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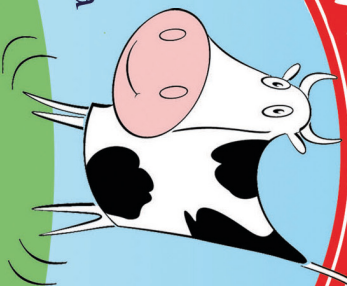
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From the Editor

Its July and our summer is threatening to start after all this rain. Fortunately the Queen's Birthday Weekend got very lucky with the majority of the events escaping a shower. Catchup on the events with some photos in this edition of the Village News.



Also in this month's magazine some news from Townsend Barn Nursery, meet Horace Macleod in Pet's Corner, some info on the community Speedwatch and find out how the Friends & Neighbours group got on on their Canal Trip.

We also have another village author in print..find out more about their recently published book. There is also news from The Raven with their plans for August

Poulshot Village News

The PVN is put together and distributed free to all houses in the village. Contributions, reports, opinions and articles are very much welcomed. While we will always aim to include all shades of opinion and interest, we reserve the right to select and edit where appropriate. Please let us know of anything that you would like publicised in advance or reported on afterwards..

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Maureen's Ramblings

It takes some courage these days to admit that you are a Christian and that you go to church. At a lunch recently I was asked what my job was. I had the response, "do you actually believe that stuff?" from a new acquaintance across the table. People turn toward me and I searched for a profound and gentle response. It was time, yet again, to defend my faith.....



That situation got me thinking. Are we able to give a defence of why we believe what we believe and are we able to talk confidently, gently and non-confrontationally to others about our faith? At its core, faith is about three things. Faith is an explanation. It is our framework for how we make sense of the world. Is our existence meaningless or is there some purpose behind why we are here? Secondly, faith is a confidence that our belief of how the world works has integrity and makes sense. Thirdly, faith is an action. The way we live our lives reflects the explanation that we hold to be true. As Christians, our explanation of the world is that there is a loving God who wants us to be in relationship with him. Our confidence comes through our experience of God, through the evidence of the beauty and the complexity of creation and through the revelation of Jesus in the Bible and the church. Our lives reflect this explanation in the way we live; the centrality of worship and prayer in our lives and the way we love and serve others.

But what of those who don't share my Christian faith? Well they have faith too. In fact, we all live by faith. We all have an explanation that we are confident in and which helps us make the daily decisions that guide and make sense of our lives. For example, when someone tells me that they are an atheist, my response could be "Wow – that's interesting! Tell me about your faith". "But I don't have faith. I am an atheist". "Of course you have faith. I look at the world and at my life experience and I conclude that there is a God. You look at the world and at your life experience and you conclude that there is no God". I cannot prove God to you but I have faith that there is a God. You can't prove that there is no God but you have faith that there is no God! So share with me how you have come to your conclusion and let me share with you how I have come to mine".

I love to have such conversations. They are always learning times for me. I wonder if, in our desire to be loving and inclusive (and our fear of conflict and confrontation!), we fail as Christians to engage and inspire others to explore something that is exciting and life affirming for us. We need to allow God to use us in helping others think through whether their logic really is as fool proof as they think it is. For example, when someone explains that their faith is in science, or in only what they can see and measure and nothing else, we could ask them if they have ever had any spiritual experiences or whether love ever seems to be more than just a chemical reaction in the brain? Part of my response to those at lunch was "how can you not believe in Jesus?" - a question which sparked an interesting debate! I think it is time to be pro-active!

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CHURCH SERVICES IN JULY 2016

*You are welcome to worship at any
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Sunday 3rd July 2016. Trinity 6

- 8.00 am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at Seend.
A short and reflective traditional service
- 9.15 am Parish Eucharist (Common Worship) at Poulshot.
A modern language communion service.
- 11.00 am Café Church at Seend.
A lively service, without communion, for all the family.
- 6.00 pm Evening Prayer (Traditional) at Bulkington
A gentle, reflective, traditional evening service.

Sunday 10th July 2016. Trinity 7

- 9.15 am Parish Eucharist (Common Worship) at Seend .
- 11.00 am Parish Eucharist (Common Worship) at Bulkington
- 6.00 pm Evensong (Traditional) at Poulshot.

