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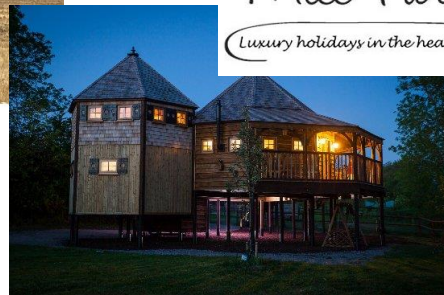
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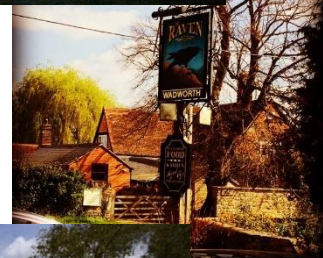
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(contact details at the back of the magazine)

Long term resident and good friend to many in the village, Jim Aldridge died in June, aged 81. He and his wife Sue moved to Poulshot in 1985 and over the next 35 years made a great contribution to the village. He loved dogs, of whom the latest was Cassie, and enjoyed walking her around the village up to 3 weeks before he died. Due to the current Covid 19 restrictions, Jim's funeral was limited to 30 people, but his wife Sue, daughters Lisa and Vanessa, and Grand-daughter Molly were surprised and deeply touched to see the many friends who gathered on the village green to say goodbye on Friday 3rd July as they all went to the church for the funeral. He will be much missed, as the messages show.

A true gentleman, he was unfailingly interested in others and his warm smile and gentle demeanour belied a sharp wit and incisive brain. At our first village quiz at the village hall, some two years ago, Jim and Sue, along with their long-time friends and neighbours, Malcolm and Marlene won – and it wasn't easy! We shall greatly miss our chats over the garden wall and seeing him play with Cassie on the green. We haven't been here long but he made a great impression on us and will always be part of the friendly beating heart of this special village.

Claire Phoenix and Nick Reid

Jim was a great friend . We spent a lot of time together talking about village issues and putting the world to rights in our garden or along the footpaths of the village. Little William and Freddie became great friends with Jim as well. He loved their company. Jim's interest in aeroplanes took us to some great air displays. We really enjoyed our times together. He will be greatly missed by us all.

Ray Josey

Jim was a keen member of the Village Trust. He was involved in the planting of the Green Gardens and would always come to 'tidying up' sessions. He planted daffodils on either side of the pathway at the eastern end of the grass circle. He also tried to establish a wildflower meadow in the triangle of the Village Green, adjoining Shirley's house. After a valiant struggle, he had to give up as the wildflowers could not compete with the tough grass. Wildflower meadows need just the right conditions to prosper and this area was not ideal. Alas! Jim was a great supporter of Village activities, always came to Coffee Mornings and other money raising occasions and often could be seen being taken for a walk by a dog! He will be greatly missed.

Nicky Hunloke

Apart from walking everyday with our dogs, Cassie and Scooter, my main memory is of helping Jim to create a Wildflower Meadow on the Village Green. It was Jim's idea and he roped me in as his chief assistant (i.e. his labourer!). Jim could drive me mad sometimes but he loved the village and often talked about the fun times he'd had (e.g. playing for the village cricket team) and joining in all the village social events and of all the other veterans who've now also sadly passed away. We'll miss you.

Tim and Gill Coleman

Jim became an instant friend when we moved to Poulshot. He loved talking about aeroplanes and going for dog walks. Always positive, he could be bloody irritating when all I wanted was to moan. Seriously, a top man who will be much missed.
Steve Housby

Jim was always up for a chat, always had time to listen and loved hearing your views on matters no matter how big or small. He loved the book group not only to add his opinion on the book (and I don't recall him missing any titles) but also to be part of the general ebb and flow of the chatter. He will be sorely missed.
Philip Piper



