



THE POULTON EYE

COMMUNITY - NEWS - INFORMATION



Welcome to the January edition of The Poulton Eye

We hope that you enjoyed the first edition of the Poulton Eye and that you will be pleased to find a new one on the doormat!

It's the time of year when we celebrate new beginnings and look forward to the New Year. We hope that you will find something going on within the village that you feel safe and able to enjoy.

As this newsletter arrives, we will be marking the shortest day of 2021 and turning our thoughts to the New Year, 2022. It promises to be a busy year in Poulton, particularly as the village plans a weekend of celebrations to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June.

This month we would like to give a special mention to all those involved in the Village Hall refurbishment. The Hall is a real asset to the village and the bright, clean and cheerful interior makes it a truly welcoming place to be in, whatever the occasion. It's difficult to think how to decorate a space that is used for everything from wedding receptions to Post Office, from table tennis to boxing, but the team have managed it. They also work hard looking after it and ensuring that it looks its best. Thank you for doing such a great job.

We hope that each one of you will find something to enjoy within these pages. If you don't, please think about contributing something that you would enjoy reading! This is a community newsletter open to contributions, news, views and comments from all in the village **Please send news, views, comments, photographs or adverts from time to time: simply send to: poultoneye@gmail.com. The deadline for articles is the 19th of each month.**

We wish you a very Happy New Year and all good wishes for 2022.

Rosie and Lizzy
Editors – Poulton Eye



DEAR FRIENDS

BY THE REVEREND CANON JOHN SWANTON, VICAR OF POULTON

A New Year can be a good time for new starts, but you won't find me buying gym membership this January – because I know I won't use it!

However, I do use various forms of communication – email and websites, for example. I have decided that it's time for a change – because my email has started to become unreliable; some people tell me they aren't getting my emails; and the Diocesan computer system sends my emails directly to their 'junk mailbox'. *"I've found you in the junk again, John"* – came a message from the Bishop recently!

And I am told – by those who know about these things – that the website builder I have used for the last decade for the church website no longer provides support and will fall over at some point.

So New Year and a new change – of website and email for me! Our new church website is www.ampneychurches.info (I hope you like it) and my new email address for church matters is ampneyrector@gmail.com

Whilst change may be necessary, what doesn't change is the steadfastness of God. His support isn't time limited, but rather eternal; and he doesn't think I'm junk either – but he loves me and you more than we know, and that's eternal too.

Yours as ever - John

Vicar of Poulton

If you need any help or assistance - or just a chat - please do call the Rector 01285 - 851309 or email john@swanton.plus.com

PS If there is someone out there who is competent with websites and could just give me (a Luddite) a hand with a couple of refinements on the website, I'd really appreciate a couple of hours help! Thank you.

PARISH REGISTER

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Mrs Christine Nixon

22nd December

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CHURCH NEWS

Sunday 2 nd January <i>2nd Sunday of Christmas</i>	10am	Parish Communion	Down Ampney
Thursday 6 th January <i>The Feast of The Epiphany</i>	12pm	Holy Communion	Harnhill
Saturday 8 th January	10am	Hedge & tree planting, Down Ampney Churchyard <i>Please come along and help – bring a spade!</i>	Down Ampney
Sunday 9 th January <i>The Baptism of Christ</i>	8am 10am	Holy Communion Parish Communion	Poulton ☺☺ Driffield
Sunday 16 th January <i>2nd Sunday of Epiphany</i>	10am	Parish Communion	Ampney Crucis
Sunday 23 rd January <i>3rd Sunday after Epiphany</i>	10am	Parish Communion	Poulton
Sunday 30 th January <i>4th Sunday after Epiphany</i>	10am	Parish Communion	Ampney St. Peter
Wednesday 2 nd February <i>Candlemas</i>	6pm	Parish Communion	Harnhill

Poulton WI

January birthday meal. Call Elinor 851218 for information. *Arrangements are in hand to suspend the WI in Poulton in March.*

Mothers Union. Call Rosemary Franklin 654282 for information

Wednesday 5 th January	2.30pm	Mothers Union; The Phoenix Gardens – a talk by Meg Blunsom	Watermoor Parish Room, Ampney Crucis
Sunday 30 th January		Admission of New Members	Holy Trinity Church

Ampney Crucis Gardening Club *Ursula Evans 239629; udevans@gmail.com or Joanna Evans 762911; jmeinbxi@gmail.com*

Thursday 20 th January	New Year Luncheon	The Crown Inn, Frampton Mansell
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Ampney Crucis Women's Institute *Call Anne – 652471*

Wednesday 12 th January	12.30pm	Lunch	The Old Rectory, Colesborne
Thursday 27 th January	7pm	Meeting & Art display; Competition – Useless Gadget; Bring & Buy Stall in aid of ACWW	Ampney Crucis Village Hall

Ampney Crucis Rural Cinema *Call Anne – 652471*

Wednesday 26 th January	7.30pm	The Courier starring Benedict Cumberbatch	Ampney Crucis
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JIG Dance & Pilates *Call Jenny on 07713 044702 or email: purplejen11@hotmail.co.uk*

Tuesday evenings	6.30pm	Pilates	Ampney Crucis Village Hall
	7.30pm	Adult Ballet	

Cotswold School of Dance *Call Bonnie on 07763596924 for more information*

Wednesday evenings	7.30pm	Latin & American for Adults	Ampney Crucis Village Hall
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REFLECTIONS

BY NATALIE BAIRD-CLARKE

#gettingshlt done. I saw this expression on a work email this week, underneath a list of a few actions that were in the bag, or soon to be. It's a great expression and it made me smile. Just getting stuff done. Out of the way. Out of your head.

As much as I love the feeling of crossing completed tasks off my to-do list, and the wonderful sense of accomplishment and freedom it brings - I don't seem to be capable of doing many of the things I need to do **now**. Unless, that is, I'm under severe time pressure. I'm not sure how common it is to deliberately wait until the very last minute to do something, simply because it will then just have to be done before time runs out?

