

Poulshot News No. 3

November 2019



**Poulshot Village Trust
2020 Calendar now available!
See inside for details**

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 will be put together and printed in the last week of each month, so please email any contributions to poulshotnews@icloud.com by the 22nd of each month.

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**Dates for your diary ... events listed here are
open to everyone in the village**

November
Sat 2 nd – Village Bonfire Night / Lantern Parade
Sat 2 nd – Natural Art Workshops for children aged 6 – 11 – 10 – 11.30 a.m.in the village Hall – led by Jean Perrett
4 th Nov, 2 nd – Farmer’s Club, 2pm Village Hall
11 th Nov – Village Trust Meeting, Village Hall
16 th Nov – ponds clear up on The Green
Sat 16 th – Quiz Night, Village Hall - £12 / table of 4
23 rd Nov Festal Coffee Morning, Village Hall 10 -12.30
December
1 st Dec – Advent Service at St Peter’s Poulshot, 6p.m.
2 nd Dec -Farmer’s Club, 2pm Village Hall
Sat 7 th – Natural Art Workshop for children aged 6 – 11; 10 – 11.30 a.m.in the village Hall
Sat 7 th Dec – Christmas Wreath Making, Village Hall – 12 – 5 p.m.
Sat 7 th Dec - Natural Art Workshop for children aged 6 – 1; 10 – 11.30 a.m.in the village Hall
Sun 8 th Dec – Film Night at The Raven, 6.30 p.m.
10 th Dec – Poulshot Friends and Neighbours Christmas Party, The Raven
13 – 15 th Dec, Festival of Cribs at Bulkington Church 10.00 - 4.00
Tues 17 th Dec – older resident’s Christmas party
26 th Dec – Village Trust Boxing Day walk
7 th January, 3 rd March, 12 th May PCC Meeting Village Hall

Village Trust Calendar

POULSHOT VILLAGE TRUST 2020 CALENDAR

1 calendar - £12.50 / 2 calendars - £23 / 3 calendars - £31.50 /
4 calendars - £40 / more than 4 - £10 each

The Village Trust has made this calendar from the phone photo competition contributions (back in the summer) and more contributions from people in the village since then. It's not just any old calendar – it is special to Poulshot, and all of us who live here. We have a great selection of views, scenes, flowers, dogs, people in the village. Thanks to Jim Nichols for putting the whole thing together. As a Village Trust, we need to cover our costs and make a small profit. Enough sales blurb – please buy one – or more, if you are in a generous mood!

To buy, ring or email VT Secretary, Caroline Morison on
01380 828545 / acwm.mfh12@gmail.com. We can deliver!

The Village Trust

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 828251 /iansgillies@gmail.com

Village Trust Events

Natural Art Workshops for children aged 6 - 11
Nov 2 and Dec 7th 2019. 10-11.30am
in the **Village Hall**.

Led by experienced local artist, Jean Perrett. The aim is for children to go out, find and bring along sticks, leaves, lichen and bark to paint or make into things such as a model garden or insects. Some of these items will be provided along with paints, paper, brushes. Or paint pictures of animals, trees, ponds, fields, lanes, habitats. Bring your children to these free workshops where they can express their artistic talents. Maximum of 12 places available and bookings are on a first come first served basis.

To book a place and obtain Consent Form to sign and return or bring with them, please contact
Village Trust Secretary, Caroline Morison
on acwm.mfh12@gmail.com
or download details from Facebook.

Nov 11th: VT Meeting in the Village Hall
Nov 16th: Clean up of both ponds on The Green

Coffee morning

On 23rd November, St Peter's PCC is running a Festal Coffee morning in the Village Hall. There will be a cake stall, a book stall and a Christmas Stall from the India Shop. Coffee, tea, and refreshments will be served. From 10-12.30. All are warmly welcome.



Christmas Parties

The Christmas Party for the **Friends and Neighbours** takes place at the **Raven on 10th December** at 7pm for 7.30pm. Names to Pam Gillies ASAP. Once your name is given, a menu will be sent for you to choose something delicious to eat! We will be doing the usual Secret Santa!