Sunday 17th July 2016. Trinity 8

- 8.00 am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at Seend
- 9.15 am Morning Praise at Bulkington
- 11.00 am Parish Eucharist (Traditional) at Poulshot
- 6.00 pm Evening Prayer (Common Worship) at Seend

Sunday 24th July 2016. Trinity 9

- 9.15 am Matins (Traditional) at Poulshot
- 11.00 am Parish Eucharist (Common Worship) at Seend
- 6.00 pm Parish Eucharist (Common Worship) at Bulkington

Sunday 31st July 2016. Trinity 10

- 10.00 am Benefice Eucharist at Seend

Every Tuesday at 9.00 there is a short Benefice service of Matins (BCP*) at Poulshot church
Every Thursday at 9.00 Morning Prayer will be said at 4 Northfields, Bulkington.
All are welcome.

From The Benefice Registers

Funerals

We pray for the family of:
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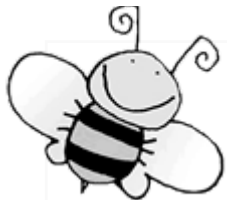
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The roadmap is being created by a team from local charities Alzheimer's Support, Alzheimer's Society, AgeUK Wiltshire, Healthwatch Wiltshire and Wiltshire Council.

It's free to be included. To get on the map please email roadmap@alzheimerswiltshire.org.uk or call 01225 776481.



**The church hosted Bulkington Village Lunch Club
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Contact Jane Coles in advance for the menu (828145).**

**New people from the Benefice and friends are always welcome to join us.
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THE TEA AND CHAT SOCIAL GROUP

will meet on the Monday, 1st July, 2016 at The Old Stables, Bulkington (Andie Elliott: 828277) from 2.00 – 4.00. Bring your own craft item or leave it at home and just come and chat!



**BENEFICE SERVICE
is on Sunday, 31st July at 10.00 at Seend Church.
Our speaker is Colin Brady, the Social Justice
Programme Manager for the Diocese.
BENEFICE SERVICE**

Dates For The Diary

July	2nd	7:30pm	Summer Party at Poulshot House
	3rd	All-Day	Regional Cycle Race (passing though Poulshot)
	5th	7:30pm	Poulshot Parish Council Meeting. Village Hall
	10th	11am	Carriage Drive, outside Higher Green Farm
	20th	7:30pm	Ladies Reading Group. Village Hall
August	5th	7:00pm	Neil Davidson Live at the Raven, with pork roast
	6th	7:00pm	Peter Lamb Live at the Raven, with various curries to eat
	13th	7:00pm	Caribbean Night with Train To Skaville at the Raven
September	29th	7:30pm	Yellowbelly Theatre Presents: The Tempest 2016 Poulshot Village Hall. Tickets Available.
October	8th	6:30pm	Harvest Supper. Village Hall
November	11th	7:00pm	Quiz Night. Village Hall
	19th	10:00am	Coffee Morning At The Old Farmhouse

News from The Raven Inn

Well I have had several people ask me about the annual Wadworth Horses holiday, so it is with regret that I am informing you all that this year we will not be having the Shire Horses at the pub. But please don't think that this will stop us having fun and entertainment. This year we will be having two weekends of music and food outside in the marquee so double the fun. The dates are as follows and they are all evening events starting from 7pm

Friday 5th August, music from Neil Davison, playing cover versions of songs you will all know, with lots of opportunity to sing along and get you dancing..an outside pork roast will keep the hunger away....

Saturday 6th August, music from Pete Lambs' Blues Reviewed, if you were luck enough to hear them last year I'm sure you will be here again and for any of you who missed it, don't miss it again...The music is blues with more than a touch of funk and very very good....for food there will be a selection of curries served outside with something for everyone...

Saturday 13th August, our annual Caribbean night with music from Train to Skaville and all the Caribbean food you love...a must not miss night at The Raven....