I've found though that there's a link between how engaged and passionate I am about the task in hand, and the timescales in which I get on with it. I remember at school; I was very diligent and conscientious so always did my homework – but there was a big difference between the work I was really inspired to do and the stuff I wasn't so interested in. I'd sit on my bed as soon as I got home from school, having been set an English assignment that very day, and write for hours - music on, scribbling away, having the time of my life. By contrast, the night before chemistry homework was due in, I'd sit at the kitchen table in silence, poring over the periodic table, head in hands and feeling the will to live drain out of me.

So, it's been going on for years. I am a massive procrastinator. I am currently procrastinating by writing this article. If I can get away with not doing something until I absolutely must, I absolutely will. And to be honest, it is starting to drive me mad. I will do literally anything to avoid doing the thing I really have to do.

"I know I really need to do that thing. But first, I must just pull those weeds out/check the weather forecast/rearrange some ornaments/look at my old houses on Google earth/bake a cake/do some internet shopping/check the contents of the fridge (again)/find out whether I'm paying too much for electricity/research the odds of winning the lottery."

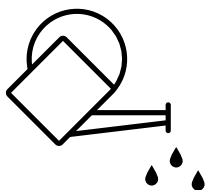
And the list goes on. The problem is annoying me so much, I started to do some research. And the research has shown me something that has stopped me in my tracks. For me, it's not the deadline-based procrastinating that is the problem. Yes, it causes me stress and frustration. But at the end of the day, the deadline approaches, I panic – and I complete the task. I think I can manage this.

But the sad fact is, the real problem lies in those areas where there is no deadline. Have you ever thought about starting your own business? Have you dreamed of travelling to a particular place? Have you wanted to spend more time with friends or family you don't see very often? Have you considered taking up a new hobby? Have you needed to focus on your health? Have you wanted to change your life in some way?

There are things we all want to do in life and haven't, yet. I really don't want to waste any more time. Do you?



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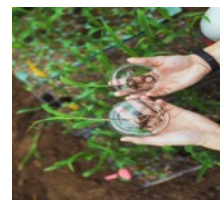
2021 IN THE GARDEN – A REVIEW

BY JACKIE PIGOTT

This month I decided to reflect on how spending time in nature, gardening over the past year, has helped us get through this very challenging time. All the contributions below from gardeners in the village demonstrate the value of these activities to us and the people around us. Thank you for sharing.... *Jackie Pigott*

In March the joy of the magnolia cheered me through that long month. Having shaped it a few years ago it only needs a couple of trims each year, in May and then in November... it always gives pleasure any time of the year. *Judy Harmsworth*

My Dad always had the advice 'never stray from the path and never put out anything tender till the first week of June'. I have, however, strayed somewhat by putting some things out at the end of May (sorry Dad!) Also, he grew sweet peas to show so I always grow some in his memory. He grew hundreds and planted them out, believe it or not, on Boxing Day, and I have never seen such thick stems since. Unfortunately, one year I had to prick out all the seedlings for potting on as he had broken both knees falling out of the apple tree. *Christine Quinn*



Anybody who looks over our gate throughout the Summer will know that nowadays most of the colour comes from the huge number of pots we have amassed over the years that we have lived at 'Springbank'. Pot gardening is easy. First choose your colour scheme either for each area or the whole garden, then work out roughly how many plants you will need. Make sure they are compatible, or you will end up with one plant totally taking over the pot. I use plug plants in April for an 18inch hanging basket. If you count on six plants per basket, at least one should trail, and choose plants of varying heights so that they look good from different angles. When you remove any plants that have overwintered, remove half of the soil and mix it with some new compost or well-rotted compost from your compost heap. You can shred newspapers, soak them, and add to the pot before replanting to help retain moisture. *Ann Randall*

The Courtyard at the Village Hall has undergone a transformation this year. The Village Hall Trustees, championed by Carolyn & Judy, have made the outside space at the hall more appealing, welcoming, and usable. We installed an oak framed gazebo, hurdles to camouflage the sheds and some new planters. It looks lovely, but the most wonderful result is to see it being used by many villagers and locals, be it at The Pantry, BBB, the BBQ or the Village Drinks. *Hillary Antingham*

I like to have some plants in my garden to have a special meaning. For example, 'Pete Brown' is a hydrangea given to me by a retired colleague. Seeing it takes me back to this time and Pete's dry sense of humour. 'Penelope' was a magnificent tree peony that used to be in the front garden. She was dumped unceremoniously and forgotten about when we were doing our building work. This summer I rediscovered her, a mere morsel of what she was, but still alive. We also had a rambling Jasmine growing over a wall that is now demolished. I took six cutting and three somehow managed to survive. They now grow up the barn wall. These don't have a name, perhaps you could suggest one. *Gerry Cordell*

'Strawberries and Cream' hydrangea has given us so much joy this year. Now in its fourth year growing in a tall terracotta pot, it gets bigger and more prolific each year. The large blooms change from white to pink during the summer months and keep their shape into the Autumn. They make a great display indoors too and can be spray painted for Christmas. *Jenny Musitano*

Our fabulous churchyard overlooking England's is surrounded by a fine Cotswold stonewall and is guarded by handsome trees. This year we pollarded the lime trees, renovated the Church porch, and repaired the wall. The churchyard is a joy for us all to treasure where you can find peace and tranquillity. Come and listen to the birdsong, a robin will usually come and check you out! *James Mar*

Snowdrops at Cotswold Farm

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I love my garden, but I am not a natural gardener. I expect my garden to look gorgeous all the year round, but my basic problem is I don't spend enough time out there. This year I planted up new wooden planters with a pair of 'Annabelles', fabulous white floppy hydrangeas which surprised me by growing huge in a very short space of time, always a bonus. One thing I do seem to be able to grow with confidence are olive trees - ours started life on a table at James' son's wedding. They have been re-potted several times, but I think their success is planting them in a sheltered south facing position and a good dose of neglect! Next year I have promised myself to spend more time in my garden at Pound Cottage as I know it won't just be good for the garden it will be good for me! *Ailsa Summers*



