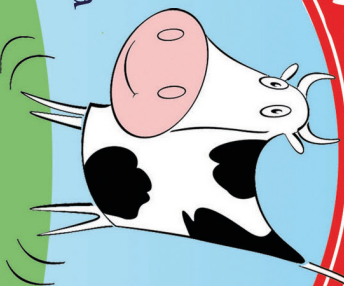


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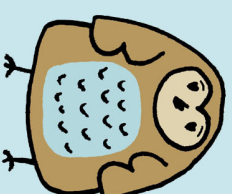
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From the Editor

Welcome to the December edition of PVN.

This month, its Christmas!! Remember to check your favourite magazine first for advertisers who can meet your Christmas needs...your magazine is funded by our kind and supportive advertisers so please mention the PVN if you use them



November was a busy month. Halloween came to the Village Hall on the 30th October, with a very well attended and fun filled Children's party 28 little devils, witches, ghouls and ghosts turned up for 3hrs of fun. Who knew we had so many in the village. In the evening, it was the turn of the adults, check out the pictures in the centre of the magazine

The Bonfire Night in the green gardens was a great success, there have been some improvements to the trees on the green (see photos). and more to come thanks to a local grant for the village pond.

And now to December...Carol Services, lots of Festive Dinners and don't forget the Boxing Day walk to burn it all off.

Elizabeth

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Poulshot's main pond on the Village Green has become choked by aquatic vegetation including, the invasive plant, New Zealand Pygmyweed. The pond has a breeding population of the rare and protected Great Crested Newts.

The Poulshot Village Trust is delighted with the award of a grant from the Melksham Area Board of £997.00, for control of the invasive plants growth and to stop it spreading.

We will be getting welcome help with the actual restoration work from the Village Trust members and community volunteers.

It is envisaged that the project will provide social benefits to the local community and visitors, improve biodiversity and enhance the enjoyment of the whole environment.

Our thanks to Jonathon Seed, Chairman, Melkskam Area Board, for his support of the project.

For further information please contact:

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## *Maureen's Ramblings.....*

Here I am with a blank sheet of paper wondering what to say to the people of Seend, Bulkington and Poulshot this Christmas. Maybe a gentle exhortation to make some time for God in the middle of all the hustle and bustle? Maybe an invitation to come to the wonderful Christmas services that our churches will be holding? Or maybe an encouragement to sing "Happy birthday, dear Jesus, happy birthday to you!" to Jesus on Christmas Day so that he is remembered on his special day? I don't know.....



O yes I do! I shall ask you to reflect on what impressions our children will have about Christmas at the end of Christmas Day this year. As tiredness hits at the end of the day what will they have absorbed about the occasion that celebrates one of the most important events in Christian history, the birth of Jesus Christ into the poverty, pain and woundedness of the world? Will they know a little more about what Christmas and life means when all the presents have been opened? Will they know something of the peace, forgiveness and joy that Jesus came into the world to give, when the excesses of food and drink have worn off and their pent up excitement spills over into tears and arguments? Will they have been helped to think, and maybe say a prayer, for those whose Christmas Day was ruined by homelessness or poverty, warfare or violence? And will they have learned to give something to others who have less than they have? I wonder if they will have learned how to feel thankful and to say thank you and will they know that being loved is more than just about being given things? What will our children have learned? What will we have learned?

You may be surprised to know that I think that Jesus loves the razzmatazz of Christmas, the baubles and the decorations, the enjoyment and the fun. He rejoices to see happiness shining from our eyes and to hear laughter from our lips. He is glad that he has given us Christmas and a reason to celebrate. And in the midst of it he whispers his love to us and says, "Please try and make time for me this Christmas. Give me time so that I can tell you of the love, forgiveness, peace, salvation and hope that I can give you that will last long beyond Christmas day. And if you can't make time this Christmas, I will come again in 2016, 2017, 2018 and throughout history, telling you again and again how much I love you".

*The Revd. Maureen Allchin, the Revd. Jane Knowles  
and all the church family of Seend and Bulkington and Poulshot  
wish you a very happy Christmas and a blessed 2016*



### **Poulshot Ladies Group**

The Ladies Group will meet for a Christmas Meal at the Raven on the 8th. All are welcome, contact Lady Kate or Pam for more information.

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### **Poulshot Farming Club**

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## A Festive Success

St. Peter's Church held a Festive Coffee Morning on Saturday 21 November and, pleasingly, the event was very successful. Thanks to the generosity of Nicky and Kate Hunloke we used The Old Rectory as the venue, and it provided an ideal setting.