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I now live with Jayne and Richard. Life's not too bad. Richard goes away a lot but I love it when he comes home as I have him wrapped around my little back paw and I have trained him to take lots of treats in his pocket when we go off together to check that all is ok in the village. Of course Jayne does not agree with all this eating on the move and can get quite frustrated when its back to just us two and she discovers me sitting waiting for a treat mid walk or dragging my paws looking quite dejected (I'm good at that look).

Back at home I have a 'not too bad' lifestyle. We have lots of doggy visitors, this can be fun. However, while I might be small I make sure they



known that I'm the one in charge. I also have a very enviable toy box. My best trick is to wait for Jayne to get comfy on the sofa after a hard day and then find my favourite toy and hassle her to throw it for me (she doesn't always look pleased to do this). Of course human visitors are easy to manipulate as they don't know I can play for ages.

I don't spend all my time in the village, if I'm lucky I get to go to London. I enjoy a walk on Clapham Common where you meet loads of dogs of various sizes but none as scruffy as me or better still in Northumberland where there are some fabulous beaches where I can chase and catch balls to my hearts content.

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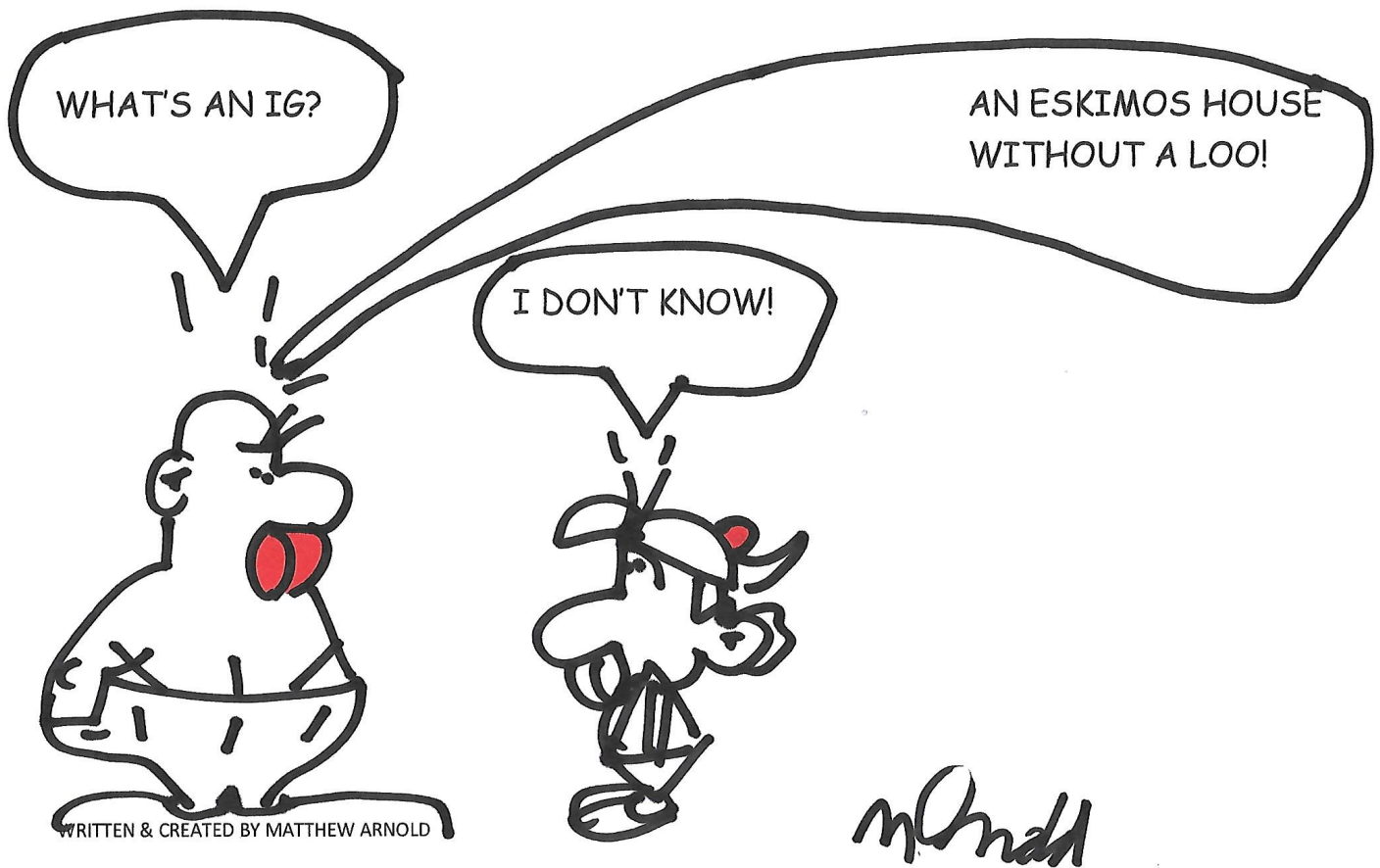
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October	11th	A walk in the world of Italian style - Maura Rossini (Talk of fashion)
November	8th	"Dickens Of A Christmas" - A talk on Victorian Christmas customs etc.
December	13th	Christmas Meal (an evening out)
January	10th	Julia's House - A talk on the new childrens' hospice due to be completed in 2017