The Christmas Party for the older residents of the Village takes place in the **Village Hall on Tuesday 17th December** 7 for 7.30. We have decided that the age of attendance should now rise to 65 or over. There may be some who will not receive the normal invitation this year! We are sorry but numbers in the '3rd age' in the village are increasing and the size of the Village Hall isn't, so very sorry but your time will come!!

Kate Hunloke

FILM NIGHT AT THE RAVEN

Sunday 8 December 6.30 for 7.00 screening of film.

The film will be a popular lovely Christmas film, actually ...

Eve at The Raven is going to prepare a simple menu for the night.

Please book food directly with The Raven on 828271.

Christmas Trees

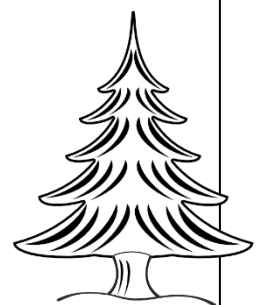
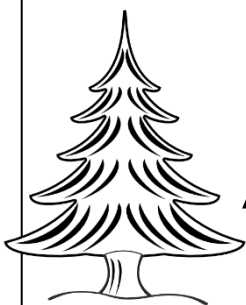
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Italian Night

7 p.m. Friday 6th December

The Old Rectory Hall

The PEGgies invite you to an Italian Night in the Old Rectory Hall on Friday 6th December. Great food, music and wonderful company, all for £5 / per person. Bring your own liquid refreshments! To book tickets please contact Denise on 827010, Mandy on 828464 or me (nina) through the magazine, poulshotnews@icloud.com. We need to know by 1st December so we can make sure we cook enough for everyone – do let us know if you are vegetarian.



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.

POULSHOT VILLAGE TRUST
“HORRIBLE & CURIOUS WILTSHIRE
HISTORY
POULSHOT VILLAGE HALL- 9th OCT2019

Our Guest Speaker was Terry Bracher, Heritage Service Manager in the Archives and Local Studies Department, at the Wiltshire and Swindon History Centre. Terry is an expert in the horrible and unusual history of Wiltshire. His accumulated experience and knowledge is vast and he is enthusiastic and visibly passionate about his subject.

Terry spoke to the audience about the horrible and unusual aspects of Wiltshire’s history from the ancient times. Using a projector and screen, his talk was supported by a fascinating illustrated compilation, He introduced the audience to many interesting examples and challenges in Wiltshire’s history, as well as sharing his own experiences.

The following are some examples of the topics Terry shared with the audience:

- the first case of tuberculosis in Britain was in an Iron Age human burial evacuated in Wiltshire.
- in the Middle Ages it was believed in England that a touch from royalty could heal the skin disease known as Scrofula or the “King’s evil”. Scrofula was usually a swelling of the lymph nodes in the neck caused by tuberculous. The practice began with King Edward the Confessor in England.

- in 1752 Thomas Wilford of Wiltshire was the first person executed under the Murder Act. He was convicted for the murder of his wife whom he had married for four days only. His corpse was dissected and turned into a skeleton for public display.

- in an Anglo - Saxon burial site, a grave was discovered with a female buried in her bed.

- the Village of Tisbury suffered a serious setback with the Black Death in the 14th Century, but it slowly recovered. However, to the southwest of the Village centre are the remains of the Village of Wyck, a deserted medieval Village abandoned in the 14th Century.

- in the medieval period of the Middle Ages, the pillory was used publicly to humiliate a victim as a punishment.

- in Wootton Bassett minor crimes were punished by means of public humiliation using the ducking stool.

- until about a century ago many people had to seek their own remedies, sometimes based on guesswork or superstitions using some horrible and curious cures which includes: mice, moles, dogs, pig's water.

The talk was a good insight into the horrible and unusual aspects of Wiltshire's history. It was appreciated by the audience and seemed to have been an enjoyable experience listening to Terry. Overall the feedback was positive.

The Session ended with a hearty thanks to Terry from Tim Jalland, Chairman of the Village Trust, in appreciation of his talk.

