

Poulshot News No. 5
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Jean Perrett

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.

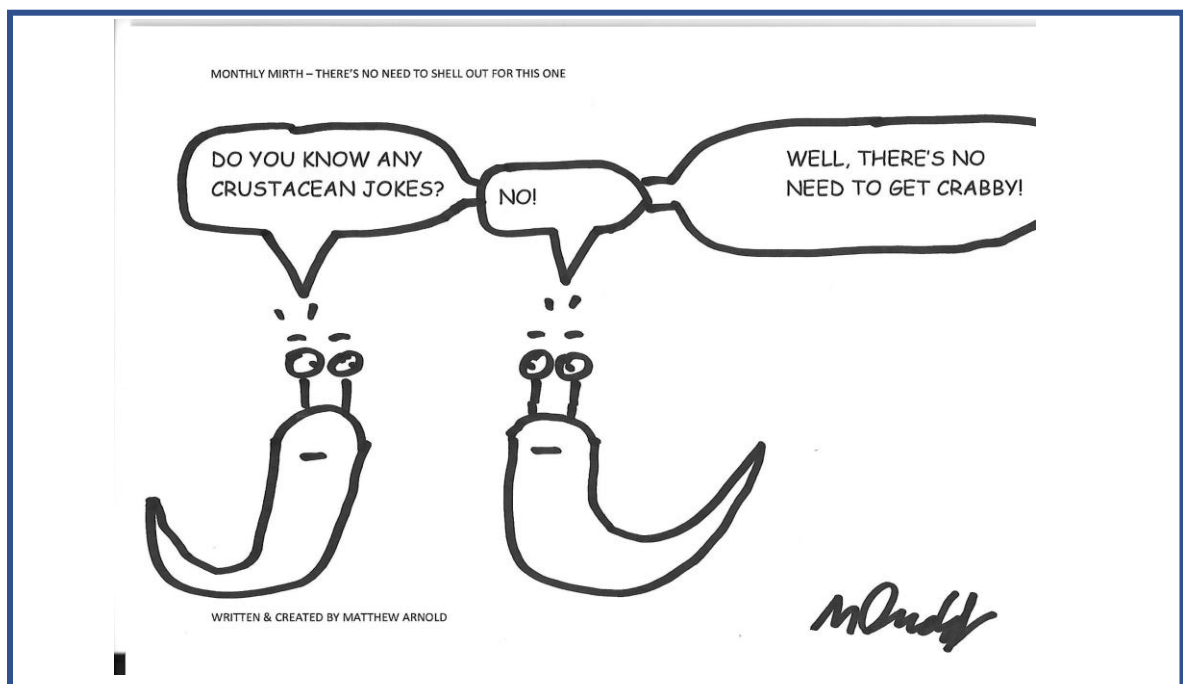
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Dates for the diary – January 2020

Sunday 5th - 9.15 a.m. – Holy Communion at St Peter's Poulshot,

Tuesday 7th – 7.30 p.m. PCC Meeting, Village Hall

Saturday 11th – 11.30 a.m. – children's natural art workshop in the Village Hall

Sunday 12th – 6 p.m. – Evensong at St Peter's Poulshot

Wednesday 15th – 7.30 p.m. – Gallipoli Evacuation talk in The Raven

Saturday 18th – 11.30 a.m. – children's natural art workshop in the Village Hall

Sunday 19th – 11 a.m. – Holy Communion at St Peter's Poulshot

Wednesday 22nd – 7.30 p.m. – Poulshot Friends and Neighbours AGM – the Old Rectory Hall;

Sunday 26th – 9.15 a.m. – Matins at St Peter's Poulshot

Later in the year

February 10 a.m. – opportunity for children and parents to build bird boxes to take home – 26 The Green

3rd March, 12th May PCC Meeting Village Hall

8th, 9th, 10th May – VE Day Commemorations

The Lackham Vintage Society Vintage Vehicle Gathering on WEDNESDAY 17th JUNE 2020 on The Poulshot Village Green from 6pm onwards.

POULSHOT VILLAGE TRUST PONDS PROJECT UPDATE REPORT

MIDDLE GREEN POND

The pond on the Green has the rare Great Crested Newt. They leave the pond in the Autumn to hibernate and will return in the Spring to breed.

