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From the Editor

Welcome to the November edition of PVN.

In this edition an exciting new recipe from our neighbours at HMP Erlestoke; catch-up with news about our local sports celebs; and meet Cory in Pet's Corner



Take a review of the past month, lots of things happened - Harvest Supper, the Bonfire Radicals stopped by and kept us entertained in the Village Hall, some Bulb planting and more...

up and coming for November is the annual Bonfire Extravaganza in the Green Gardens, a Quiz Night to help raise funds for Georgia Bullen to go to Tanzania, Coffee at The Rectory and Tor will be helping you brush up on your Scottish Country dancing skills.

How many of you managed to complete last month's Crossword? Answers in this month's Crossword along with a new challenge

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Successful Harvest Supper

On Saturday 3 October, the Harvest Supper was held in the Village Hall, and it proved to be an enjoyable and successful evening. The many favourable comments indicated just how much the food was enjoyed. The quality meat supplied by the Farm Shop made lovely casserole with vegetables, served along with splendid jacket potatoes cooked by Tim and Juliette Gravina. This was followed by apple crumble made from local apples,

served with custard or cream (and cream in some cases!). All washed down with a generous supply of wine, beer or soft drinks. After coffee or tea, we were entertained by Sid Bloomfield from Seend with his dialect folk songs and amusing anecdotes, followed, of course, by the raffle with very many prizes generously donated. All in all, a traditional village event to celebrate the gathering of the harvest, which was enjoyed by everyone present.

So, many thanks are due. To those who attended and supported the evening, giving generously to the raffle; to Mike and Dibby for the quality meat; to Tim and his magic hay box which produced the lovely jacket potatoes; and to Angela, Dankay, Janet, Joyce, Kate A. and Kate H. for preparing the delicious casseroles and crumbles; and to Dot who marshalled the troops in the kitchen ensuring that



the food was served hot and quickly. And, one more bonus! By attending, I was spared the agony of watching, live, England being humiliated by Australia in the Rugby World Cup. Having recorded the match, it was a very easy decision to delete rather than to watch later.

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The View From My Window

The View from my window is just glorious at the moment; the sun is shining and the leaves are turning and my lawn is covered in apples (which reminds me to go and pick them up). What a lovely September and October we have enjoyed. Did anyone get up to see the blood red enormous moon?. I did. The sky was very bright and the stars were particularly spectacular , and then it all became a bit eerie , and the eclipse began, which took over an hour, and the moon turned a blood red with a dark patch in the middle. Being realistic I wonder how many of us will live to see another such occasion; I think the date will be 2033.

We are so fortunate. Everywhere signs of plenty; apples, plums ,beans blackberries , harvest festivals, homes to go to and fires to light (or central heating to put on),.... and then I watched a Panorama programme which accompanied refugees from Syria from the sea shores in Greece to the haven of Austria; old people staggering on; young people, and children; children walking and walking and walking; children who were sick; anxious parents; no possessions , just the clothes they stood up in and why? because they are fleeing from terror; from man's inhumanity to man.

Of course our hearts go out to them and of course if a family were to turn up on our doorsteps I'm sure we would take them in, but is it as simple as that? I don't know, but what I do know is that we must not become immune to the tragedy of migrants fleeing; we must not become tired of other people's hardships. We must continue to think and to encourage our politicians to act wisely; to pray not just for the migrants but for our church and secular leaders , so that a solution may be found, and most particularly that the evil that is in the hearts of the traffickers will cease and that the fighting will stop. Where is God in all this? He is there , with the migrants as they flee , whether the Muslim God or and Almighty God (one and the same) . He is alongside giving hope; he is in the hearts of all of us as we respond as generously as we can. He is in the hope for the future.

As our season of remembrance approaches, let us remember those who died that the world may indeed become free. My father fought for a bright future not just for his country but also for his children. Remembrance services are becoming increasingly well attended. As the trauma of world wars fades a bit, teachers are now able to inform accurately the facts of the wars as well as the tragedy. Young people are visiting the cemeteries of Europe and the Normandy beaches as indeed did we in September, and we are all able to reflect, not just on the tragedy but also on the futility of war. Have you ever mused upon what young children may be thinking as they stand in silence for 2 minutes around the cenotaphs up and down the land.? They can't remember. I always tell them that its important to think of those who died, but its more important to think why they died; for our future, and so we must promise to try to make the world a better place.

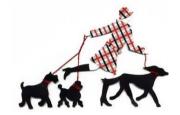
So as we remember the fallen and the refugees from so many wars before, I hope and pray that we can reach out and offer a bright future, to all those whose lives are so dark at the moment.