Dankay Cleverly

Poulshot Friends & Neighbours

On Wednesday the 16th October we had a talk and tasting, about Whisky. It was nice to have so many people attend. We were especially pleased to have members of the Worton Ladies, and partners, and one or two other guests attend this fun evening. In all we had about 37 people in the hall. Thanks are due to Kate and Nicky Hunloke for welcoming us to their hall. The talk was given by Geoff Collins, who spent many decades in the drinks industry, and who has given a number of previous talks to the group. He provided an interesting and entertaining history of Whisky production, particularly those which were being tasted during the evening. Geoff's talk this time focused on Malt Whiskies, with tastings and explanations about Malt Whiskies from Scotland, Northern Ireland and, surprising to some, from Wales. Geoff explained the history and development of Whisky production in each of the 3 countries, and we were able to taste samples and appreciate the different styles and flavours of each. The more whisky that was sampled, the greater the level of humour and chat!! Geoff was able to answer the many questions about whisky production that came his way, even straying a bit into some insight into the production of Cognac. We finished off the evening with fruitcake and nibbles and everybody, I hope, went home happy & better informed about Whiskey. Our next event is our Christmas Party at the Raven on the 10th December. If you would like to attend please let me know as soon as possible, if you haven't already done so.

Pam Gillies

VICTORY IN EUROPE DAY - VE Day 75th Anniversary 8 May 2020

8th May 1945 was the day peace emerged after nearly six years of war, so the 75th anniversary on 8th May 2020 represents an important milestone in our history. I have been asked by the Parish Council to coordinate the pulling together of a Village event and I am sure you will agree that we cannot let this day pass without reflecting on the enormous sacrifice, courage and determination of people from all walks of life who saw us through this dark period.

The rest of the Country will be taking part in the celebration over the weekend of 8th - 10th May 2020. It is planned to be an international celebration of peace – a time to remember, reflect and pay tribute to the millions who played such a vital part in achieving it. This includes the Armed Forces personnel from many countries who gave their lives, and those who returned home injured in body and mind; the hard-working women and men who kept the factories, mines, shipyards and farms operating throughout the years of turmoil; the ARP wardens, police officers, doctors, nurses, firemen, local defence volunteers and many others who put their lives on hold to safeguard the home front.

Poulshot plans to be part of those celebrations. Please put the date in your diary so that you can take part. More detail will follow in due course. *Tim Jalland*

ADVENT SONGS OF PRAISE

An important date for your diary!!

Advent for the Wellsprings Benefice will begin with a lovely service of Advent carols and readings to be held in St Peter's Church, Poulshot at 6.00 on Sunday, 1st December 2019.

It will be wonderful to begin the new church year and our preparations for Christmas together.

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to this special event.

There was a lovely baptism at the church, for Jaime-Lee Weaving last Wednesday, the first one for 2 years. Attended by 40 members of the family and friends, the two sisters looked beautiful in pink, surrounded by godparents and friends. Candles were lit for those members of the family who were missed. Revd Ali accompanied the singing of Sing Hosanna.

Kate Hunloke

Hermione

I first noticed Hermione about a month ago. I was lying in the bath when she suddenly popped out from the corner of the bathroom window. The reason I think was to drive off or catch an intruder into her territory. The intruder hurried back to the bottom left hand corner of the window and Hermione retreated to the top left-hand corner.

The next time I saw her was several days later hanging on a thread in the middle of the pane on the left of the window but this time outside. For several days, Hermione was always there but each time motionless and I began to wonder if she was alive or dead. Eventually I put my finger gently on the inside of the pane opposite her and a few of her legs wriggled so I knew all was well.

This went on for several days with no sign of movement. I could see her quite plainly as she was silhouetted against the sky and also mirrored in the large mirror by the side of the bath. Then, after a week or so, I noticed a small insect caught in a strand, lower down the pane. So had Hermione! She suddenly darted down the strand, seized the insect and returned to her original position with the insect clearly visible below her. The next day it was gone! Then a few days later, she had gone from her very visible position in the middle of the pane and I eventually found her clinging to the woodwork at the top of the window and there I think she still is but I can no longer watch her at bath time as it is now dark. But when I last checked this morning, she was still there despite it being much colder but, cleverly, she is sheltered from the wet by an overhanging roof.