Maintenance work was undertaken on 16th November to clear and tidy the pond, by manually removing the overgrown weeds, reeds and rushes, while the newts are out of the pond hibernating. Continued effort was made to control the growth of the invasive New Zealand Pygmyweed, to prevent further spread of the plant.

Fourteen motivated and dedicated volunteers from the Village Trust, helped and supported all aspects of the maintenance work to achieve our goals. A big thank you to all the volunteers.

The pond looks very much improved, with evidence of reduced presence of the invasive plant and will provide significant benefits to wildlife and enhance the enjoyment of the whole environment.

A special thank you to Caroline Morison for kindly providing sustenance of hot delicious soups and French bread for the working party – very much appreciated.

Annual maintenance work will be undertaken in November 2020.

GREEN LANE POND

Maintenance work will be undertaken on the pond in the south west corner of the Green, in January 2020.

Dankay Cleverly – Ponds Project Leader

Boxing Day Walk

It was a lovely morning and twenty people came on the walk, the youngest being four years old. A number of dogs came along. The walk was led by Giles Morgan. Before we set off, we sang Happy Birthday to Tor, his wife. We walked just under three miles and it was very, very wet underfoot making it difficult in some places.

We finished at the Raven and Steve and Eve provided mince pies and a good time was had by all.

The walk has now been run for over forty years without a break so let's keep the tradition going and put it in your diaries for this year.

Ray Josey

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:

1. A formal Hire Agreement will be signed at the time of collection by all parties.
2. Payment in advance, in cash, where applicable.
3. On return, the hirer must show that the projector is in working order.
4. All hirers will be responsible for any damage that occurs during the period of hire.

Contact Caroline Morison on 828545

or acwm.mfh12@gmail.com

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. Our January meeting will be on the 22nd January at 7.30pm, in The Old Rectory Hall.

Pam Gillies 828251 /iansgillies@gmail.com

Village Trust Calendar

POULSHOT VILLAGE TRUST 2020 CALENDAR

The 2020 Village Trust Calendar was a tremendous success. We printed 50 copies @ £409.33p and received £649.00 from purchases, with one generous donation! A big thank you to Jim Nichols for organising the formatting and subsequent printing. And a big thank you to all those who bought one. The Village Trust Executive Committee hope you enjoy turning over the pages for the next 12 months and seeing your photos. They wish everyone a happy and healthy 2020.

Tim Jalland Chairman PVT

EVACUATION

Evacuating guns and personnel
from Suvla Point on rafts,
December 1915.

[See object record >](#)



Come and listen to a free talk on the Gallipoli
Campaign in the Raven Dining Room
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Christmas Party 2019

Twenty-seven of us sat down for the Christmas Party on the 10th December. We were sorry that some people had to withdraw because of sickness and hope they were better for Christmas. Steve had done a wonderful job of decorating the dining room and, this year, saw us all in the same room, with Karen well placed with the music in the back room. The youngsters, and the team in the kitchen, did a sterling job of delivering hot food to the right people.

The secret Santa caused a great deal of enjoyment, some laughter, as the gifts were opened around the room, some people decided to keep them secret until Christmas Day. We do hope more of you will join us next year to celebrate Christmas with us.

From Ian, Kate and I we wish you Happy New Year.

Pam Gillies



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.



Italian Night 6th December The Old Rectory Hall

The Old Rectory Hall was transformed by the PEGgies for an Italian Night on 6th December. Red and white checked tablecloths, many bottles of wines, lights twinkling among the portraits and music (almost) transported us to a local trattoria, where we could imagine the warm Mediterranean just outside rather than the actual winter drizzle. The steady stream of people arriving through the door included old friends with a lifetime of living in the village, new residents and newish people who've only been here 20 years or so. The PEGgies had conjured up a fabulous meal of lasagnes, salads, lashings of parmesan and desserts. The amount of people going for seconds (and even thirds) was a testament to how yummy it all was! Thanks to Kate and Nicky for the use of the hall, and their kitchen and washing up facilities! We're always keen to promote shared events in the village, so do get in touch if you have something to suggest.

Maureen's Ramblings.....