I will really miss you Jim.
love William X

Jim and Sue Aldridge were among the first people to make us feel welcome when we moved to Poulshot. I first met Jim when we took part in the pod clearing and the Green Garden clean up exercises. Jim and Sue became stalwarts of the Friends and Neighbours, supporting every event whether in the Village or beyond. Jim was a valued member of Poulshot Readers and was someone with whom I could discuss any topic, sometimes disagreeing but always without rancour. He was a real Gentleman, honest and honourable and will be an important loss to the Village.
Ian and Pam Gillies

Wiltshire Library Services Survey

Even in this digital age, libraries are a vital part of our communities. Books and libraries make a huge difference to the capacity of all us not only to explore and understand the world beyond our own back yard, but also to engage with it. Free access to books is tremendously important for children's development, a key part of narrowing the gap for disadvantaged families, but are not the only thing on offer at the library, which also provide DVDs and CDs, access to computers, local records and much more. And while books themselves offer an escape into another world as we manage the ordinary routines of our daily lives, the actual libraries – and library staff – provide a vital source of human contact and comfort. The survey below is from the library service: please take the time to have your voice heard, and support the library service. It can be accessed on line via the link in the survey.

Your views sought on plans to reopen library services safely

We are seeking your views to help with our planning for reopening library services safely in the county during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The library service in Wiltshire was temporarily closed, due to the COVID-19 pandemic on 20 March. The existing eBooks, eMagazines and eAudio service continues providing access to reading material, and on 27 March a new service launched via Facebook offering rhyme times, tea and chat, bedtime stories and online book groups. At the start of June, the Home Library service was relaunched, serving library members shielding and without digital access to download books; this service is currently used by approximately 100 people. The online library content produced since lockdown has so far generated more than 83,000 views and we appreciate everyone's support.

To make sure the library services the council provides meets your safely and are as innovative in their delivery as possible, we would like to hear your ideas and feedback on how to reopen the services, so we can shape a service that suits you during this time.

During this challenging time the council has to manage its resources carefully and has put forward three possible options for how the service might operate during the COVID-19 pandemic. You are also encouraged to provide your own ideas to help the council deliver the most appropriate service in the circumstances and within the council's current financial resources.

The possible options take into account COVID-19 guidelines and social distancing measures, resources available and the council's current financial pressures – meaning that there will be a partial and phased reopening of library services.

The possible options being considered include:

Option 1

An order and collect service

This involves customers contacting the library service by email/phone to request books or other materials that they wish to borrow. This might include specific authors or topics such as crime or autobiographies. These would then be collected in person from a library.

This would operate from 10 August at some main library hubs in Wiltshire, and in each of the 18 community areas across the county by the end of September. This means that 20 libraries could potentially be open by the end of September, subject to staff and finances being available.

Option 2

An order and collect service with bookable computer access

The order and collect service as detailed above and the ability to pre-book a computer session for those without access to the internet.

This would operate from 10 August at some main library hubs in Wiltshire and in each community area across the county by the end of September.

Option 3

A socially distanced service offering the public some access to browse stock and use computers. This would operate in up to six libraries from the end of August and a maximum of a further four, subject to staff capacity and social distancing requirements.

A four-week public consultation got underway from 29 June 2020. Hard copies will be made available at County Hall, Trowbridge; Monkton Park, Chippenham; and Bourne Hill, Salisbury. The consultation closes on 26 July 2020.

- [Take part in the consultation.](#)

Following analysis of the feedback received, the favoured option will likely be introduced initially for a six-month period from 10 August. Monthly reviews will also be carried out to assess how the impact of COVID-19 is changing, the financial impact of operating, lessons learnt and the opportunities for change.