The event was well attended, and the spacious and comfortable surroundings made for a pleasant and relaxed occasion. Not only did the guests enjoy their coffee, mince pies and biscuits, they also found much interest in the home made cake stall, the large selection of books at very low prices, and the most attractive gift stall provided by The India Shop. So, although there was a bitterly cold wind outside, it was lovely to be inside in warm surroundings looking out across the garden to bright blue skies and beautiful sunshine.

All in all then, it was a most enjoyable and successful morning, so many thanks to all who attended, to the generous donors of cakes and scones, and especially to Nicky and Kate for allowing us to share their home for the morning.

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**CHURCH SERVICES IN DECEMBER 2015**

*You are welcome to worship at any of the services in any of the churches in the Benefice.  
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**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2015. 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

- 8.00: Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at Seend. *A short and reflective traditional service*
- 9.15: Parish Eucharist\* (Common Worship) at Poulshot. *A modern language communion service.*
- 11.00: Morning Praise at Seend. *A lively service, without communion, for all the family.*
- 6.00: Evening Prayer at Bulkington

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2015**

- 6.00: Benefice Christingle Service at Seend.

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2015. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

- 9.15: Parish Eucharist at Seend
- 11.00: Parish Eucharist\* at Bulkington
- 6.00: Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) at Poulshot. *A gentle, reflective, traditional evening service.*

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2015. The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

- 8.00: Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at Seend
- 10.00: Nativity Service at Seend (dress the children as shepherds or angels)
- 11.00: Parish Eucharist\* at Poulshot
- 6.00: Carol service at Bulkington

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2015.**

- 7.30: Carols by Candlelight at Seend

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December**

- 2.00: Blessing of the Crib at Bulkington
- 6.00: Traditional carol service at Poulshot
- 11.30: Midnight Eucharist at Seend

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2015**

- 9.15: Christmas Communion at Bulkington
- 9.15: Christmas Communion at Poulshot
- 11.00: Christmas Communion at Seend

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> December 2015. The first Sunday of Christmas**

- 10.00: 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.

The Mobile Library will be visiting the car-park of The Well in Bulkington on the 14th December and the 11th January 2016 from 11.05-11.30 at The Well. Please support this.



*There will be a CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING on Saturday, 12th December from 10.30-12.00 at the home of the Diffords (14 Bulkington – the Tudor Cottage). Bring and Buy, Raffle, Christmas Fare, etc. Everyone is welcome.*

**THE BENEFICE TEA, CHAT AND CRAFT SOCIAL GROUP**

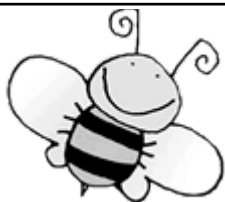
will meet on the Monday, 7th December at  
4 Northfields, Bulkington (Anne Saywell 828931)  
from 2.00 – 4.00 and again on Monday, January 4th tba (Phone Anne Saywell)  
Bring your own craft item or leave it at home and just come and chat!

**The church hosted Bulkington Village Christmas Lunch  
takes place on Wednesday, 2nd December, 2015  
and the New Year lunch on the 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2016 at 12.15 at The Well.  
Contact Jane Coles in advance for the menu (828145). New people are always  
welcome to join us. It is a good social event for the entire village and area.**



**Café Church for Epiphany  
on Sunday 3rd January at 11.00 at Seend**

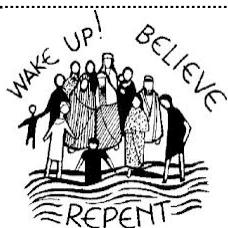
Singing and stories for all the families  
in the villages of Seend, Bulkington and Poulshot.  
Bring your children dressed up as kings or queens if you would like.  
The next Café Church is on March 6th – Mothering Sunday 2016 at Seend.



**Benefice BUZZZZ Group**

**will meet on Wednesday  
6th January 2016 at 7.30  
at 4 Northfields, Bulkington, led by Maureen Allchin**

Make a New Year's resolution to join this group which is for all in Seend, Bulkington and Poulshot. We meet to discuss various issues of Christian thought.  
Everyone is welcome to this informal and pleasant evening.



**THE BENEFICE ADVENT COURSE 2015**

The 2015 Advent course for all the Benefice will be held at  
4 Northfields, Bulkington (SN10 1SE) from 4.00-5.00.  
The programme is as follows and all are welcome:

Wednesday, December 2nd: Psalm 139: The All-Knowing God  
Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>: Psalm 139: The Inescapable God  
Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>: Psalm 139: The Ever Present God  
Each session will end with Compline.