Is winter getting to your spirit? What?? Well, does your relationship with God feel a bit cold? Do you feel frosty towards God because of bad things happening? Have you lost hope that the springtime of God's blessing will ever touch your life again? Does any faith you have had in the past feel frozen and unlikely ever to come to life again? I think we all have winter times of faith.

"Mother Teresa's Crisis of Faith" was the title of a magazine article which discussed the private spiritual struggles of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, revealed in letters published after her death. How could this iconic woman of faith have experienced such spiritual desolation and doubt? She had written: *"September 1959...in my soul I feel a terrible pain of loss. I have little hope of possessing God; I have the feelings of God not wanting me; of God not being God; of God not really existing... darkness surrounds me on all sides and I can't lift my soul to God. In my heart there is no faith, no love, no trust. I want God with all the powers of my soul and yet there is between us this terrible separation"*. These are certainly winter feelings, feelings we can all know sometimes.

One winter morning I awoke to see magnificent lines of frost stretching across my windowpanes, shining in the early morning winter sunshine. They looked like little miracles that had been formed in the dark of the night. In reflection I thought of how life is so like that. We live out many of our days in the shadows, in what often feels like barren, cold winter, unaware of the miracles that are being created in our spirits through those cold nights. It takes the sudden daylight, some unexpected surprise of life, to cause our gaze to look upon a simple, stunning growth that has happened quietly

inside us. Like frost designs on a winter window, they bring us beyond life's fragmentation and remind us that we are not nearly as lost as we thought we were, that all the time we thought we were dead inside, beautiful things were being born in us. Goethe wrote that **sometimes our fate resembles a fruit tree in winter. Who would think that those branches would turn green again and blossom, but we hope it, we know it.** Or, in the words of that lovely Easter hymn, written by John M. C. Crum, that we will sing when winter is over, **when our hearts are saddened, grieving or in pain, by your touch you call us back to life again; fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been: Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.** As winter continues for a while –hang on in there! Spring is coming! There is Resurrection! And God has never been far away. May he bless you in 2020 with a thawing and warming of your spirit!

The Revd. Maureen Allchin. Retired priest.

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Poulshot Village 75th Anniversary Victory in Europe (VE) Day Celebration/Commemoration

The 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. The Country is holding a national and indeed world-wide celebration/commemoration to reflect on the enormous sacrifice, courage and determination of people from all walks of life who saw us through this dark period. The celebration will cover the weekend of 8th - 10th May 2020 and will 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.

As part of the National and International celebrations/commemorations the Village is planning to join in too. As such please see the outline plan for your diaries:

Friday 8 May:

- a). Street party lunch (time to follow) for children outside the Village Hall. Parade ringing hand bells all the way up to pub.
- b). 3pm. Toast to the Nation's Heroes of WW2. The Raven, for a pint to start off the event.
- c). 6.55pm. A Cry for Peace around the World.
- d). 7pm onwards – Celebrations to continue in the pub. WWI music and songs.

Saturday 9 May

Breakfast (Time tbc) in the Village Hall.

NAAFI style tea and coffee and cakes, etc. all morning

PM Cricket match

Evening Open Air evening mid-summer feast in Green Gardens. Hog roast, live music and disco.

Sunday 10th May:

10.30am. Church Service of Celebration and Commemoration.

Please put the dates in your diaries now and we will keep you informed of the plans.

Tim Jalland



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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.

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.

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Committee:

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

Bookings:

<http://poulshotvh.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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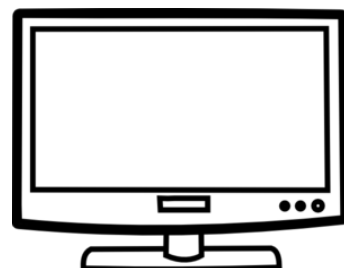


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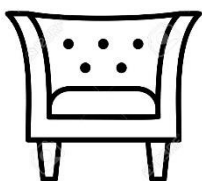
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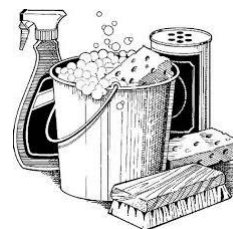
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**What the new year
brings to you will
depend a great
deal on what you
bring to the new year.**

VERN MCLELLAN