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Returning to England he refuses to make his wife, who is a force of nature, submit to the formal, inflexible rules of Tudor society and endeavours to provide a free life for her in Selwood Forest. Alienated from his father and polite society, disillusioned by his war experiences and saddened by the death of their two children in infancy, he is attempting to write an account of his adventures and wrestle with the meaning of life. Despite his pride and determination to be true to himself, he feels a deep sense of failure and loss.

The outside world breaks into his life when the siblings Elizabeth and James Norrington with their servants get lost in the forest on their way to the house of Elizabeth's fiancé and spend the night in Thomas's house, a chance happening that will have a profound effect on all their lives.

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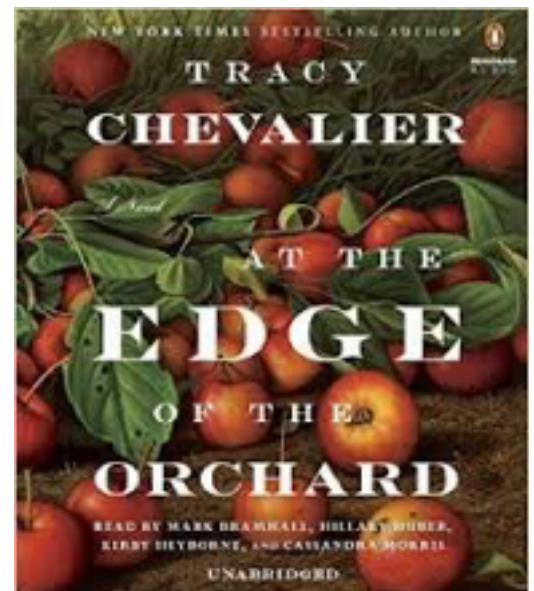
We will be meeting next on Wednesday July 20th at 7.30. The chosen book is;

"At the Edge of the Orchard" by Tracy Chevalier and published 2016.

Set in 19th century America the writer Joanne Harris (Chocolat) comments "Sometimes, a book comes along that somehow TICKS ALL THE BOXES. This is one of those books."

If anyone would like to come along please do, and I have a spare library copy available.

Jackie Pohnert 01380 827046





Poulshot Friends & Neighbours



Contact Pam on 828151 for more info

July	tbc	Garden Visit
August	tbc	Community Get-Together & BBQ
September	20th	Roman Coin Hoard Talk
October	tbc	Worton Flower Arranging Display
November	18th	Jewellery Demonstration And Sale
December	tbc	Christmas Party At The Raven

The PF&N Canal Trip

We decided that it would be a good idea to have a trip on the Kennet and Avon Canal for our June meeting.

Twenty eight of us, including some visitors, had a lovely evening serenely sailing down the canal to Avoncliff from Bradford-on-Avon. It was an overcast day but dry and reasonably warm as we met on the Wharfside at Bradford on Avon meeting up with Susie Quinn who lives just 3 minutes walk away from the wharf.

We took a picnic and were able to refresh ourselves from the bar facilities on the boat. We went as far as the aqueduct at Avoncliff and some members decided to walk across this to be able to see the river, road and railway far below and some walked down to see the aqueduct from below.