Anon

Restaurant review

If you've not visited the Rose & Crown at Tilshead since its refurbishment and reopening in August AND you want a fantastic Italian meal, then I highly recommend the Rose and Crown. There's a quote on the wall to the effect of 'Arrive as strangers, leave as friends' and that is the attitude Ricardo and his staff take. The 'country' arm of the highly successful Richmond-based El Boccon del Vino, you walk into what could be the lounge bar of the old pub, this is now the bar and 'pizza restaurant'.

We were dining as a family so were taken through to the restaurant, which has around 15 tables, but you walk through the 'prep area' which is full of ham slicing machinery, scales and so on, almost a delicatessen in its own right. And then the experience began. On reflection, your first visit here has to be made with an open mind; there is no printed menu. Instead, Ricardo regales you with antipasti dishes: we had five but could have had just two or three. Antipasti was amazing, parma ham which melted in the mouth, porcini mushrooms and several other dishes. Ravioli filled with asparagus and cheese to follow and then main course - we were full, but we chose to share suckling pig accompanied by green beans stuffed with garlic. Our teenagers partook of the antipasti and had amazing pizzas - Ricardo is happy to cater for what you, the customer, wants. The bill arrived and we were pleasantly surprised. For dinner it's a treat, for pizza it's something that out rates its high-street opposition. Our thanks to Ricardo and his team, it deserves to succeed and become a staple of the Plain. We will certainly return!

Giles Morgan

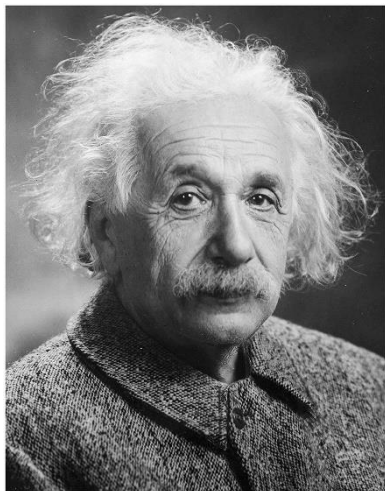
Special events at the Village Hall

Fireworks and Lantern Parade – Saturday, November 2nd

The evening kicks off with a lantern parade from the Village Hall. All children are welcome to come along at 5pm to build their own lantern. The parade of lanterns will leave **at 6:30pm** to walk to the Green Gardens. The Bonfire will be lit around **6:45/7pm**. This is a free event but donations are welcome.



Come and join the Village Hall Team for the annual autumn Quiz Night. The annual raucous



night of fun and brain-teasing questions from our infamous Quiz Master, Mr Alan Webber
**Saturday, November 16th,
7:30 pm - until all the
questions are asked and
answered!**

Tickets £12 per table of four
Cash/Credit-Card bar on the evening.

Special events at the Village Hall



If you're feeling creative or just want to have some fun, why not come along to our Christmas Wreath Making workshop on **Saturday, December 7th, from 12 pm to 5 pm.** Back by popular demand, our super florist Emily from Sunflower Blooms specialises in running floral workshops. She is an independent floral stylist in Bristol. Emily will provide all materials on the day, from a large wire & moss base, a huge variety of lush green foliage & some amazing additions like dried flowers & seed heads to make your wreath pop with colour!!! Don't worry if you get stuck and need a little extra inspiration she'll happily lend a hand. A great afternoon of fun and creativity for £30.

To book for all events:

Phone 818206; via events@mypoulshot.com
or the website www.poulsht.org/village-hall
or Facebook@poulshotvh

Regular events at the Village Hall

Upholstery classes

Tuesday/Wednesday mornings, Wednesday evenings.

Tai Chi 9.30 – 10.30 a.m. Friday mornings

French classes on Thursday mornings

Gong Therapy sessions on Tuesday evenings

Dog training classes on Thursday evenings

Table tennis on Mondays and Friday evenings.

Village Hall 100 Club.

It's our annual sign up time for the 100 club. Join or renew your 100 Club Membership. The Village Hall 100 Club costs £15 per year. Prizes of £25, £15, £10 are drawn each month and a larger £100, £50 and £50 for December.

For those wanting to sign up on Direct Debit we offer three options – [monthly, annually or family \(2 person\) annually.](#) The Christmas Draw is not far away so please sign up or renew for a chance to win big for Christmas. You can pay via the village hall website, or alternatively, talk to one of our members or collectors for more information.