## ACROSS

- 1 Horse and trap for a fairy (6)
- 5 Erect principal feature of a wall (4-4)
- 9 Opener hit runs, returning after disastrous debut (2 ducks) (8)
- 10 One following Parisian woman? – one briefly loved by 24 (6)
- 11 Mobile rang and spoiled start of drama – like Mousetrap (6-6)
- 13 Setter devours books – what a fairy! (4)
- 14 Writer's surrounded by old flames – thereby things can get heated (4,4)
- 17 Outlined short comedy piece to journalist (8)
- 18 Section of Plato is about Greek character (4)
- 20 Pure uranium, untreated with aluminium, goes into meltdown (12)
- 23 The weaver's an ass (6)
- 24 Greek 22 bewitched by 5 (8)
- 25 Characters not of the standard height will remain at base (5,3)
- 26 King gives orders to soldiers retreating north (6)

## DOWN

- 2 Raised wolf for money once (4)
- 3 Toils hard, raising support for educational aid (9)
- 4 In which 2 would be 10 (6)
- 5 Puck heartlessly stealing food is running around like chicken that's headless (5,10)
- 6 Greek 22 who was well heeled? Hardly (8)
- 7 Greetings heard from Scottish town (5)
- 8 Make Holy See contract indefinitely to be unorthodox (10)
- 12 Being watchful, observing through the window (7,3)
- 15 In money matters, a European is doing nothing (9)
- 16 In short, a man and a woman have love for nightingale (8)
- 19 Lieutenant with 23 i-in company (but not in the same company as 23) (6)
- 21 Takin' out member of chivalric order (5)
- 22 Leander's love is a bird with no 23 (4)