Andy and I were very lucky to attend The Yeo Valley Garden, Blagden, Somerset for their open day in September. Our guide Helen had come back late the previous night from their exhibition garden at Chelsea...where they had won 'Gold' and 'The People's Choice'! She gave us a wonderful tour of the site, as well as information about organic gardening, an insight into the 'Chelsea' experience and a presentation on the story of the farm and garden. After lunch, tea and cake we came away very happy with a few goodies from the shop and a booklet of Yeo Valley discount vouchers!!! If you get the chance to go- take it! *Anne Young*

Robin has had fun this year experimenting with growing some new squash out in the vegetable patch in our field. Squash and pumpkins love it out there as the ground is relatively wet, but they are in full sun. They regularly escape the patch and head out into the field, and because they are often quite prickly our resident rabbits don't touch them. 'Honey boat' is a small striped sweet tasting squash just enough for a meal for two. 'Blue Hubbard' is an impressive large blue/grey lumpy bumpy skinned squash, its firm orange flesh is delicious baked or made into soup (I have a freezer full.) Our most extraordinary squash this year is called 'Trombone'. It grows to about 3 feet long, often curved and with a bulge on the end. Fascinating to watch whilst growing but need strong flavours to make them palatable. Next year's seeds are on the way! *Sue Spiller*

What's a rill? We didn't know, but we're having one built. Why? Well, during a nosey around an open garden in the Summer, we saw one, stretched across the vast lawn of a rather grand house. So when we went back to our tiny patch of bare grass, we thought...Could we? Should we? Well, why not, delusions of grandeur aside. So the rill has been dug and all will be revealed in the next edition of the Poulton Eye...We think it looks bRILLiant. *Mike Skaife*

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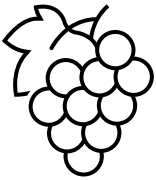
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RAISING A GLASS TO ANOTHER FRUITFUL YEAR IN 2022

BY NATHALIE BARKER

The team at Poulton Hill Vineyard would like to wish you all a Happy New Year for 2022!

The ongoing global pandemic meant that 2021 was another year where we faced similar challenges to those of many of our friends in the food and drink production and hospitality industries – despite the difficulties, though, we had a **wonderfully productive** year.

We released **seven new wines** in 2021: Bulari 2018 sparkling white; Bulari Rosé 2018 (both 75cl bottles and 37.5cl); Poulton Hill Still Rosé 2020; Arlington Red NV; Pinot Noir Rosé 2020; Arlington White 2020; and Phoenix 2020. We also saw the production of our very first wine cans, in association with the online radio station Incapable Staircase.

We were thrilled when this year's **harvest was almost double that of 2020**, with each of our six varietals having a greater yield than last year. Our careful management of the Pinot Noir vines throughout the growing season meant that our second harvest of Pinot Noir grapes increased in tonnage from 0.823 tonnes in 2020 to 1.836 tonnes this year. We are proud of this achievement as Pinot Noir is notoriously difficult to grow due to its thin skin and tight clusters (which make it more susceptible to disease) and its late ripening. We were also very happy to **welcome volunteers to the vineyard to help us with the harvest** again.

We are very excited about our **2021 wines, which will be released later in 2022**. We also hope that 2022 will see the return of our very popular **Tours and Tastings**. These were cancelled for the past two years because of COVID, but we hope to restart in the late Spring. These include a guided walk around the vineyard as we explain the work that goes into the management of the vines before heading back to the Cellar Door for everyone to try the wines and discover their favourites.

You can **find our wines and spirits in many local shops, bars and restaurants** (including Down Ampney Village Shop ☺). If you would like to **visit Poulton Hill Vineyard Cellar Door to buy our wines at special Cellar Door prices**, we reopen after the Christmas break on Tuesday, January 4th, 2022. During the winter we are open from 9am until 4pm, Monday to Friday. If you wish to visit outside of these hours, please call 01285 850257 and we will endeavour to accommodate you.

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CHAMBERLAIN WINES

Hello. My name is **Mark Chamberlain**, and I have lived in Poulton with my family for more than ten years. If we haven't met, you may have seen me walking the dogs around the village!



I am an Independent Wine Merchant. I have almost twenty years' experience in the Wine Trade, including living and working in Saint-Emilion. I have run my own Wine Merchant's business for more than a decade.

I list wines from all over the World, and in a wide range of styles: crisp, dry whites; richer, fuller bodied whites; pale and refreshing Provençal rosés; light, supple reds; full-bodied fruity reds; luscious pudding wines; an array of sparkling wines including some excellent Grower Champagnes; a selection of ports and sherries; classic Clarets, Burgundies, Riojas and Barolos; lots of interesting wines from off the beaten track. In essence, anything that I like and I think represents good quality and good value for its type and origin. I don't list anything I wouldn't drink. And I always try to be amongst the most competitively priced for the wines I list.

I don't have a shop, but I do offer a range of traditional Wine Merchant services – expert advice, naturally; free local home delivery (or I can send wine anywhere in the country using a reliable courier service); glass loan for events; gift boxes. If I don't stock a wine or style you're looking for, I will do my best to find it for you. In short, all you could want from a Wine Merchant, on your doorstep!

As I live in the village, Poulton residents get 10% off the list price of any order.

If you want to see a list of the wines I have currently, join my local email list, or have any other questions, please do get in touch:

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All the best!



BY MARK CHAMBERLAIN

Christmas Wine: à chacun son goût

Perhaps unsurprisingly, as a Wine Merchant, one of the questions I'm most often asked is which wines would be the most suitable for certain occasions or foods. It's a question I enjoy answering, for all sorts of reasons. First, it's a subject that I just find fascinating – I've always loved 'food', I'm an enthusiastic cook, and I relish the convivial aspects of the whole dining experience. I'm by no means unusual. The Wine Trade is stuffed (pun very much intended) with people who gravitated towards it because of an obsession with taste and smell. Secondly, I believe it's one of those areas where I can really 'add value' to the customer experience of buying wine. An excellent reason for visiting an Independent Merchant like me is not having to worry about being faced with serried ranks of indentikit-looking bottles on a supermarket shelf and taking bewildered pot luck as to which one might go best with the new Nigella Lawson recipe you're trying. Thirdly, it's an opportunity, both for me and the consumer, to introduce new wines. That might be because the customer hasn't tried them before, or they're in an unfamiliar style, or from an unfamiliar place. But they might be the perfect match. Naturally, in such instances, open-mindedness and a willingness to experiment often pays dividends.

