on 4 April. The Regulations:

1. Enable the Parish to postpone the Annual Meeting to May 2021, along with any elections and retirements.
2. Allows Local Government to conduct meetings remotely. More detail will be promulgated prior to the meeting on Tuesday 5th May at 7.30. Please keep an eye on the Poulshot web site.

LAND BEHIND HIGHER GREEN FARM

The process of transferring the ownership of the land behind Higher Green Farm to the Parish Council is drawing to a conclusion. You may ask - why has this taken so long?

The land comprises 1.25 acres, and the transfer to the Parish Council was part of the process required to enable the development of Higher Green Farm by the then Pippin Homes. A small proportion of the land was required in compensation for the de-registering of the access as Village Green.

Planning permission was applied for ([15/12305/FUL](#)) and granted to change the use of the land from agriculture to recreation on 16 February 2016. The change of use granted is for ‘informal recreational use’. This does mean that any ideas for the recreational use of the land will be subject to planning permission if they involve construction.

The Parish Council exchanged contracts with Pippin Homes on 5th March 2019. There are a number of reasons why the transaction has not moved to completion, the principle being the requirement for a letter from Wiltshire Council.

On the change of use from Agriculture to Recreation, the value of the land increased. When Pippin Homes bought Higher Green Farm from Wiltshire Council an uplift clause was included, that required the payment of a proportion of that increase to Wiltshire Council. The letter from Wiltshire Council ensures that the Parish Council will not have to pay this.

Steve Housby and I met with Angus Williams of Royd Withy King on Thursday 12 March, he confirmed that all was in place and on the proviso that Higher Green Farm (Ivor Salt) was ready we could move to completion in short order. I will let you know when we have.

In the meantime, we will shortly become the owners of 1.25 acres of recreation land. As a Village, we need to decide what we want to do with it. We are fortunate that we have the community fund and, in time, when the fourth house is built, we will receive £26,000 from Higher Green Farm as part of the section 106 agreement made with Wiltshire Council for granting planning permission.

I would urge all parishioners to put forward their ideas for the best use for this land, however weird, madcap, bonkers or straight you think they might be, they will all be considered. I hope that this can all be done in a civil manner, whether you agree or disagree with a scheme, let us have a civilised discussion without resorting to the impersonal (and sometimes far too personal) communication of social media.

If you have an idea please send it to me, Ben Hamilton at Poulshotpcchairman@gmail.com or call me on 07803 908 028 or contact any of the other councillors, Steve Housby, Adrian Baber, Geoff Collett, Sam Wright-Hurn, Tim Jalland and Ian Gillies, their details can all be found at the back of the village News.

Ben Hamilton
Chairman
Poulshot Parish Council

*From the vicar ...
The View from my window (virtually speaking).*

The first thing that comes to my mind today is thank God. “You must be joking” I hear you say, but I really mean it, so what is it that provokes that thought? Obviously, it’s not the virus. I would be a psychopath or something similar if I thought that; no, it’s the incredible beauty of the area that we live in, and the opportunity to take time to notice.

I am lucky; we live in the centre of the village and we have quite a big garden, with a stream going through it. How idyllic is that? Normally most of us spend a lot of time and energy booking holidays and pouring over travel brochures, in order to get away , but now all we have to do is go into the garden, or walk down the road , and be amazed. At the time of writing we are enjoying beautiful weather, and when I go out, I can hear bees and birds, and not much else. (Is it my imagination or are the birds noisier this year?) The tulips are a wonderful colour, my tomato and beetroot seeds have germinated, and I have been playing with the idea of having a special little bower under the apple tree, an area which up until now I have neglected. The cow parsley is just coming into its own, like champagne I always think, and the aroma of the May is unmistakable. So, what have we got to complain about; it is surreal isn’t it? I don’t know anyone who is ill, and because I fall into that category of people who are past the age of doing anything, I don’t do a lot. And yet; and yet....