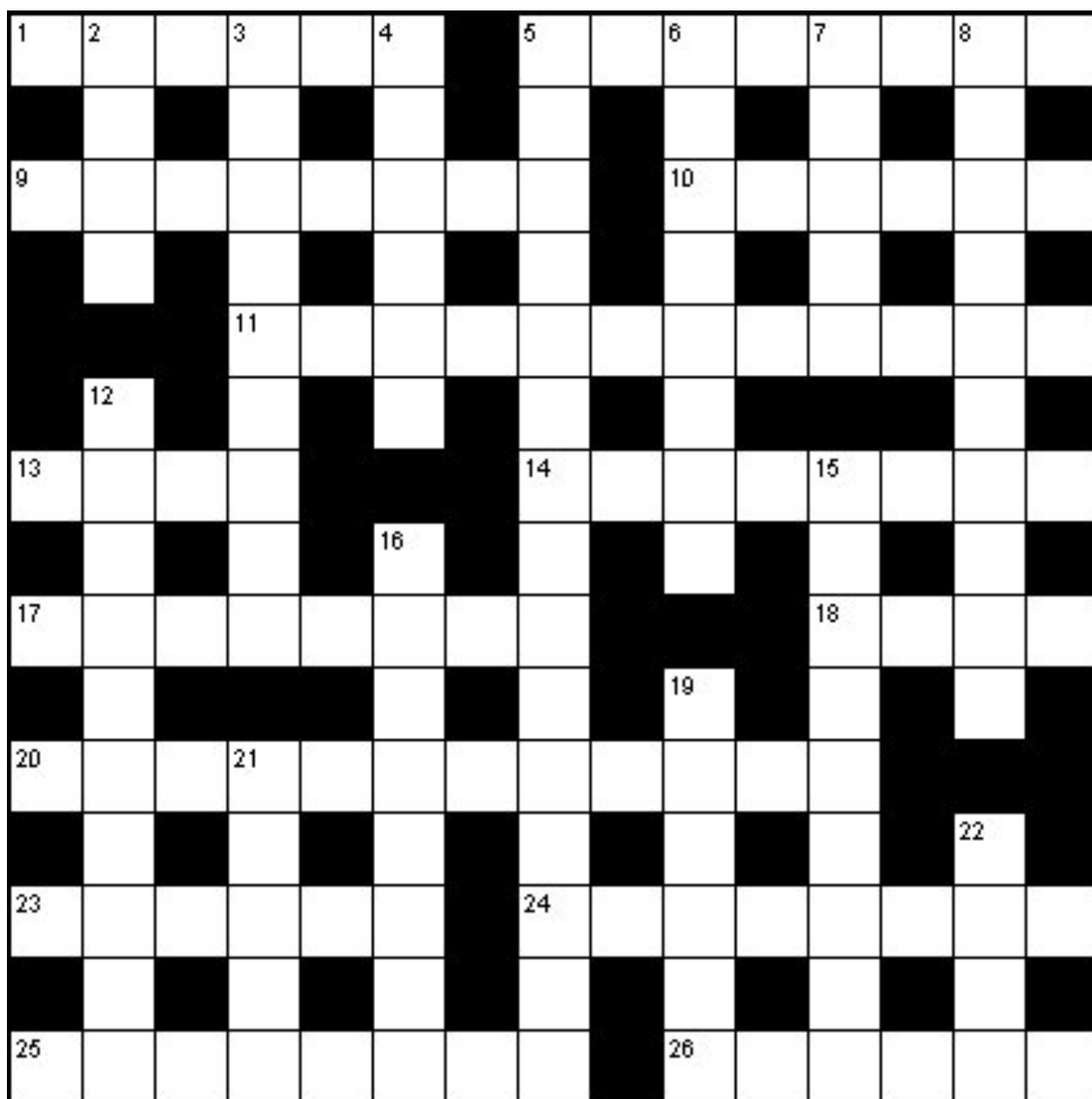


Answers To Last Month's Crossword

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## **A CHRISTMAS PRAYER by Robert Louis Stevenson**

**Loving Father, help us remember the birth of Jesus,  
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Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world.  
Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every  
greeting.**

**Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings,  
and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.  
On this day when we celebrate Christmas with a fine meal and with  
good friends,  
may we always know your love and your presence  
and may we be generous and giving to those who will be hungry and  
sad this Christmas.  
We ask this for Jesus' sake. Amen.**

# **Bonfire Night**

Friday the 6th of November, the Green gardens welcomed another successful bonfire night. The drizzle didn't put off the hardy and a healthy crowd enjoyed the evening. Having raised £230 last year, the wrapped up audience were treated to a few more bangs and flashes than the previous year. There was the yearly tradition of cider, mulled wine, cupcakes and hot dogs. The fire pit gave off a fabulous glow and heat, to which a small crowd took advantage of and stayed in the Green garden until after 10, drinking and chatting. A very sociable evening.



Like previous years all profits and donations go towards next years event. Thank you to all those that supported this evening, a magnificent £255 was raised. Thank you also to all the helpers that evening and also 'Roses' the ironmongers in Devizes, who always give Tim a very good deal on fireworks.

**Look out for next years bonfire night as it will be bigger and better.**

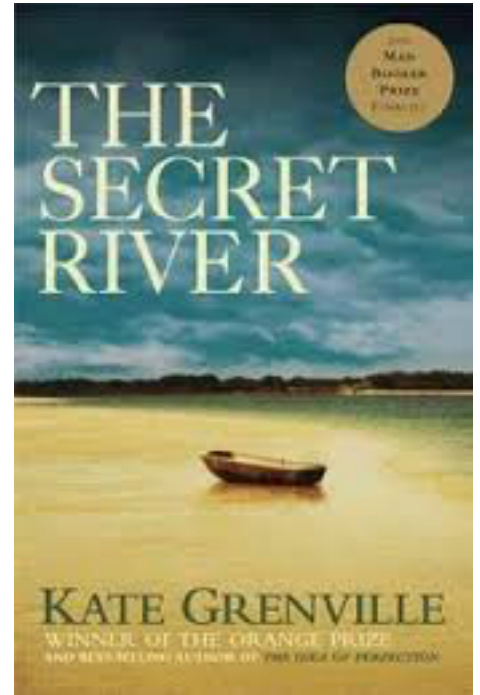
# Poulshot Readers

Everyone that read the The Narrow Road To The Deep North enjoyed it even though its structure took a bit of time to adjust to. The group felt the book was well researched and written.

The next book is The Secret River by Kate Grenville, as chosen by Mr Brian Arnold. We will meet to discuss it and enjoy our Christmas Meal on Thursday 10 Dec at 7.30 in the Raven.

If anyone else wishes to join the group please give me a ring on 828236, Philip.

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# Poulshot Ladies Club

In October the Ladies Club hosted the Ladies from Worton. We decided to have a Beetle Drive as this would ensure people would move round the room and get to mingle.

We had a hilarious evening as lots of people had never played this game before or had forgotten how it worked. All you could hear was "Oh no I need a 6, 5 2 etc. Our ladies stepped up to the plate in a wonderful way with sandwiches, cake biscuits, pate, scones etc. A good time seemed to be had by all who attended.

In November we had a Ghost Walk in Devizes and, despite the blustery weather, and the odd shower 11 of us met John Girvan in Devizes for a very informative, fun and pleasant evening. We visited places I didn't even know existed.

Next it is the Ladies Club Christmas Party at the Raven on the 8th December. You should all have received the menu by now and we hope plenty of you can join us.