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Remembering

Remembering is an important Christian Act. Jesus says to his disciples, “Do this in remembrance of me” while sharing the bread and the wine with his disciples. People remembered who they were by telling and retelling their stories of past, their stories of faith and their stories of land.

In the Old Testament people told and retold the stories of past in order to know saintly people and thus to imitate their characters and stories of evil actions with their consequences. Such stories provided values, worldviews and faith in themselves, in family, in community and in nation.

I had a good friend who was 90 year old in my previous parish. However, at the age of 91 he did not recognise me at times due to early stages of dementia. His siblings brought him to church on a Sunday. I appreciated his contribution to the church as an organist and warden for forty years. After the service, we had a long conversation over lunch. Many in the congregation appreciated his contribution and visited his regularly.

It is important that we remember saints, this is why we have All Saints Day Service on the first Sunday of November every year in the church in order to remember people – ordinary people like us with all their life struggles tried to do little acts of charity; did take up protecting people; strengthened people’s faiths and transformed others’ lives. We also remember the departed as they have left their legacies with us.

Remembrance bring in us a life affirming value, hope for eternal life and a culture of equity and freedom that were cherished, upheld and protected by many in the past and even today. On Remembrance Day, we do remember those people who sacrificed their lives during the service in the Great wars in order that we will have peace today.

We in the Church retell the story of Jesus (his birth, death and raising up from death) every Sunday through the Holy Communion. In these services, we remember the life affirming values of love, kindness and generosity, faith in ourselves and in God with the hope of eternal life and a culture of equity and freedom for all. Please come along to the church and listen to our own stories in every service, especially on the All Saints Day (3rd Nov) and the Remembrance Day (10th Nov). By remembering, we uphold our faith, hope and values in our families and communities. The Christmas and advent stories bring us the good tidings of joy, hope, peace and love by reminding us about the coming and the arrival of Christ into this world. Joshva Raja

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Night walking ...

as winter draw(er)s on and the nights are darker ever earlier, please please PLEASE be aware of your safety when walking along Poulshot Road. When you're driving along the road, it's really hard to see walkers – or cyclists – on the road. At the very least, walk INTO the traffic – i.e. on the right side of the road - with a torch and preferably a reflective jacket. Don't assume that because you can see the car that the driver can see you!



The Harvest Supper ...

at the Village Hall was such fun! To start with, what's not to like about sitting down with friends, a liberal supply of wine and a meal cooked by someone else. Throw in the Crofton Stokers with a good range of music and consequently some uninhibited and joyous dancing, and you have a good time for all. Although Poulshot is no longer the predominantly farming community it once was, and England is a far more secular society, we all depend on the harvest, whether it is in a field by our back garden or a farm in Kenya. So, good to celebrate and toast all the farmers in Poulshot and beyond. Thank you to all the wonderful people who cooked and organised the event – you know who you are!