So what would I recommend for the traditional Christmas Feast?

There are so many possible elements that I'll restrict myself to the main dish and puddings. After all, if you're having Champagnes (or Sparkling Wine from elsewhere), then that's what you're having. Maybe, like we tend to, you'll have some smoked salmon starter, or similar, and, of course, a crisp white would be great – you choose: Chablis, Sancerre, Graves, Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc, Gavi – there's a pretty long list.

If you're having the traditional Turkey or Goose, it's not so much about the Bird itself, for which one might suggest a Pinot Noir of some description, as the fact that the whole production ends up being much richer and heavier than the notion of 'Bird' might imply. That's why something fuller bodied, like a Bordeaux or Tuscan red, is what I'd recommend, especially given they're also quite traditional, and Christmas is *the* time for rolling out Traditions. In recent Christmases I've pleased the family most when I've opted for a Rioja. If you're a resolute White Wine Drinker, then I'd suggest going for something richer and fuller for the same reasons – southern White Burgundy, or similar styles of Chardonnay from elsewhere, richer iterations of Chenin Blanc or Pinot Gris, that kind of thing.

When it comes to puddings, I think Sauternes, as wonderful and iconic as it is, would be a mistake. Unless you happen to have an especially powerful one (I once had a bottle of '97 Château Guiraud that was an extraordinarily rich caramel) Sauternes would be a bit light for a lot of the heavy puddings – Christmas pudding and Christmas Cake are both richly fruited and dense – I think you'd be better off with a sweet sherry (I list an awesome one from Lustau called East India that would be perfect) or Madeira or Rutherglen Muscat.

But here's the thing. Having said all that, my real recommendation for what to drink at Christmas is what you like. What I mean is, if there's a drink you really like, have that. Let's say you really like drinking Provençal rosé, then drink Provençal rosé with Christmas dinner, or Guinness, or Blossom Hill Zinfandel. It doesn't really matter what you're *supposed* to do – drink what you want to drink and Enjoy Yourself!

Merry Christmas!

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NATALIE BARKER (POULTON HILL VINEYARD) & SAM FRYER-WARD

Ingredients

Olive Oil – 2 teaspoons
Fish Stock – 1 litre
Whole milk – 300ml
Sweetcorn – 330g
Chives – a handful, chopped
Double Cream – 2 tablespoons

Leeks – 2, finely sliced
Potatoes – 550g, chopped into small cubes
Lemon – zest of 1 lemon
Bibury Smoked Trout – 250g, skinless, boneless, cut into chunks
White Fish – 250g skinless, boneless, cut into chunks

Method

Heat the oil in a large saucepan and fry the leeks for five minutes until softened. Add the potatoes and cook for a further minute. Pour in the fish stock and lemon zest, cover the pan and simmer for 12 to 15 minutes until the potatoes are tender. Remove half the potatoes and leeks from the stock and set aside.

Transfer the remaining mixture from the pan, along with the milk, into a blender, and blend until it is smooth. Pour the soup back into the pan and add the sweetcorn, the fish and the reserved vegetables. Cover the pan again and gently heat for four minutes or so, until the fish is just cooked through. Be careful not to let the soup boil! Stir in the chives and cream, then season to taste.

Serve with chunky bread and a glass of Poulton Hill Special Reserve White

Did you spot the Poulton Eyes 🐟 in last month's newsletter? There were 9... the December prize goes to Isabella Baird-Clarke who got the right answer... a box of chocolates is on its way to her!

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Cheers to 2022

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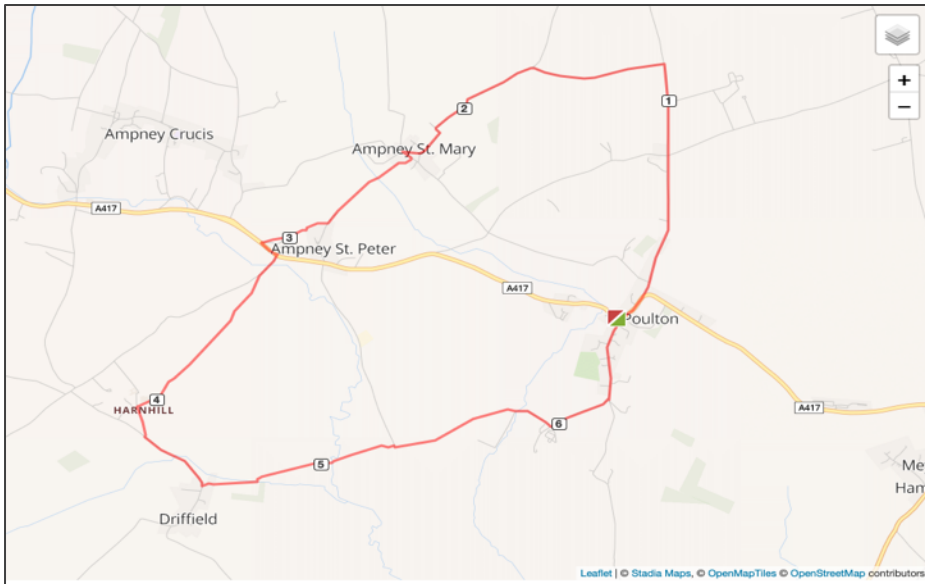




LOCAL WALKS

BY LIZZY ROUGHTON

A good way to walk off the effects of Christmas, this largely level 6.5-mile walk takes in 4 villages and – more importantly - starts and ends at The Falcon!