Poulshot Ladies Group

The Ladies Group will meet for a Ghost Walk with Girvan in Devizes on November 17th and 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

Poulshot Farming Club are a mixed retired social group who cover many subjects. With 35 members at present, they are always looking to increase their members. They next meet at the Village Hall on November 2nd at 7:30pm to enjoy Trug Making

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"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning We will remember them"





Café Church for All Saints Day on Sunday 1st November at 11.15 at Seend

Singing and stories and something with pumpkins for all the families in the villages of Seend, Bulkington and Poulshot.

The next Café Church is on January 3rd 2016 at Seend.

is hoped that many of the young families in Seend, Bulkington and Poulshot will come along to join in the worship and fun

SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE FOR NOVEMBER 2015

You are welcome to any (or all!) of the services in the Benefice

Date	SEEND		BULKINGTON		POULSHOT	
1st All Saints Day	8:00	Holy Comm. (Trad)	06:00	Evening Prayer (Trad)	03:00	Service Of Remembrance for All Saints Day
	11:00	All Saints Cafe Church.				
8 th Rem Sunday	10:45	Remembrance Service	10:50	Remembrance Service	10:50	Remembrance Service
	6:00	Benefice Eucharist				
15 th 2nd Before Advent	8.00	Holy Comm. (Trad)	09:15	Morning Praise For All The Family	11.00	Parish Eucharist (Trad)
	6:00	Evening Prayer				
22 nd Christ The King	11:00	Parish Eucharist (CW)	06:00	Parish Eucharist (CW)	09:15	Matins (Trad)
29 th Advent Sunday	8.00	Holy Comm. (Trad)	06:00	Benefice Candlelit Advent Songs Of Praise		

CW – Common Worship (Modern Language service) Trad. – Traditional; Book of Common Prayer Eucharist - Holy Communion

Every Tuesday at 9.00: a short Benefice service of Matins (Trad.) at Poulshot church Every Thursday at 9.00:Morning Prayer at 4 Northfields, Bulkington.



The Bulkington church hosted Benefice Lunch Club takes place on 4th November at 12.15 at The Well. The numbers are increasing and this is a great Benefice occasion with a good value two course meal for £12.00 a head. Contact Jane Coles in advance for the menu (828145). New people are always welcome to join us

THE BENEFICE TEA, CHAT AND CRAFT SOCIAL GROUP

will meet on the Monday, at The Old Stable, Bulkington (Contact Andi Elliott 828277) from 2.00 - 4.00. Bring your own craft item or leave it at home and just come and chat!

Seend, Bulkington & Poulshot's

Candlelit Advent Songs of Praise

on Sunday, 30th November, 2015 at 6.00 at Christ Church, Bulkington.

A chance to sing all those lovely Advent hymns and begin our journey towards Christmas.



Benefice BUZZZZ Group

will meet on Wednesday 4th November 2015 at 7.30

at 4 Northfields, Bulkington, led by Maureen Allchin

This group, for all in Seend, Bulkington and Poulshot, meets to discuss various issues of Christian thought. At this meeting we will continue looking at some characters in the Old Testament, linking their stories to contemporary thoughts. Everyone is welcome to this informal and pleasant evening.

The Benefice of Seend, Bulkington and Poulshot

A Service of Remembrance for ALL SOULS' DAY

on Sunday, 1st November 2015 at 3.00pm at St. Peter's Church, Poulshot

In this gentle service we will remember those who have died in our Benefice area over the past year, and others who you would like remembered. If you would like to add the name of a loved one to the list of those to be remembered, please contact The Revd. Maureen Allchin (01380 828931)

ACROSS

- 1 He wrote "Call me Ishmael never"? Wrong: not the case (6,8)
- 9 See explosive new version of Ring opera (9)
- 10 Box I put in space before fire (5)
- 11 Mountains in America enclosing river and a lake (5)
- 12 A gorilla requires time to adjust to this beast (9)
- 13 Very preoccupied with ex-pupil's letter to editor (8)
- 15 Finds drugs and nicks a great many (6)
- 17 Oriental woman has no love for young Greek male (6)
- 19 Run a cold shower it's boiling in here! (8)
- 22 Encouraged characters in need to rally after earthquake? (9)
- 23 Scout in South Africa needed underwater breathing apparatus (5)
- 24 Heron found in region round Dartmoor, chiefly (5)
- 25 Awful din is made by cleaner, one states (9)
- 26 Soldiers may take a dip here (9.5)