The whole planet is under threat. Where weapons of mass destruction fail, the tiny virus is spreading like an invisible cloud and it has changed everything, and we dare not look into the future. We must pray for our scientists, all our health workers and all the others who are really contributing to keeping our civilisation going. Meanwhile even the churches, those buildings which are always there, those bastions of our history, are closed. But are they? At this time where people really could feel so alone, others are reaching out by any means they can to keep in contact. I never thought I would put this in print, but thank God for the internet; and by the amazing technology of Zoom and the like we can still see each other, even if we can’t visit. I have spoken to so many people, and almost without exception people are saying that they are more in contact with their families than ever before. In case anyone ever thinks that the church is just that beautiful building down the road, Alleluia, now we know that actually the church is the people who go out into the community and out of their way to help wherever they can, and most of all to pray together and to maintain a community even though they cannot meet in person.

And so, whilst there is such enormous sadness in our country and in our world, the same old thing seems to be triumphing, love. We are not weaker; we are stronger. Our hearts are not diminished but enhanced. Our compassion for others is greater, not smaller, and we are able to go out and see and feel and experience the God given beauty that is all around us.

Today is today; let it be, Jesus said “do not worry about your life ... consider the lilies of the field; they toil not neither do they spin and yet I say unto you that not even Solomon in all his glory was arrayed as one of these.” Thank God for today.
Jane Knowles

From our local Councillor

Coronavirus or COVID-19, what an incalculable difference those words and their meaning have had to our lives. Even those of us in Wiltshire who currently live in a low risk area and with fewer tragic deaths here than in other areas have seen a total change to the way we live. I write this as we reach the fourth week of lockdown with little sign of emergence in sight. My own family are observing severe segregation due to underlying medical issues but together we share the trials and tribulations of this dreadful situation.

There is little local political news. In local government Councillors have stepped back and supported the experienced and professional officers of Wiltshire Council in their seven day a week endeavours to deal with the effects of the crisis and keep essential local services going. This is not the time for political point scoring although social media is full of disquiet at the failure of some national journalists and some national politicians to support the national mood of stoic resolution to tackle this crisis. Critical local services such as refuse collection are continuing with little interruption and Wiltshire Council is doing its very best to efficiently facilitate the local distribution of essential government assistance to businesses through the grant system.

Much of the real local work is taking place in our towns and villages. The spirit is a typical British effort of rallying round to help the most vulnerable in our communities. In our own Melksham Community area we were one of the quickest off the mark with a Melksham Community Aid system and website active within days of the start of the crisis and our Area Board meets on line every week to help to coordinate the Area effort. Councillors are in regular touch with local efforts and trying to help to oil the wheels of bureaucracy. Central Government has decided that many aspects of local government are to continue (and this includes the planning system) although the provision of virtual committee meetings has been allowed in the CORVID Act for all aspects of local government.

Locally every village and hamlet in the Area has seen the emergence of a commendable system to look after those who are struggling to look after themselves by collecting shopping, prescriptions or other services that individuals cannot access themselves. Please support these Herculean efforts as they continue to make a difference to people's lives especially the superb effort in Poulshot where individuals are doing so much, and businesses are adapting to make such a difference to local life.

Lockdown is not easy for anyone, whether or not the individual is vulnerable but already there are positive signs even from lockdown and this has started with families and communities having quality time for each other and taking a step back from our busy lives. I doubt any of us will go back to precisely the lives we lived before but in the meantime Best Wishes and PLEASE we all need to STAY HOME, in doing so SAVE LIVES and PROTECT THE NHS

Jonathon Seed
Wiltshire Councillor for Summerham and Seend
Chairman Melksham Area Board

*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

Poulshot Lodge Farm Shop is still 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 or by phone on 01380 827202.

Townsend Garden Centre in Devizes will deliver to Poulshot – compost, seeds, plug plants, plants, pots. Call 723722 between 9 & 1 or TownsendGC.delivery@gmail.com £10 delivery charge, free over £50.

Derek at **The Spar on Bath Road** 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, or by phone on 01380 724483.

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 or phone 01380 828151.

Lockdown projects ...

Here we have Lili's loo roll castle, my bread rolls and my seedlings ready to pot on ... send us pics of your lockdown projects and activities for the next mag.



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St Peter's Church

Part of the Wellsprings Benefice –

www.wellspringbenefice.co.uk

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