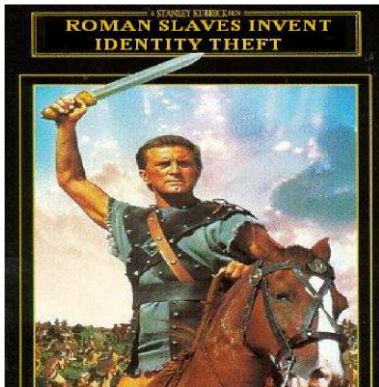
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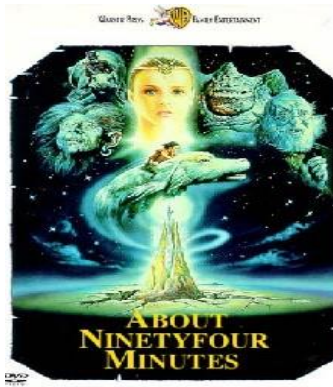
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identify the **CORRECT** movie titles
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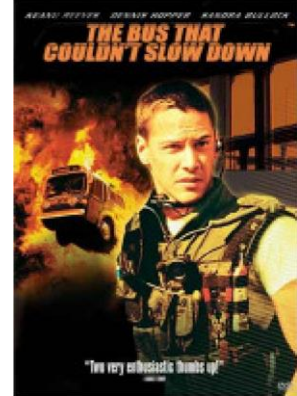
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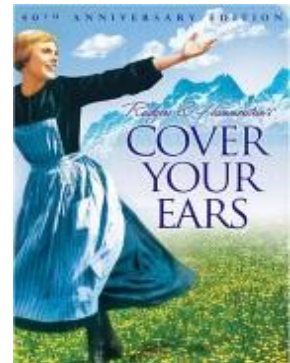
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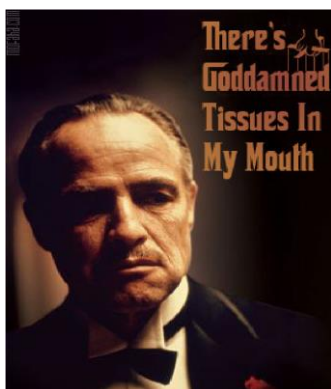
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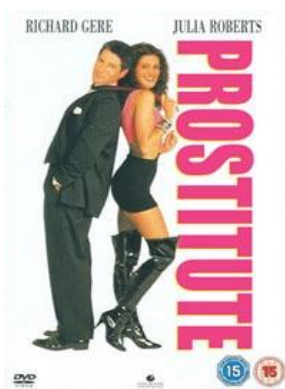
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ANSWERS on the back page

From our local councillor

Wiltshire Council does not shut down for the summer but there is a pause in political activity for the month of August. Committees tend not to sit and it gives Members and officers a chance to take a break. The Executive of the Council continues to govern and we manage to achieve this without any great scenes of anguish from our members or challenges in the Courts! Perhaps if our members of Parliament faced the same challenges as our Councillors in delivering daily services to the people that elected them they would face reality a little more readily!

Another interesting comparison between Wiltshire and Westminster is that we both elected a new leader at a similar time. In Wiltshire our new leader, Philip Whitehead, has quietly and firmly taken up the reins of local government without fuss and with a new Cabinet drawn from across the County. Philip has held two cabinet appointments (Highways and Finance) and is well prepared for his new role. His predecessor has gracefully held back from involvement in County Hall and the transition of power has been pretty seamless and without fuss. Again there is a lesson here for Westminster.

Many residents are expressing increasing concern at speeding in their communities. The first check that needs to be done is whether this concern is reflected by

the evidence of speeding. A device called a metro count is installed at the request of the local town or parish council and this measures speeds at a specific and agreed point over a set period of days. If the results produce evidence of genuine speeding then addressing the issue can be achieved using a range of measures including Community Speed Watch, Speed Indicator Devices or police enforcement . Which of these is employed will depend on the evidence produced by the Count. So if you have concerns about speeding in a particular area of your community you should contact your local parish council and they will assess the problem and address the issue with Wiltshire Council.

Finally, another success for Wiltshire Council is the declaration by Friends of the Earth that Wiltshire tops the league of Councils in Climate Friendly credentials. This is being driven by a passion by the new leader and his administration to genuinely address climate change and move to reduce carbon emissions in the County. In addition the Cabinet of Wiltshire Council recently approved a detailed and effective air quality strategy. All this is a measured determination to make the environment that we live in both greener and safer.

Jonathon Seed 07770774463

POULSHOT VILLAGE HALL

Chair: Sam Wright Hurn Secretary; Giles Morgan

Committee:

Alan Webber (Vice Chair), Jon Martin (treasurer), Karl Shuttleworth, Lucy Russell, Elizabeth Martin

Bookings:

Jon and Elizabeth Martin - 01380 828206

Email: bookings@mypoulshot.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.