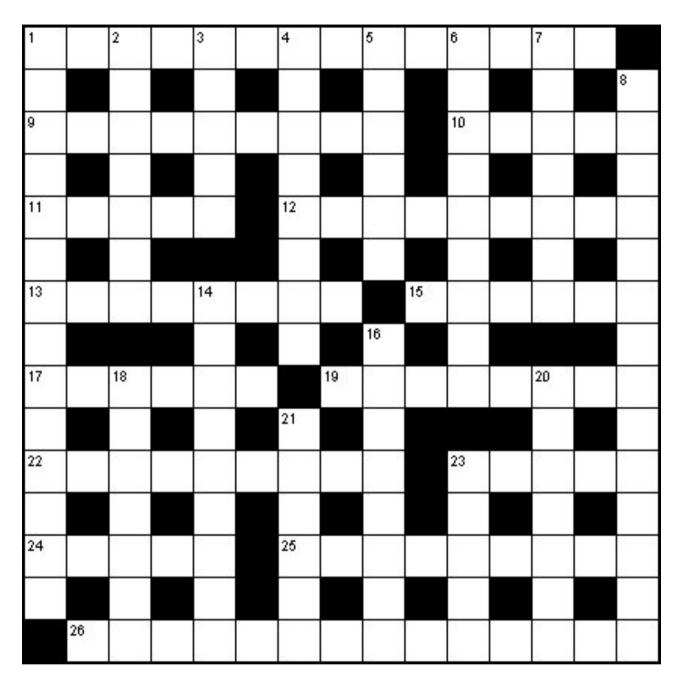
DOWN

- 1 Show self-confidence and keep school principal waiting (4,2,4,4)
- 2 Tries again to run through "Unfinished" (7)
- 3 Old coins belonging to Tolstoy's heroine? (5)
- 4 Woman's weight rising a billion (US) kilos! (8)
- 5 One leaves a man with yen to be unaccompanied (6)
- 6 I left soldier in the pub, being unreasonable (9)
- 7 Boat's pilot perhaps showing hesitation (7)
- 8 Extremely rude stage musical upset ambassador (14)
- 14 To some extent, the matter involves shake-up of art foundations (9)
- 16 Reticules forbidden to ugly old women, according to Spooner (8)
- 18 For him, it's more difficult to keep nothing? (7)
- 20 Soundly regret wounding remark? Nonsense! (7)
- 21 After university pleasant fellow joined children's organisation (6)
- 23 Fast writer (5)





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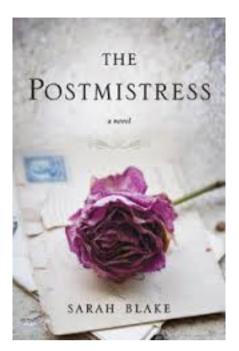
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Poulshot Ladies' Reading Group



Our last discussion on September 23rd started in a rather negative mood while we began our hot chocolate. But then, as "The Husband's Secret" rolled out, we spent a very active hour talking and sharing views. So,not too bad a read if a confusing format.

In November, we jump from Australia to an American writer, although the story which is set during World War 2, travels between small town U.S.A. and London during the blitz.

Our read is "The Postmistress" by Sarah Blake (2010) and described in the Sunday Independent as "Unforgettable, heart-wrenching, captivating."

We will be meeting in the village hall at 7.30p.m. on Wednesday November 18th. Do visit if you are interested.

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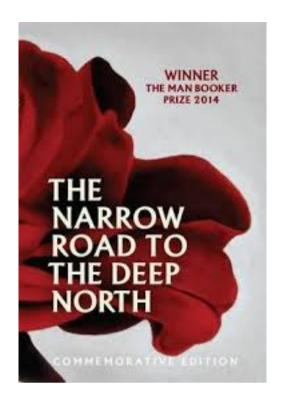
Poulshot Readers

All agreed that the Girl on the Train was a very good read although a number of us found the construct a challenge in the first few chapters. Thanks Jon for that choice.

The next book (the groups 51st!) is The Narrow Road To The Deep North by Richard Flanagan. We will meet to discuss it on Thursday 5 Nov at 7.30.

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

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Wolverhampton in a wire cage in the back yard. It was not a very stimulating life so I was pleased when I was adopted by my "mum" and came to live in Poulshot. After seven years I feel I am Cory Boddington now.

As humans go my mum isn't too bad although we often have divergent opinions. No doubt you have seen us in various parts of the village having serious philosophical debates about which direction to take and why. She always wins though because she employs physical coercion by putting a lead on me if I prove what she calls stubborn, which I

consider an affront to my dignity and contradictory to my belief in freedom of action.