The Avon valley has some wonderful scenery at this point. Conversation flowed throughout the evening and everybody declared it a success. We arrived back at Bradford on Avon at 9.15pm and were home before dark!!.



Pam's son Andrew baked cup cakes for everyone and they were much enjoyed by the members and the crew.

Next month we are having a visit to a garden in Seend, it will be towards the end of the month as some people are being very inconsiderate and having holidays!!!! If you would like to come and join us please phone Pam or Kate for details.



Poulshot Community

Speed Watch

NEEDS YOU!



We are now a group of 7 but we need more, can you spare two or three hours a month? We would welcome your support!

Our aim is to reduce the speed of vehicles through the village to the 30 and 40 mph limits. This is of course a matter of safety first, but it also helps to improve the environment, the noise levels and the survivability of animals.

We want to achieve this by persuasion, visibility and education. However the Police are supporting the project fully and can often be seen attending at various sites. They recognise the community feeling around this issue and have agreed to commit more resources to tackle speeding throughout the county over the next year.

What's more it's fun; with many drivers stopping for a quick chat, come out and try it!

Contact Mike Wilson 828100 or email mike@mai-wilson.co.uk

Connect2Wiltshire Bus From Poulshot To RUH Bath

Following the demise of the C2W Service on the 10th June 2016 A&G Minibuses have decided, for a three month trial period, to set up a new service called the "RUH Rover", starting on June 13th.

A new TWO bus timetable will be available for bookings made through their office on the direct line of **01985 212213** where Andrea and her team will be on hand to help.

There will be FOUR arrival times at the hospital, 0800, 1000, 1200 and 1400

FOUR return journeys will depart from the hospital at 1300, 1430, 1630 and 1730.

Fares, sadly, have had to be raised in order for us to continue this service, as you know, funding has been withdrawn. Call for Prices

We thank you for your custom over many years and trust you will find this new service to be of similar benefit and value. Only you, the "rover" will be able to determine whether or not this service can continue beyond our three month trial, and for the future more arrivals and departures may well be introduced.

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TOWNSEND BARN NURSERY

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As we approach our final term of the academic year at Townsend Barn Nursery things could not be busier! The children have been learning about bugs and of course have the perfect woodland garden to explore for these in! They have also been learning about the lifecycle of tadpoles and watching their own tadpoles make the slow progression to become frogs, while our four caterpillars cocooned quickly into butterflies and flew away fairly quickly! We still have an ant farm and wormery to care for as well as a hamster, fish, chickens and most recently a tortoise - all in all quite a menagerie!



We were very proud to receive a thank you card from the Queen's lady in waiting last term. The children made the Queen a beautiful birthday card for her 90th birthday and were so excited to receive an acknowledgment. We also had a lovely tea party in the sunshine to celebrate her birthday - of course tiaras and a red, white and blue theme were essential! British Values are an important part of the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum so for us as a nursery to reinforce this in the children's learning is fantastic.

During our 'Being Healthy' week we were lucky enough to be donated a lovely box of fruit, salad and vegetables from the local company 5 A Day Box, for which we were very grateful. The children had the opportunity to try a variety of different foods as well as learn about the importance of being healthy themselves. This is good preparation for sports day which is planned for later in the term. Active Trowbridge come once a week, and provide a fantastic PE session, keeping the children fit and healthy!

This term also sees us plan to say goodbye to the children who are making the transition to primary school. This year we are working closely with 11 different schools and head teachers and



invite them all in to nursery to visit the children in their own environment before they make the huge step to the next stage of their education. We plan to have a graduation party at the end of term and I think this year will be ever more poignant as children who started with us as babies when the nursery first opened will be making this important transition.

Sarah Wheeler, Nursery Manager



Poulshot Celebrates!!

Over the weekend of the 9th/10th/11th of June, Poulshot came out to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday

Fortunately, the weather was on our side.

A big thank you to all those who helped organise a fantastic weekend.





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Lunch and Dinner until October
Lunch from 12 - 2pm & Dinner 6:30 - 9pm*

Please telephone to book as we are very busy