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# Pet's Corner

## Meet Patch Collett

On a visit to Bath one Sunday just after Christmas in 2007 where we are taking back trousers that didn't fit an ever expanding waistline we had time to fill. Having lost Meg and Chalky our beloved dogs the previous year Christina suggested we take a trip to the RSPCA at Claverton down. After spending considerable time looking through the pages of the various breeds wanting a new home we couldn't find one we thought would be suitable for us. We were approached by a member of staff who had seen our dilemma and was determined we shouldn't escape without making a decision. She directed us to a building with a stable door which housed a Jack Russell that had been brought in that day. He was jumping and looking over the door and was about 18 months old. We were encouraged to make a further visit and exercise him, she felt sure he would be suitable and after several visits we felt the same.

At the home he had been named Buck but didn't respond to that on any of the walks, we tried calling him various names but with no reaction. Noticing that he had a big patch on his side and prompted by the fact I have just read the book about Harry Patch, the last fighting Tommy, the last survivor of the First World War I shouted "Patch" and he came immediately, every time. So we renamed him.

Patch had been taken in as a stray at a dog pound in Swansea and was not claimed. Initially he appeared friendly, calm and quite subdued and we couldn't believe our luck. However in the following few weeks the leopard changed his spots and he became more vocal and took every opportunity to escape through the front door or the cat-flap on many occasions spending several hours down local foxholes. You could hear him barking underground. Despite shouting words of encouragement and occasional abuse, he totally ignored us. After waiting what seemed like hours we would give up and go home, only for him to arrive later plastered from head to toe in mud. Too cold to house down under the outside tap he was afforded the luxury of a hot soapy bath where he lay back and enjoyed being pampered. On the plus side he loves people, including children but is unpredictable with other dogs. However Shambles became his only true friend who he liked to meet up with. Despite all his faults, he is after all a terrier, we love him to bits.





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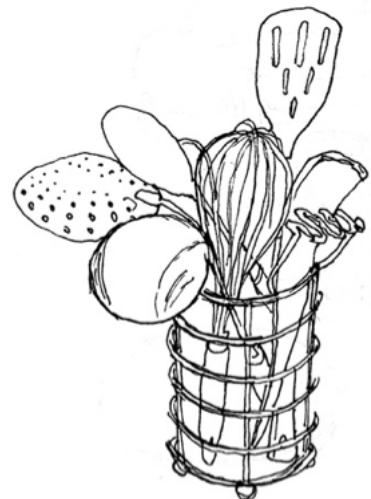
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# Dates For The Diary

|          |      |         |                                                         |
|----------|------|---------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| December | 4th  | 7:30pm  | Numismatic Society Christmas Dinner (Raven)             |
|          | 7th  | 12:15pm | Bulkington Christmas Lunch. The Well.                   |
|          | 7th  | 7:30pm  | Poulshot Farming Club. (AGM and Games) Village Hall     |
|          | 8th  | 7:00pm  | Community Fund Panel Meeting. Village Hall              |
|          |      | 8:00pm  | Ladies Group Christmas Meal (Raven)                     |
|          | 10th | 7:30pm  | Poulshot Readers. Christmas Meal. Raven                 |
|          | 12th | 10:30am | Coffee Morning. 14 Bulkington - The Tudor Cottage       |
|          |      | 7:30pm  | Eddington Arts Advent Concert                           |
|          | 15th | 7.00pm  | Poulshot Over 60s Christmas Meal. Village Hall          |
|          | 20th | 7:00pm  | Christmas Singing And Drinks - The Raven                |
|          | 22nd | 7.00pm  | Carol Singing (Meet at the triangle outside St Peter's) |
|          | 24th | 6:00pm  | Carol Service. St Peter's Church                        |
|          |      | 10:00pm | Karaoke Night -The Raven                                |
|          | 26th | 10:30am | Poulshot Annual Boxing Day Walk. Village Hall           |
|          |      | 12:30pm | Post Walk Drinks At The Raven                           |
|          | 31st | 10:30pm | "Rave-Inn Party" at the Raven                           |
| January  | 5th  | 12:15pm | Bulkington New Year Lunch. The Well.                    |
|          | 24th | 4pm     | Scottish Dancing Practice. Village Hall                 |
|          | 17th | 4pm     | Scottish Dancing Practice. Village Hall                 |
|          | 30th | 7:30pm  | Scottish Dancing / Burns Night. Village Hall            |

If you would like your event included in this list please  
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## Poulshot Carol Service

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Please phone Kate Hunloke 01380 828333

### **WANTED**

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## **Poulshot Parish Council**

Poulshot Parish Council met on the 3rd of November at the Village Hall and discussed the budget in advance of precept setting in the New Year. They also discussed recommendations from the Community Fund panel regarding the grant application requirements and putting the money in a higher interest bearing account.