I have an insatiable curiosity and like exploring people's gardens to learn about things. However my mum insists that I come out, which puzzles me because being of an academic temperament herself you would think she would encourage intellectual curiosity in a dog.

I have a sociable nature and enjoy meeting other dogs and their human companions, but if you venture on to my territory I will bark at you ferociously. I don't have any evil intent towards



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but it is a fellow's duty to make a show of defending his territory. After all for the first four years of my life I didn't have any proper territory to defend and it means a lot to me. I know that if I make enough noise my mum will come out and sort the situation. I must confess that I do snap at the vet when he tries to clip my dew claws, which has prompted my mum's nephew Jack, who was strongly influenced by computer games and super-heroes in his youth, to nickname me the Vet Slayer. I rather like it because it makes me sound formidable, heroic and noble but my mum torpedoes that image by telling everyone what an affectionate softie I really am. That's mothers for you!

Get out the pans.....

Asparagus And Spring Onion Tart [Recipe courtesy of HMP Erlestoke]

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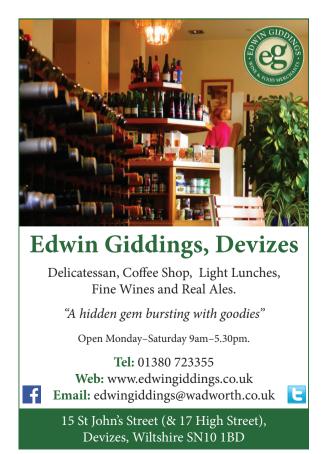
SHORTCRUST PASTRY

200g plain flour ¼ teaspoon fine sea salt 100g unsalted butter 2-3 tablespoons cold water

FILLING

10 spring onions
20g butter
350g asparagus spears
2 large eggs plus 2 yolks (keep whites to glaze)
250ml double cream
100g cheddar
Salt & pepper

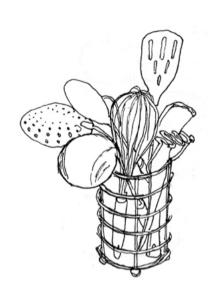




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Method:

SHORTCRUST PASTRY

Place flour, salt & butter (cut into small cubes) into a food blender & blitz until mixture resembles rough breadcrumbs. Tip into a bowl & add water until dough just comes together (if mixture seems to dry a little more water can be added).

Lightly knead dough into a ball, wrap in cling film and chill for at least 30 minutes.

TART

Line a 24cm round tart tin with shortcrust pastry, chill for at least 30 minutes. Blind bake @ 200c for 15-20 minutes, leave to cool slightly then glaze inside of tart case with egg whites.

Blanch & refresh asparagus spears. Sweat off sliced spring onions without colouring using butter.

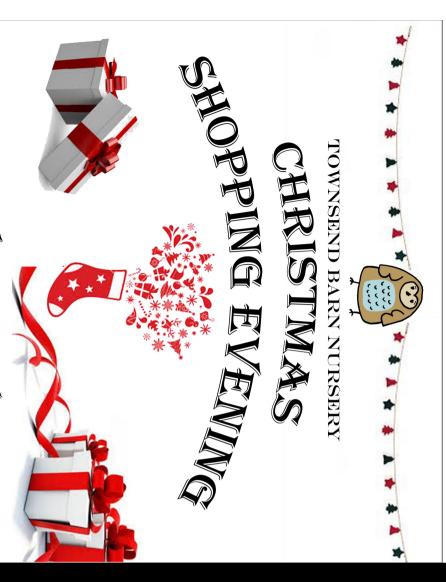
Whisk eggs, egg yolks & cream together add ¾ of the grated cheese. Sprinkle some of the remaining cheese in the bottom of the tart case, add the spring onions & asparagus cover with the cream mixture & top with the remaining grated cheese.

Bake in a pre-heated oven @ 180c for 35-45 minutes.



My wine suggestion to pair with the asparagus and spring onion tart would be the Leyda Reserva sauvignon blanc 2014. This will give a good firm response to the spring onion, full flavoured with a herbal "green" character, leading to a fresh grapefruit finish ensuring the onion does not override the pairing. Available from Edwin Giddings @£8.99.