Leaving The Falcon, turn right along London Road and head down Bell Lane, continuing until you reach the crossroads at Betty's Grave. Cross straight over and continue along the road, passing the Poulton Fields driveway on your right. Keep an eye out for a pathway to your left shortly afterwards – marked by a line of pollarded oak trees (it doesn't look quite this green and sunny now!)



Follow the path straight along the edge of the next few fields until you reach a junction with other paths. Take the left-hand path and head towards Ampney St Mary. The path becomes a road, and you will pass houses on your right as you near the village. When you reach the T-junction, turn left and follow the road round the corner, and on (ignoring a turning to the right) until you reach the next T-junction. At this junction, turn right and you will immediately see a footpath sign on the opposite side of the road, next to the dog poo bin.

Follow the footpath, go through a wooden gate and cross the meadow. Cross the stile and pass through the next gate. Continue straight up with the horse paddock on your right and a stone wall to the left. On reaching the gate at the end of the field (it will be on your left), pass through the it and immediately turn right. 🚶 Follow the path (which becomes a lane) into Ampney St Peter, passing the Church on your left.

STRIDING OUT

The next waypoint to look for is The Old Bakehouse, which will be on your right. Just after this you will see a small footpath on the right, hidden between 2 houses. Climb over the stone and onto the path, which you will follow to the end.



Climb over the stile at the end of the path, into the field and walk diagonally right to the opposite corner. Stick to the hedge on the left as you enter the next field, and you will see a footpath sign and another gate straight ahead. Follow the signed path, skirting the yard on your left until you reach the main road. At the main road turn left and walk on the pavement for a short distance until you see the Harnhill road on the opposite side of the road. Cross the main road and take the Harnill road, crossing the small bridge at Ampney Brook.

Shortly after the bridge, look out for a footpath sign on your left. Follow the path off the road and up the side of the field. In the corner of this first field, you enter the next field and continue straight ahead, across this one and a further 2 further fields., keeping straight and parallel with the Harnill road on your right. You will see farm buildings and a yard ahead as you cross the 4th, and final, field.

Keeping the farm buildings on your right, head down the lane, passing the Harnhill Centre on your right and the Rural Innovation Centre on your left. On reaching the road, turn left.

Following the road into Driffield you will find the church straight in front of you. Leave the road as it curves right at the church, turning left and then shortly afterwards right when you reach a tall stone wall. A footpath sign directs you into a field ahead. Follow the well-marked path and cross the footbridge. You are now on the path, which will take you back to Poulton.

Continue along this path, passing the ford, until you reach Charlham Farmhouse on your left. Turn left onto Charlham Lane for a short distance, until you reach a wide gateway and footpath sign on your right. Follow the footpath until you reach a junction of tracks. Depending on how wet the fields are, you can either follow the footpath across the fields directly in front of you, or stick to the footpath, turning right at the junction and following it around until you reach the Priory Business Centre, Gilbertine Café, boot (and dog?) washing station.

Turn left onto the lane and head into the village towards The Falcon and the start of the route.

I hope that you enjoy your walk!

Interested in having piano lessons on a Monday morning in your own home?

I have a brilliant piano teacher who comes to me on a Monday morning from Oxford. He was also teaching someone who has now moved away from the area so is looking for two more pupils around Poulton to make it worth his while. We have one new recruit but need a second-so if you are interested please get in touch. Dominic.arkwright@bfinternet.com



WHAT'S ON AND WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON AT THE VILLAGE HALL

BY HILARY ANTINGHAM

Thank You...

To everyone who supported the Christmas Fair on 4th December, be it by coming on the day, donating a bottle, making a cake, running a stall or helping to clear up. Or, for some people, perhaps, all of these things!

The amount raised towards the running costs of the hall was £754, which is quite something. Whilst raising funds is important, we always aim to host events that are enjoyed by the village and local community, so we hope that you enjoyed it as much as we did.

Thank you especially to the stall holders for supporting the event, it wouldn't happen without you!

Village Drinks



By the time you read this, we will have held the Village Drinks Evening on Saturday 18th, which was altered to be outdoors - held in the courtyard of the hall, to be as risk free as possible. We hope all who came had an enjoyable time.

The Christmas Raffle was drawn during the evening with the lucky winners of the two hampers being John Patterson and Sandra Smith. Congratulations and thank you to everyone who bought tickets, £388 was raised towards Hall funds.

Booking the Village Hall

If ever you would like to book the Village Hall, please contact Kristina at kjclapton@gmail.com

The Village Hall
Trustees wish everyone
a Happy Christmas and
we look forward to
seeing you in 2022



JANUARY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SATURDAY 8th JANUARY 2022 – BOOKS, BICCIES & BEVERAGES

With Special Addition of - HOT CHOCOLATE BAR !!

PLEASE NOTE THE DATE – as it is not on the usual first Saturday of the month – just for January though

10.30am to 12.30pm

Come and enjoy a chat with friends and perhaps choose a book or two from the donated library...or bring a book that you have finished with. (*good condition ones only please!*)

REGULAR EVENTS – JANUARY 2022

1st & 3rd Tuesdays of each month – Poulton One & Nines – Cinema comes to the Village Hall

Contact poultononeandnines@gmail.com to join the mailing list and hear about upcoming films each month

Doors open 7.30pm for 8pm film.

Dates this month will be Tuesday 4th and Tuesday 18th January,

Every Tuesday– 1.30 to 3.30 pm – Post Office & Pantry – tea & coffee and homemade cake available, alongside the post office, run by Matthew each week.





BOXING FOR FITNESS AT THE VILLAGE HALL

BY KRISTINA CLAPTON

Why not start the New Year "Fighting Fit" with a new Boxing for Fitness class at Poulton Village Hall Thursdays 7.30pm?

I joined the first session unsure of what to expect, but keen to support a new class in the village. Before I arrived, I was nervous of feeling out of place and not having an idea of what to expect, but instead I felt very welcome and have since returned to continue learning some boxing skills.