### **Community Speed Watch**

This group is taking shape in the village, if you would like to assist with raising awareness of the speed limit within your community please contact the clerk.

### **Defibrillator**

The community access defibrillator is located on The Raven pub wall and is ready for use when needed. To provide this assurance we need to check the device daily, and are looking for volunteers within the village to assist with this. If you are interested please contact the clerk.

The next meeting of the Poulshot Parish Council is on the 5th of January at 7.30 in the Village Hall. If you would like to contact the council please email the clerk Liz Read on [poulshotparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:poulshotparishcouncil@gmail.com) or phone 01380 813 294

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## **The Raven Inn Pub Christmas Times**

*Sunday 20th December, Christmas singing & Drinks from 7pm.*

*Monday 21st - Thursday 24th, Lunch 12-2pm & Dinner 6:30 - 9pm.*

*Christmas Eve Karaoke from 10pm ish, come and join the Christmas Singing.*

*Christmas Day, Fully Booked for Lunch, with drinks from 12noon.  
The Pub will be closed in the evening after Christmas Day Lunch.*

*Saturday 26th, Boxing Day Drinks only from 12noon to 2pm.  
The Pub will be closed in the evening after Boxing Day Drinks.*

*Sunday 27th, Pub Open from 12noon for Lunch and closed in the Evening.*

*Monday 28th - Thursday 31st, Lunch 12-2pm & Dinner 6:30 - 9pm.  
Come join the Rave' Inn Party from 10:30pm to see in the New Year.*

*Friday 1st January 2016, Lunch only from 12noon.  
The Pub will be closed in the evening after New Year's Day Lunch.*

*Our Warmest Christmas wishes to you and yours from  
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**TOWNSEND BARN NURSERY**  
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**DEVIZES**

This term has to be our busiest ever at Townsend Barn Nursery! We are very proud that during our Harvest Festival celebrations the children were able to collect and donate an impressive 36kg of food to The Devizes Food Bank. We were very fortunate that St Peters Church warden Joyce Arnold was able to give up some of valuable time and welcome our Barn Owl children to the church. It helped embed their learning about the importance of helping others less fortunate than themselves.



During this term we have also celebrated Remembrance Day, again learning about why we wear poppies and remember others. We feel it is essential that children learn about such an important event and as Manager I am very proud when I can observe children aged between 3 months and 4 years take part in a two minutes silence.

As well as having a fun day raising money for Children in Need 2015 by dressing up and holding a cake sale, we also had a visit from Longleat Safari Park. Fortunately for us they did not bring the requested lions, but did bring an armadillo, bearded red dragon, tortoises, guinea pigs.....and the dreaded tarantulas and snakes. It still amazes me how the children have no fear, just strong exploratory impulses - it is a joy to watch!



We have taken part in National Nursery Rhyme Week and had great fun learning about the changing seasons of winter while playing in our woodland garden. In addition to this each room in the nursery will continue to be led by the children's chosen themes and interests. In the run up to Christmas we will be doing lots of exciting crafts and creations which will be a nice surprise for our parents and carers to take home later in the term. As always we like to keep with tradition and celebrate a very traditional Christmas Nativity, which the children are about to commence rehearsing. We know we are very privileged at having the

opportunity to perform this in St Peters Church with our good friend Revd Maureen's support and we cannot thank everyone enough who enables this to happen. To us we know it is important to not just teach the children about the actual performance, but about the meaning of Christmas.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas from us all at Townsend Barn Nursery and wish you a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

With best wishes,

**Sarah Wheeler**

Nursery Manager / Early Years Teacher



News from your Good Neighbour Co-ordinator

Lise Griffiths...

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Providing older people in our villages with information on sources of help and support, here are some of the issues I have been helping people with over recent months:

- Where to go for help with applying for Attendance Allowance
- How to find a local domiciliary care agency
- Information on help and services locally for people with memory problems and their families
- How to apply for the Carers Emergency Card (giving reassurance if someone depends on you for their care)
- How to get online and access computer training
- Free fire safety checks from Wiltshire Fire and Rescue
- Social activities available locally
- How to get assistance at the station when travelling by rail
- Support for blind and partially sighted people and their carers