All Village Hall matters (not bookings) – please contact Sam (Chair) and Giles (Secretary). (contact details at the back of the magazine)

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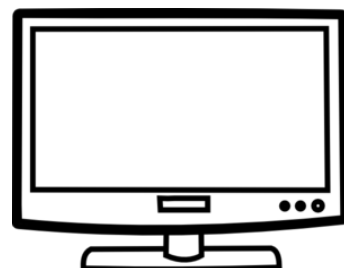


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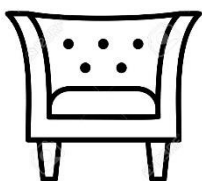
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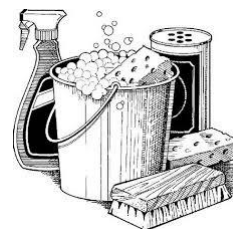
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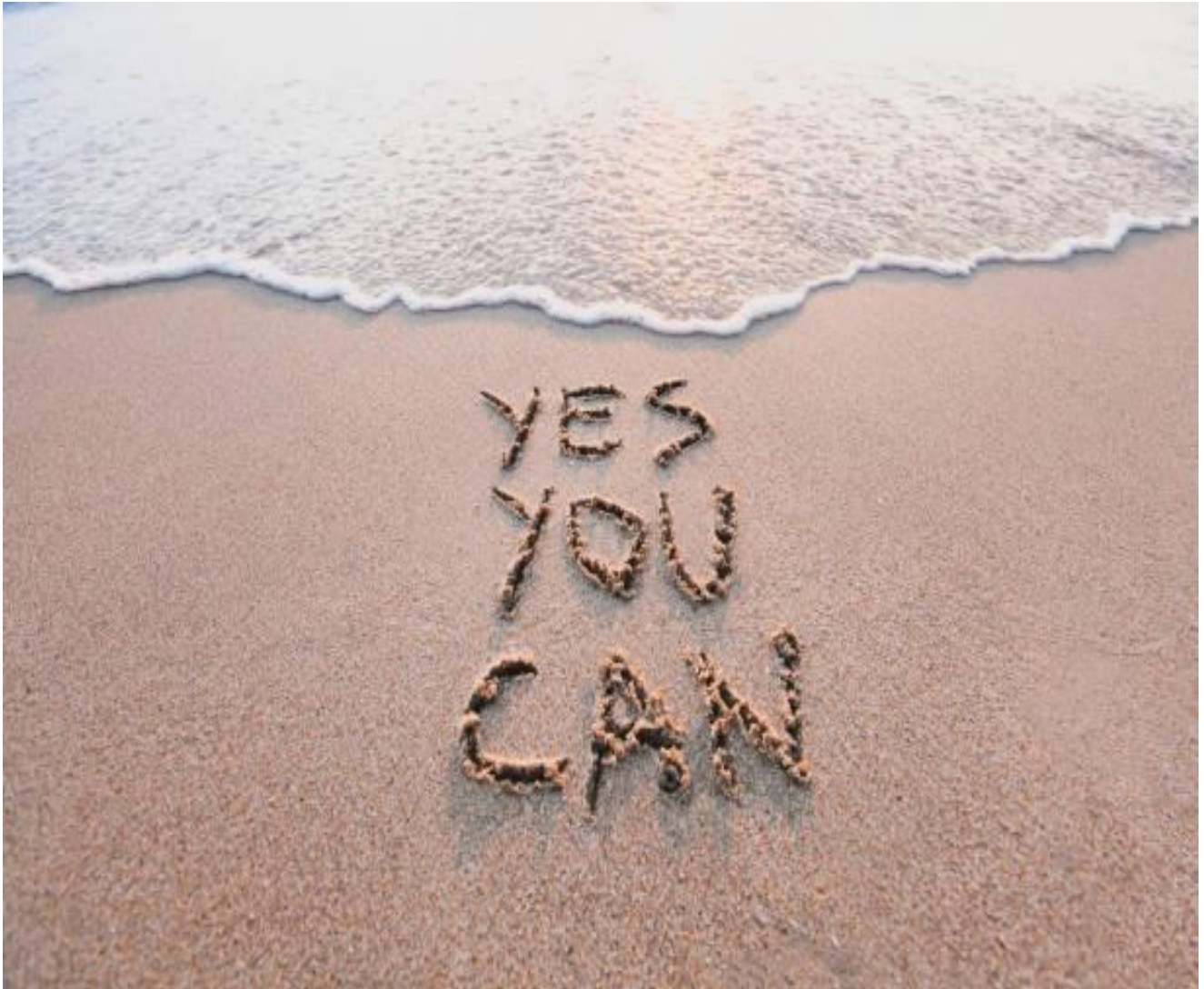
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