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Dates For The Diary

November	1st	11:25am	Cafe Church, Seend
	2nd	7:30pm	Poulshot Farming Club. (Trug Making) Village Hall
	3rd	7:30pm	Poulshot Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall
	5th	7:30pm	Poulshot Readers. Raven
	6th	7:00pm	Bonfire Night in the Poulshot Green Gardens
	7th	10:00am	Wardrobe Declutter Sale. Devizes Town Hall
	8th	10:50am	Remembrance Service. Poulshot Church
	12th	7:30pm	Christmas Shopping Evening. Village Hall
	17th	7:30pm	Ladies Group, "Ghost Walk" in Devizes
	18th	7:30pm	Poulshot Ladies' Reading Group. Village Hall
	18th	7:30pm	Numismatic Society (Raven)
	20th	7:30pm	Quiz Night fundraiser (Georgia Bullen) Village Hall
	21 st	10:00am	Jean Perrett Painting Exhibit. Village Hall
	21st	10:00am	Festive Coffee Morning. Old Rectory. Poulshot
	29th	4:00pm	Scottish Dancing Practice Lesson. Village Hall
December	4th	7:30pm	Numismatic Society Christmas Dinner (Raven)
	7th	7:30pm	Poulshot Farming Club. (AGM and Games) Village Hall
	8th	tbc	Ladies Group Christmas Meal (Raven)
	10th	7:30pm	Poulshot Readers. Christmas Meal. Raven
	12th	7:30pm	Eddington Arts Advent Concert
	15th	tbc	Poulshot Over 60s Christmas Meal. Village Hall
January	23rd	7:30pm	Burns Night. Village Hall

If you would like your event included in this list please contact us at news@mypoulshot.com

Places to go - Jane Lark recommends

The trip out I'm recommending this month will take you a little further afield, to Cheddar Gorge and Caves. The caves are just over an hour's journey from Poulshot and whether you have children or not they are well worth a visit.



It is not only the fascinating and beautiful network of caves, enhanced by the clever positioning of coloured mood-lighting that makes the Cheddar Gorge worth visiting, but the history of the caves. People lived in the caves hundreds of years ago but also only a couple of generations ago, and in the 18th and early 19th century caves were fashionable places for dinners to be held. Wealthy people would set up long tables in one of the large caves to impress their friends. They would then dine among the stalactites, with candlelight glistening back from the damp walls of the caves. Then of course for many years the caves have been used for maturing cheddar cheese, so buy some real cave matured cheddar from Cheddar Gorge while you are there.

Slipping back into in my prehistoric theme of last month, the caves, and their history, are still not all that Cheddar has to offer. There is also the Museum of Prehistory, where the skeleton of Cheddar Man can be found. The skeleton of Cheddar Man was found in 1903 in Gough's Cave. He lived 9000 years ago and is the oldest complete skeleton to have been found in Britain. In the museum, along with all the information on Cheddar Man's discovery, are many facts archaeologists have discovered about his way of life, and the the story of man's development and survival. Years ago some research was done to see if any of the children in the local school had matching DNA to Cheddar Man, none of them had, but then the researchers tested the teacher at the school, and, yes, the teacher actually was a descendent of the same family as Cheddar Man.

If you are not a museum person, though, and would rather just enjoy scenery, or take the dog for a nice walk, Cheddar Gorge does not disappoint in this either. There is a fabulous three mile walk along the cliffs with views stretching for miles in places. While one side of the gorge is owned by Lord Bath and commercialised, with many coffee shops, the open caves, and children's entertainment areas, the other side belongs to the National Trust and maintains its natural beauty.

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Getting Ready for Winter – Stay Warm, Stay Healthy

Few of us look forward to the arrival of the winter months, and as we get older our bodies can find it harder to cope with the cold, but by being prepared, we can stay

warm and healthy this winter. Here are a few things to consider, and information about where you can find sources of help.

- If you are over 65 you are entitled to a free flu jab. Flu can develop into pneumonia which can be very serious. GP surgeries hold flu clinics at this time of year, so make sure you have booked in.
- Ideally your living areas should be 18 21 degrees C during the day. Try to heat your bedroom before you go to bed. I have a supply of free room thermometers, so please contact me if you would like one.
- Try to keep moving if you can as this generates heat. Wearing several thin layers of clothing
 helps to keep you warmer than wearing one thick one, and eating at least one hot meal a day
 and having plenty of warm drinks will help keep your body temperature up.
- You can request your pharmacy to deliver your regular medication if you can't get out, or call your local Link scheme who may be able to find a volunteer to collect it for you.
- Even if it's cold, don't give up on staying connected to friends, family and social groups. Getting
 out of the house and socialising helps us to feel happier and healthier. Many groups and
 activities run during the day and if you do not have a means of getting there, the Link may be
 able to help you. If you can't get out, try to stay in touch by phone. I can give you information
 about social groups and activities running in your area.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can provide any more information on getting ready for winter or any other issue affecting older people in our villages. Lise Griffiths 07541 353430 or email melkshamgnc@communityfirst.org.uk.