We start with a quick warm up, then "don" a pair of boxing gloves (provided) for a basic routine of jabs and cross punches. This may sound simple, but as you get faster and mix up sequences, the harder it gets, and that's when you start to feel the effects of the cardio workout. Last week we added a punch known as a "hook" and we are looking forward to adding an "uppercut" to our repertoire.

The class is still new and we're all very much learners. It's a great workout! As our skill and confidence grows I know the work out will intensify; currently I confess I'm a little slow, need lots of reminders and I frequently end up in giggles either because I've gone wrong - or perhaps it's just because I'm having fun. There is lots of shared laughter along with a shared determination to give it go and get it right!

If you fancy giving it a go too, you can book your space by contacting Dave C via text/phone or whatsapp: 07709177043

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FROM YOUR COUNCILLOR – LISA SPIVEY

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR – COTSWOLD DISTRICT COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCILLOR – GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Hello and Season's Greetings! I hope this finds you and your loved ones safe and well this festive season.

I was delighted to be asked to write a small “column” in the new Poulton Eye and wanted to start by introducing myself and the roles I occupy as **your representative at local government level**. Going forward, I will also try to update you with things that are going on locally and the issues that I am working on to bring about positive change for you and the Poulton community.

So, firstly, I am half Scottish, half Croatian. I was born and brought up in Scotland, studied Law with languages (French and Italian) at Glasgow University, and lived in both France and Italy before moving to London where I met my husband, Adam who grew up where we now live in Preston. We moved here in 2016 with our 2 children.

I never became a lawyer, finding myself in advertising film production in Milan and then London. Having always been a “kitchen table” politician, I decided to stand for election in 2019 for the District Council and then this year for the County Council. With the **Parish Council**, these bodies make up the 3 tiers of local government and deal with lots of the day-to-day functions which local government manages.

The **District Council** does many, many things, but the ones you will mostly see (and contact me about) are planning, housing and waste collection.

The **County Council** deals with infrastructure – they are responsible for highways, transport and flooding as well as schools, adult social care, children’s services and economic growth.

In many areas, residents will have a different person as their district councillor and their county councillor, but I am both. This makes me a one-stop shop for you in Poulton! Whatever your issue or concern, please do get in touch (my contact details are below).

My **current focus** as your councillor is on:

1. Providing better broadband services for you in Poulton
2. Tackling speeding – working closely with the Poulton Parish Council (see the Parish Council report for more details)
3. Ensuring that your views are represented and have a real impact on decisions relating to Poulton planning matters

Coming up in January, I will be attending:

1. Cotswold District Council (CDC) Cabinet meeting – 10th January 2022 6pm
2. CDC Full Council 19th January 2022 – 2pm
3. Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) Cabinet meeting – 26th January 2022 – 10am
4. GCC Full Council – 16th February 2022 – 10am

January will also see the launch of the consultation on the **Local Plan Partial Update**. This update is being carried out to ensure the Local Plan is “Green to the core” as the current adopted plan does not have policies which will enable us to tackle the Climate Emergency declared by the council in July 2019. It’s a lot of reading, but very well written and asks very important questions on how we want to reduce our carbon emissions and play our part in a greener future. This is particularly relevant as we look to the future New Year ahead...

Merry Christmas to all.

Lisa

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YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCILLORS' REPORT

REPORT OF DECEMBER MEETING

The Parish Council, your Parish Council, held a meeting on the 13th of December in the Village Hall with 2 Members of the Public attending alongside elected Councillors, Clerk and the District/County Councillor, Lisa Spivey.

The Council had received the earlier than expected resignation on 1/12/21 of Vice-Chair Phil Heneghan. Many thanks are owed to Phil who has tirelessly served the Parish Council for many years. Ed Hyslop was unanimously elected as Vice-Chair. Andy Young has already indicated he will also be stepping down at the end of the Council year in Spring 2022. Therefore, anyone interested in volunteering to help our village and community please have a chat with any of us Councillors or the Clerk by 1st January 2022. It is a worthwhile and rewarding role...and fun!! Individuals with specific skill sets can also be co-opted onto the Council, so please let us know if you have relevant special knowledge of, or interest in, a particular issue, and would like to get involved.

The meeting went through our standard Agenda. Specific reports on District/County Council issues, Traffic and Speeding, Playground, Dog Poo and Defibrillator appear elsewhere in this newsletter. Other items discussed were:

The Parish Council have been informed that there is a good chance any future local Council Elections must be paid for by the Parish Council – at a cost of £2,500! While these don't happen very often – once in the last 17 years – it would be prudent for the Parish Council to keep and set aside this money just in case it's needed. Therefore, the annual Precept (parish council tax, which is part of your Council Tax) will be raised next year. It is the first increase in the last 5 years. Although %-wise it will be a 20% rise from £8k to £10k, in actual terms it will mean a relatively small increase for each household when spread across all village residents, except those whose housing falls in one of the lower Council Tax bands, who will not be affected. Any surplus funds raised will go into the Playground and Cemetery Account. I will write more about the Precept and how the Parish Council is funded and manages its (your) money next month.

It was agreed that once Covid allows it would be a good idea for the Poulton residents to attend a Village Meeting to discuss important current subjects such as Cemetery space and Speeding/Traffic. We need to hear your thoughts!

The Playground equipment is beginning to age and will over the next few years need to be replaced. The PCC is putting funds to one side to pay for new equipment and/or renovation. A work-party will shortly be put together to dismantle and dispose of the condemned Twin Towers. The PC will also be looking to tap in to specific local Government funding targeted on children and physical activity.

Anyone interested in being a local Flood Warden?? If so, contact Heather Harris on 01285 850923.

The next meeting is on Monday 14th March @ the earlier start-time of 7pm

TRAFFIC/SPEEDING UPDATE

Poulton Speeding Meeting with Deputy Police & Crime Commissioner & Others

On 17th November a meeting was held to discuss villagers' concerns about speeding. Representatives of Gloucestershire Police and the Highways Agency attended in person: Nick Evans (Deputy Police & Crime Commissioner for Gloucestershire) David Collicott (Gloucestershire Police Speed Enforcement Team), Richard Gray (Highways Agency). Representing the village were Ed Hyslop & Simon Collier-Bristow from Poulton Parish Council, along with Chris Davies and Mark Chamberlain. Lisa Spivey also came along, representing the CDC and CC. Many thanks to Chris Davies for organising and hosting the meeting.