From the Vicar

Over the last three months, Wellsprings Benefice have been holding virtual services each Sunday morning. At the beginning of June, members from across the benefice selected their favourite hymns for us to sing at a Songs of Praise service which I had the pleasure of leading. During the service, each hymn was preceded by a short introduction by the person who had chosen it, sharing why it was their favourite hymn. People had chosen hymns for different reason but something most of them had in common was their relevance for the current situation we find ourselves in during the Covid 19 pandemic. An example of this was the hymn Be still my soul which had the lines, “*when change and tears are past, all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.*”

Whilst it is likely still to be some time before we can physically meet together, our clergy and churchwardens are currently looking how to safely re-open our church buildings for private prayer. This will mean that with the right precautions, individuals will once again be able to sit in church to reflect and pray. In the meantime, we continue to pray wherever we may find ourselves. Whether it is at home, kneeling beside our beds; in the kitchen, standing at the cooker or sink; or outside, in the garden or walking in the countryside. It doesn't matter where we are because God is with us wherever we are, waiting for us to talk to him.

So talk to God. Tell him what is on your mind; tell him how you are feeling today; pray for your community; for your neighbours, your friends and family; and not least, pray for yourselves. You can pray about anything and everything. Need some inspiration? The Church of England website has a page of prayers and intercessions for personal or group use: <https://bit.ly/2YfQjTr>. It has also launched a new free phone line of hymns, prayers and reflections called Daily Hope.

Daily Hope offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line. The line – which is available 24 hours a day on 0800 804 8044 – has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services during the period of restrictions in mind. On a more local level, the Wellspring Benefice has a team of praying people ready to pray for you or someone you know who need prayer at this time. All requests will be treated in confidence, shared only with those who will be praying. Prayer requests can be emailed to: WellspringsPrayer@gmail.com. Please include the first name of the person and brief details of their specific need. Whatever the problem - prayer helps! And to quote another favourite hymn:

WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS,

All our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry

Everything to God in prayer!

Liz Starling Licensed Lay Minister

Dear Friends,

Many of us have been looking forward to the time when our church buildings can re-open. We are in no doubt but that there are those who would like to visit, as they have done in the past, for prayer and spiritual reflection – many who would appreciate the opportunity during the present concerns and worries.

The Government has now announced that church buildings can re-open for private individual prayer from Monday 15 June. Doing so is something which must be planned carefully to maintain the safety and well-being of all concerned, and so should be undertaken with care when and if all reasonable care is in place. The Church of England has published guidance about how to prepare church buildings for re-opening and the social distancing measures which will be needed. It is available on the Church of England website and is frequently updated to take account of changing advice and scientific guidance.

The opening of any church will be undertaken with prayerful consideration and by agreement between PCC and incumbent and after a careful risk assessment. Within the Wellsprings Benefice Community we are conscious of the need to balance our desire to make our buildings available for all, with the need to provide facilities which offer all reasonable protection to those who visit and those who care for them.

For this reason we will be considering the steps we should take very carefully. We do not envisage opening any of our churches during the month of June as we undertake these considerations and preparations.

When we are confident we can open all/any of our church buildings we will ensure that this is communicated widely and people are aware of the steps taken to promote the safe and enjoyable usage of the churches.

Although our buildings are closed we continue to worship and meet together online. For details of all our services please visit our website <https://www.wellspringsbenefice.co.uk/> for further information.

In the meantime if you would like us to pray for you, or someone to talk to about anything, please do not hesitate to contact members of our ministry team.

With thoughts and continued prayers Rev Ali

Jesus is alive, and he is building his church (Matt. 16:18).

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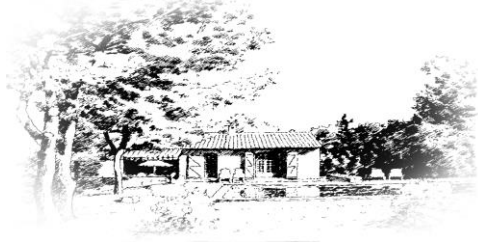
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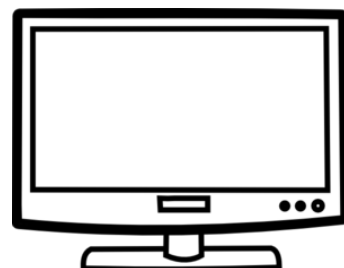


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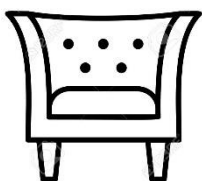
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