FESTIVE COFFEE MORNING

In aid of St. Peter's Church
Saturday 21 November, 10.00 am
The Old Rectory, Poulshot

CAKE STALL BOOK STALL

FESTIVE GIFT STALL provided by THE INDIA SHOP

Poulshot Parish Council

The Council did not meet in October, so this is a short update on what has been happening.

The Community Speedwatch scheme in Poulshot is beginning to take shape, with training soon for those registered. If you would like to support the scheme please contact the clerk.

The Solar Park Community Fund money has been received by the Parish Council and recommendations on how it should be managed will be received from the Community Fund Panel and discussed at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

Works to trees on The Green have been approved by Wiltshire Council – the lime trees will have their lower branches removed to ensure that the grass and seats beneath can be maintained easily.

The next meeting of Poulshot Parish Council is on Tuesday the 3rd of November at 7.30 in the village Hall. All are encouraged to attend, the agenda and minutes will be published on the noticeboard opposite The Raven and on the website www.poulshot.org.uk. If you need to contact the Council please email the clerk on poulshotparishcouncil@gmail.com

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Did You Know? Poulshot Village News is also available online at http://www.scribd.com (search for "Poulshot Village News") Send a link to friends, family and ex-residents



Would You Like To See Cricket Once More on Poulshot Green?

As a recent 'blow in' to Poulshot, I have unfortunately missed the feats of cricketing skill and prowess that used to take place on a regular basis on the Green.

However, a baby boom coupled with the fond yearnings of passed cricket glories has resulted in somewhat of a resurgence in interest for the pitch to be re-generated to its former 'glory' for all to use.

The stumbling block being that nobody really wants to take ownership of the re-development and ongoing maintenance. However, I have decided that I

would be very happy to take this on over the next couple of years in the hope that it will bring this great sport back onto the Green on a more frequent basis for all to enjoy on a Summer's day.

I will be popping around all the houses in the village over the next couple of weeks to gauge the appetite to see village cricket brought back to the Green and pending sufficient interest, will progress things to the next stage in the form of a formal proposal to the Parish Council.

Many thanks,

Dec Gaule 07779 303849/Declan.gaule@mfg-group.co.uk No. 27 Poulshot Rd



October Draw of the 100 Club

1st Prize £25 Suzy Quinn
2nd Prize £15 Sarah Broadhurst
3rd Prize £10 Hazel Coleman

Congratulations to all three, and a final reminder to make sure you have paid your annual subscription to ensure you are in the December Draw with the big 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

WHAT DO YOU DO
IF YOU SEE A
SPACEMAN?

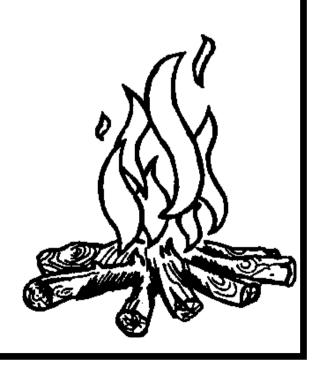
PARK IN IT MAN!

I DON'T KNOW!

Bonfire Night

Friday November 6th at 7pm

In The Poulshot Green Gardens



ERLESTOKE HOUSE FARM SHOP HMP ERLESTOKE

On Thursday October 1 2015 the directors of the Erlestoke House Farm Shop announced that this enterprise is now open for business.

The Governor of HMP Erlestoke, Steve Hodson, gave a few opening words and spoke movingly of the effort and belief necessary to finally see this important project come to fruition.

He thanked all the staff at the prison that have facilitated the produce and furniture that is available to be sold in the shop, also the farm shop volunteers who will promote, market and run the shop. Steve Hodson then asked Lady Sarah Gooch, High Sheriff of Wiltshire to do the honours and cut the tape.

The shop has opened!

All the products on sale are produced by the offenders; the funds raised in the shop will be invested in the further education of offenders, materials required for the production line, plus the opportunity for offenders to gain City & Guilds diplomas in carpentry and culinary skills. All of which contributes to their rehabilitation.

The Head Chef at HMP Erlestoke, has created this month's recipe, incorporating some of the fresh produce available in the Farm Shop, especially for the November edition of Poulshot News!

THE SHOP HOURS: Thursday Friday Saturday 12 - 4.00 p.m.

Reliable Volunteers are needed, with an outgoing friendly personality to assist customers purchasing and ordering goods from the shop. References required.