The visit included the group walking all the way through the village the A417 to observe the traffic and speeding issues firsthand (quite an eye-opener for our visitors!), followed by a detailed discussion of the issues and potential actions.

We are now holding follow-up discussions to **ensure that the police are committed to action**. Nick Evans reconfirmed that this issue is a priority for the Police & Crime Commissioner and himself, so we will use this as political leverage to keep the pressure on.



Community Speedwatch and Speed Survey in Village – CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

Gloucestershire Police have confirmed our registration to the Speedwatch Initiative and will be holding a training workshop for our volunteer team.

We are looking to recruit a team of up to 24 volunteers. Volunteers will work on a rota basis in teams of 3 people for short, 30-minute shifts. Please contact ed.hyslop@gmail.com to register your interest and/or to find out more details.

Once we are trained and set up, the Police will be able to act on speeding data that we collect and send them. They will send warning notices to persistent offenders, may send more in-person police speed traps and will consider installing an official static speed camera.

Furthermore, it is hoped that the presence of people in high-viz vests pointing speed guns at motorists will have its own deterrent effect.

VILLAGE SERVICES AND FACILITIES



Defibrillator

The Defibrillator has been installed. It is located next to the playground on the wall of the Village Hall.

The lock code is C159X. Please store the number in your phone or keep it somewhere safe.

Playground Equipment – Update on The Twin Tower

We have now been advised that repairing the Twin Tower is not recommended and would be a false economy in the long term. We will be organising arrangements to dismantle and remove the equipment but we would like any useful pieces to be recycled wherever possible and are keen to use local labour or companies where possible.

If you can help in any way, please contact us. We would also still like to hear from anyone interested in joining a working party to investigate funding and replacing it. There are some funding initiatives available to apply for through the district and county councils. If you can help, please contact poultonclerk@gmail.com. Thank you.



The Village Notice Board and Information Board

In addition to the Poulton Eye, Facebook and WhatsApp group, look out for information on what's going on in Poulton posted on the various notice boards in the Village. If you want to display something on the Village Notice Board (next to the playground and Information board) contact poultonclerk@gmail.com.

If you haven't seen our new Information Board, have a look next time you are passing.

Christmas and New Year collections 2021/22 (Provided by Cotswold District Council)

There is no change to waste, recycling, food waste and garden waste collections over the Christmas and New Year period. Crews will be out collecting Monday to Friday as normal, including on the three bank holidays (Monday 27 December, Tuesday 28 December and Monday 3 January).

Christmas tree collection

Crews will collect Christmas trees from the kerbside for households that have a current garden waste licence. Trees must be presented on the scheduled garden waste collection day, reduced to 2-3ft sections and presented inside the green wheeled bin. Trees left outside the bin will not be taken. 🗑️

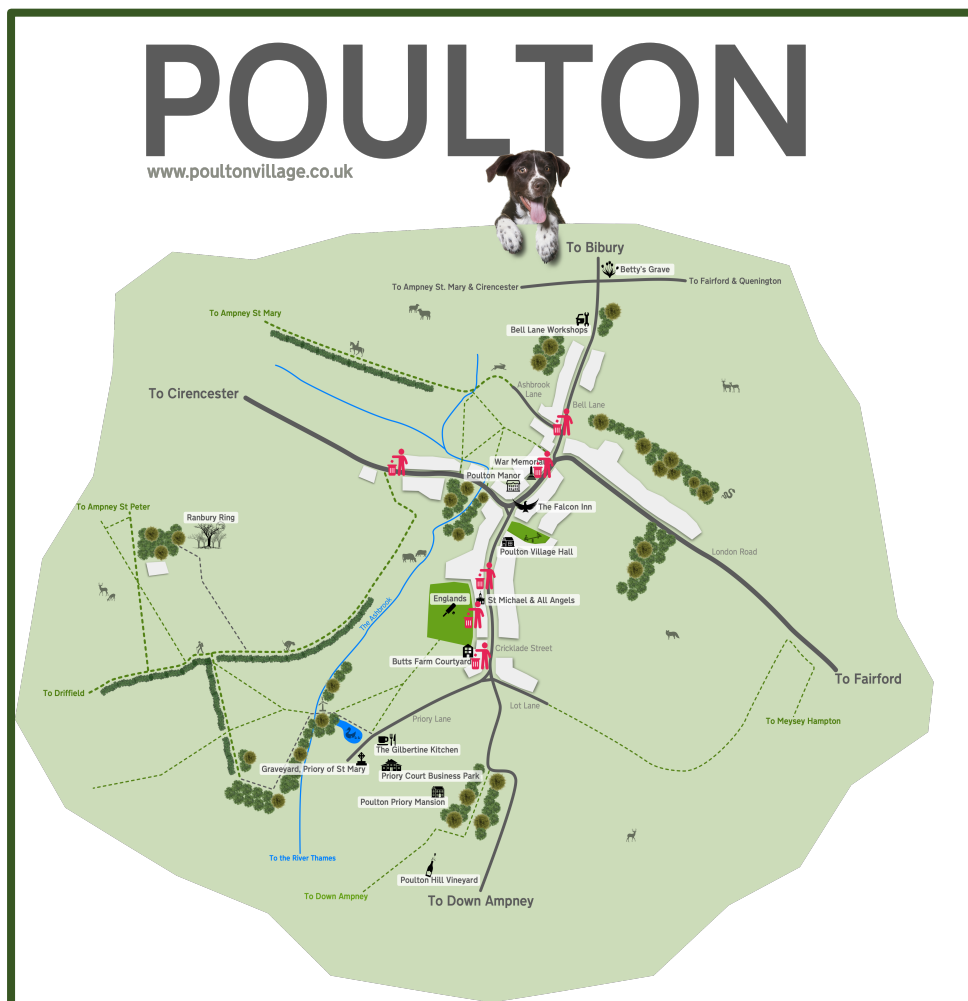
Up until Friday 21 January 2022, all households in the district can take their Christmas trees to the following three locations and dispose of them for free:

- Dobbies Garden Centre, Cirencester, GL7 6EU
- Batsford Garden Centre, Batsford, GL56 9QB
- Hillier Garden Centre, Lechlade, GL7 3DP

Waste Bins and Dog Poo Bins

Neil Ashley, who designed the Poulton map for our Information board has kindly reproduced the map indicating where the waste bins and dog poo bins are. The map should be included in the month's edition of Poulton Eye. Don't forget you can dispose of dog poo in normal waste bins if it is bagged correctly.