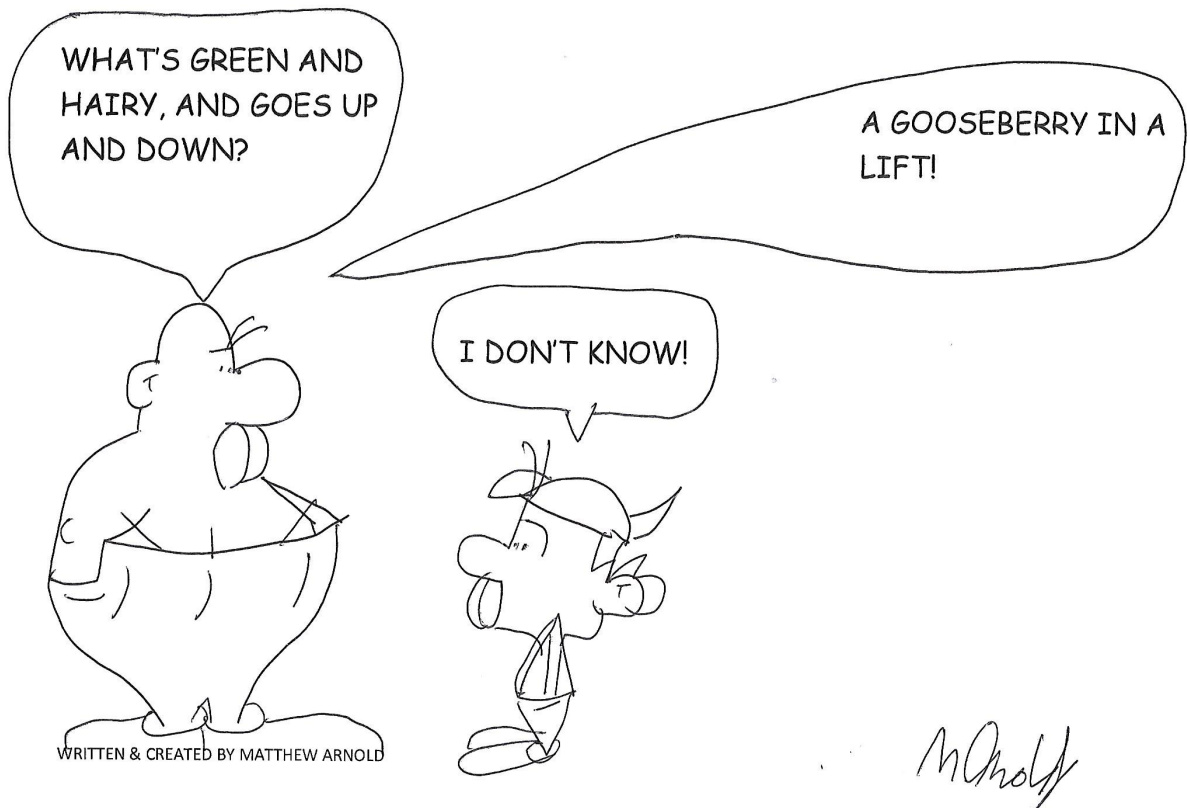
Wiltshire Good Neighbours provides a free, confidential service for the residents of the villages of Wiltshire. We work primarily with older people, and can visit you at home or discuss your needs over the phone.

## November Draw of the 100 Club



1st Prize £25 Chris Sibley  
2nd Prize £15 Ivor Butler  
3rd Prize £10 Pauline Fennell

Congratulations to all three, The Village Hall Committee would like to thank all those many people who have already renewed their membership for the next year. If you have not done so, please do so quickly so you can be included in the big Christmas draw with the special prizes of £100 and two of £50. The Village Hall Committee are most grateful for your support, which makes it financially possible to run the hall for the benefit of all the village



## THE POULSHOT BOXING DAY WALK

Meet at the village hall at 10.30am  
Saturday December 26th

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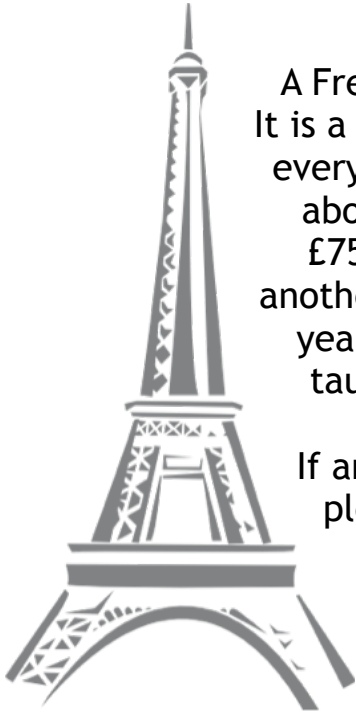
Ending at The Raven around 12.30pm.  
Meet us at the Raven if you don't fancy walking!