The shop will be selling:

- Fresh seasonal vegetables, this produce will be harvested daily from the House allotments
- Garden plants and flowers from Erlestoke House Nursery
- Bespoke hand crafted furniture from our workshops, including benches, tables, planters, wishing well, wooden toys, bird tables and many other handmade items. Our workshops will also make furniture to order. Catalogue available
- Free range eggs

From the Erlestoke House 'Guilty Pleasures' Bakery:

A variety of handmade freshly baked cakes. Occasion cakes made to order.

Erlestoke Farm Shop is situated on B3098 between Little Cheverell and Erlestoke

Erlestoke House Farm Shop is a registered Community Interest Company

Leçon Français

A French class will be run in the village hall 6.30-8 pm, starting on the 21Sep. 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 class will run for 10 weeks and finish on

the 30 Nov (2nd November being half term). Cost is £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.

If anyone else would like to join the class please email Judy.

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Poulshot Village Hall

Friday November 20th

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Cash prize

Refreshments available at paying bar

Raffle to win a hamper.

To book your table please call 01380 724440 or 07949 962576

All proceeds go to helping Georgia Bullen fundraise a trip to Tanzania next year, alongside Camps International. Camps International travel out to rural and poor countries with students, to help local people build their lives to a better standard of living. Work includes, building schools, homes and digging foundations as well as working with local people.



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Helping Others at Harvest Time



The happy photograph above shows some of the children from Townsend Nursery after presenting their harvest gifts on the altar of St. Peter's Church, where they were received on behalf of the church by Churchwarden, Joyce Arnold. All the produce was donated by the parents of children at Townsend Nursery for Devizes Food Bank, and they gave most generously. All the food was delivered to the Food Bank, where it weighed in at an impressive 36 kg. (over 75 lb. to most of us).

Coincidentally, in the previous week, St. Peter's Church had also donated 36 kg. of food collected at the Harvest Service on 4 October, another pleasing contribution. Obviously, the people at the Food Bank were delighted to receive both sets of food.

It is a sad fact of life at the moment that, along with so many towns, Devizes has the need to run a Food Bank for those less fortunate than ourselves. It is certainly impressive to see the volunteers receiving the food, storing then sorting it into boxes, and delivering it to those in need. The organisers deserve much praise, and they are always grateful for the food donated.

St. Peter's Church is well regarded for its regular donations, and there is always a box available in the church if you wish to donate. Of course, you can also make donations to the boxes available in the local supermarkets if you prefer.

So, well done children and parents of Townsend Nutsery, and to the congregation of St. Peter's Church.

POULSHOT COMMUNITY FUND COMMUNITY FUND PANEL

The Community Fund panel is seeking a new member to join and help it consider Community Fund applications in order to benefit the long term future of Poulshot.

If you are keen to volunteer for this village transforming opportunity please contact Steve Housby via email at: steve.housby@btinternet.com or call 01380 828464 by 15th November 2015.

Edington Arts

Advent Concert

Saturday 12th December at 7.30pm, Edington Priory Church

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Coffee at The Old Rectory

On behalf of St. Peter's Church, Nicky and Kate Hunloke are pleased to welcome everyone to a Festive Coffee Morning at The Old Rectory from 10.00 am to 12.00 mid-day on

Saturday 21 November. There is no admission charge, only a small charge for coffee/tea and biscuits. In addition to the convivial company in nice

surroundings, there will be a small number of stalls including :-

- COSEE
- Book Stall, with many and varied books at the give away price of 2 for 50p or 5 for £1.
- Cake Stall, with a range of home-made cakes, buns and scones to tempt you.
- Festive Gift Stall, with a wide range of small gifts supplied by The India Shop (of Marlborough and Salisbury).

The India Shop is a Fair Trade organisation importing goods from India for sale in shops or on line. These range from very small items through to furniture (tables, chairs, cupboards, and wardrobes); rugs, carpets and floor tiles; ornaments; clothes and jewellery(mainly for females); and stationery. Obviously, only the small items will be available at the Coffee Morning, but if you are interested in other items, they are holding an Extravaganza Weekend on 28 and 29 November from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm in their warehouse at Honey Street, where you can see the whole range of goods, and purchase at discount prices. If interested, look at their web site (www.newoverseastraders.co.uk).

Sporting heroes in our village

Amelia Bissett aged 12 and Yasmin Kaashoek aged 15 attended the Wiltshire sports awards on $21^{\rm st}$ October at The Atrium , County Hall, Trowbridge. They both received a

sport scholarship grant towards the cost of competing at a high level.