Optional £5 donation per person to Walking with the Wounded.  
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Any questions – please call Ray (827010 ) or Giles (827188)

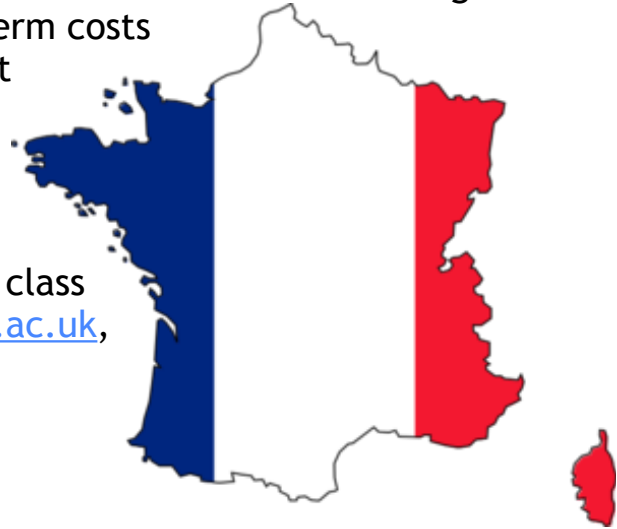


## Leçon Français



A French class runs in the village hall every Monday, 6.30-8 pm. It is a relaxed class that aims to enhance the ability to converse in every day situations (e.g. personal introductions / talking about your hobbies). The 10 week term costs £75.00. If there is sufficient interest another course will be run in the New year. The teacher, Judy Shutt has taught French to adults for many years.

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Please contact any member of the community fund panel, or see the village website for details. <http://www.poulshot.org.uk>

### Panel members

Councillor Tim Nixon, Tim Jalland, MG Brothers, Sandra Jackson, Jon Martin, Jayne McLeod, Malcolm Nixon, Giles Morgan, Gill Coleman, or Councillor Steve Housby  
01380 828464.

Alternatively you could contact a member of the Parish Council.

The next meeting of the panel is December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in our village hall. This will be open to the public and you are very welcome to attend. (Only pre registered applications can be considered).

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## CONGRATULATIONS



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### **Council Members**

Mr Adrian Baber  
Mr Nicholas Hunloke  
Mr Steve Housby  
Mr Tim Coleman  
Mr Ben Hamilton  
Mr Tim Nixon

### **Local Wiltshire Councillor**

Cllr Jonathan Seed (850696)  
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## Village Trust

### **Chairman**

Mr Nicholas Hunloke (828333)

### **Secretary**

Mr Ray Josey (Secretary - 828010)  
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### **Trust Members**

Tim Coleman (Vice-Chair)  
Mr Brian James (Treasurer)  
Mrs Denise Josey (Archivist)

## Village Hall

### **Chairman**

Mr Ray Josey (828010)

### **Bookings**

Elizabeth or Jon Martin (828206)  
email: [bookings@MyPoulshot.com](mailto:bookings@MyPoulshot.com)

## St Peter's Church

### **Priest in Charge**

The Revd. Maureen Allchin (828931)

### **Retired Priest:**

The Revd. Jane Knowles (870325)  
[jane.knowles2@btinternet.com](mailto:jane.knowles2@btinternet.com)

### **Churchwardens**

Mrs Joyce Arnold, Mrs Kate Amery

### **PCC Members**

Mr Nicholas Hunloke (Treasurer)  
Lady Kate Hunloke (Secretary - 828333)  
Mrs Angela Bullen  
Mr Brian Arnold  
Mrs Dankay Cleverly (Deanery Synod)

## Other Village Contacts

### **Farmers Club**

Mr Richard Francis (828232)

### **Poulshot Ladies Club**

Lady Kate Hunloke (828333)  
Pam Gillies (828151)

### **Neighbourhood Watch**

Mr Tim Coleman 827095

### **Devizes and District Link**

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### **Wiltshire Numismatic Society**

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**Indian Lamb Koftas**  
an Indian spiced minced lamb kebab, served with raita and salad

### Mains

**Traditional Roast Turkey**  
stuffing, Pigs in blankets, cranberry sauce and red wine gravy

**Braised Venison**  
local venison, smoked streaky bacon and button mushrooms cooked in a rich red wine sauce

**Haddock Florentine**  
Haddock fillet baked with spinach, cheese sauce and topped with grated cheddar

**Wild Mushroom, Butternut Squash & Spinach Pie**  
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### Puddings

**Christmas Pudding**  
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**Sticky Toffee Pudding**  
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