Amelia Bissett

Amelia has been picked this year to represent the GB U12 girls tennis squad in the Nations cup in May and the team won the event beating 3 other nations. She then went onto represent GB in the Summer cup in July. The team



consisting of 3 players chosen out of England, Scotland and Wales won their qualifying group in the Netherlands and then went onto compete in the finals in Corsica in August. Amelia has competed in the Masters and Nationals this year reaching the semi finals in all tournaments. In September she then went onto win the prestigious Babolat cup at Edgbaston. She has just been picked to play France in November and to go to a training camp in La Manga in Spain in December. She trains at TeamBathMcta Academy at the University of Bath every day and combines her school work around her tennis.

Yasmin Kaashoek

Yasmin is a beach volleyball player and is at school in Bournemouth to train and complete her schooling. Yasmin results have included winning a silver at the U18 National finals, placing third in the CEV Continental Cup and coming sixth in the England U17 NEVZA tournament. Yasmin has been selected to compete for GB in the U18 European championships.

The girls were awarded a grant out of 27 applicants only 11 grants were awarded. The evening was tremendous with such incredibly talented athletes and inspiring speakers. Phil de Glanville, Shelley Rudman and James Ketchell gave out the awards and the girls did our village very proud.

BURNS NIGHT Traditional Scottish Supper followed by Scottish Country Dancing

Saturday 23rd January 2015 at 7.30pm

Tickets: £10

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PRACTICE DANCING SESSON (with Tor)

Sunday 29th November 4pm, Village Hall All welcome – with/without partner



A scampering, swaggering, rumbustious crowd, Released from their leads, the doggies abound. Sun warms the lanes as it rises up high, Mist that's been hovering slowly subsides.

Sniffing each other, themselves and the trees, They cock or they squat – territorial wees. Licking the grass, with a wag of the tail, For this garrulous lot fun must prevail.

Paw-prints in the dew, steam fills the air,
A juvenile gang all covered in hair.
"Come on!" An encouraging call from the Boss,
Tongues out, ears pricked, the ball has been tossed.

Yet, business is calling, the challenge has come ... to find a location.

Deposit

A bomb!

Discretion is key, a place which is hidden, But not so remote the device can't be 'stood-in'.

The Boss, as they know, likes to biodegrade, Which appeals to their humour – no dog bags or spade. The fun of the game is to watch and to wait, For others to trip the device which they bait.

Trap set. Hidden in bushes. Boss marched on ahead.

The waiting game.

At last, drooling jowls are rewarded their wait, As a mother and toddler step into the bait. BOOM! Village rocks as she rants, as she thinks, What to do with these wellies that really do stink.

"WHY OH WHY DOES HE LET THEM POO HERE, IN THE LANES WHERE WE WALK FOR THE TREES AND THE DEER?

SUCH AN ARROGANT ATTITUDE, SELFISH AND LAZY, THOSE DOGS AND THEIR OWNER MAKE MY HORMONES GO CRAZY!!"

Three pairs of doggie eyes hidden from sight,
Twinkle with glee, such a treat – a delight.
The Boss, having marched on apace for his walk,
Unaware and uncaring of how that mum squawks.

It's not pleasant to step in dog poo, and it can cause significant health problems.

Please think of others, keep our village clean and pick up or flick off the path.

Thank you.

Anon



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And Finally, in other news...

Some bulb planting in the Green Gardens





And The Bonfire Radicals played Poulshot....a excellent night of folk that rocked the Village Hall.









Shitake Mushrooms & Tiger Prawn Asian Broth a healthy detox soup to balance all of the seasonal excesses

Vanilla Poached Pears

served with chicory, Stilton, caramelised pecans and Balsamic syrup

Smoked Salmon

with celeriac remoulade, Lilliput capers and fresh lemon mayonnaise

Rare Sirloin of Beef Salad

served with rocket, red onion and vine cherry tomatoes, parmigiana and Caesar dressing

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

toppped with a vegetarian suet crust pastry

All of the above dishes are served with roast potatoes and seasonal vegetables

The Infamous Christmas Burger

6oz venison burger topped with Stilton and bacon in a bun with cranberry and roasted red onion relish and lettuce with chips and winter slaw.

Beef Pepperpot

an authentic, spicy Guyanese Christmas dish,
with quite unique in flavour
low cooked beef with Scotch Bonnet chillies, thyme, basil,
cinnamon, cloves and Cassareep (a special flavouring
from Guyana made with cassava), balanced with some
Demerara sugar and served with rice and side salad

Puddings

Christmas Pudding with brandy cream

Black Forest Mousse with vanilla cream and orange shortbread

Sticky Toffee Pudding with toffee sauce and vanilla ice cream

Tropical Eton Mess

pineapple, kiwi, banana, crushed meringue, whipped cream with passion fruit syrup and desiccated coconut

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