If you have visitors to the Village with dogs, and particularly if you rent out accommodation, please copy the map and share it with your guests so that they can plan their walks accordingly.



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AND FINALLY... A NICE NOTE ON WHICH TO END THE YEAR...

In August a Ubico (rubbish) lorry had accidentally reversed into the Churchyard wall. Instead of hoping no-one had noticed and making a hasty exit, the driver stopped, wrote a note explaining what had happened and giving his contact details on a piece of paper. He stuck the note in the church door, but after he had left, it blew away...

Fast forward to October and a discussion about the churchyard at the PCC (Parochial Church Council) meeting. The subject of what looked like recent damage to the wall came up. There was an obvious crack, stones had begun to slip, and a large repair bill was expected.

A few days later the PCC were contacted by the Diocesan (Bishop's) office in Gloucester who reported that Ubico had contacted them. Their driver had damaged the wall in August and left details on the Church door, but the Company had heard nothing from the village. They wanted to know what they needed to do to make sure that the wall was mended.

The mystery of what had happened was solved, and last week the wall was finally repaired courtesy of Ubico's insurers and a local walling firm.

It just goes to show that, despite what we read or hear on the news, there are decent people out there! Thank you to the honest driver, and to Ubico for following up.

NEWS FROM ENGLANDS


POULTON PLAYING FIELD AND ALLOTMENT CHARITY (PFAC) TRUSTEES

Last month we promised to give you an update on progress and plans for the “new” Englands meadow, which lies just beyond the Englands Playing Field.

The meadow has now been cut and flailed. What a difference it has made! It has completely opened up the view out and across the water meadow and beyond. The land will now be left for a few months as we wait to see what comes up; we are hoping to see green grass taking hold come the spring.

In April 2021 we took delivery of 420 saplings (enough to plant an area the size of one football pitch!) from the Woodland Trust. We have a mix of hazel, crab apple, downy birch, hawthorn and goat willow - all hardy native species that can tolerate an exposed site.

At the time of delivery, the meadow ground was too dry and hard to plant out the saplings, so a group of volunteers spent a happy few hours placing them in a temporary nursery in the allotment patch on Englands.

The same team have done a  **tree mendous** job throughout the year continuing to look after the young trees with regular watering and weeding sessions.

The trees will be planted out in the meadow in 2022. Once established, they will provide shelter for wildlife and will create a living legacy for future generations.

In creating this new landscape Poulton is contributing to both the *Queen’s Green Canopy*, marking the Platinum Jubilee, and the *Big Climate Fightback*, a UK-wide initiative to help combat the climate crisis.



The meadow

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after →

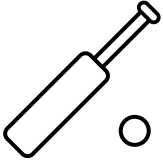


** You are encouraged to enjoy the newly opened up meadow but we do ask, as the football season is only part-way through, and on occasion footballs fly over the goalposts and onto the meadow, that in order to keep both our football players and other meadow users safe all dog walkers please do continue to clear up after your four-legged friends – thank you!

Getting in touch:

We would love to hear from you so if you would like more information about PFAC and it’s work, to get involved in shaping Englands for the village in the future, join the waiting list for an allotment or plan an event at the pavilion please email:

pfactrustees@gmail.com



CRICKET CLUB – EXCITING NEWS AND DEVELOPMENTS FOR 2022

BY WILL BATHURST

Even in the depths of December, the cricket club is working through its admin advent calendar of “To Do’s for the 2022 Season, mindful that sadly COVID-19 appears not to be as far behind us as we had hoped. We hope that all of you stay healthy this winter and that you get to spend time with family and friends over the festive season.

Winter gives us a chance to regroup and plan for next year. Next month we hope to formally announce our new partnership with a fantastic charity, whose logo we will carry on our new shirts and whose cause we will promote. Our AGM has taken place and we have a new elected committee, captaincy team and 14-strong volunteer group to take the club forward. As a registered charity, our goal is to provide affordable cricket to as many members of the village and local area as possible. We have several youth players in the Gloucestershire set-up and as a focus club for the county we work very closely with them to grow our local talent.

From the Poulton benefice alone during the 2021 season, we offered cricket of all levels to 35 youth and 16 senior players which includes four ladies. This means that for the fifth year in a row, the proportion of our membership drawn from the local area grew. Many of these were trying the game for the first time. While this is an impressive number, the reality is that with club operating costs of £17-20k annually and pavilion overheads at Englands of £4-6k annually, we need to have a larger playing base so that we can secure England and Wales Cricket funding and, ultimately, to survive. We are on a development curve to capitalise on the growth in the women and girl’s game and compete to attract playing members of all standards into the club. It is a sad reality of modern cricket that the days of small village clubs are over. Many wonderful local clubs like Ampney Crucis and South Hill (Meysey Hampton) have already buckled under financial pressure and administrative burdens while many others have withdrawn from leagues.

One example of the cost of running the Club is that to train as a qualified Level 2 Cricket coach involves a 14 module £300 course spread over four full training days PLUS online training AND a first aid course. Coaching is a huge commitment especially in terms of the paperwork required and in time spent, so sadly the turnover of coaches is high. We aim to have six level 2 Core Coaches for the 2022 season, focussed on providing the best coaching to our teams. Training these six Core Coaches annually takes up over 25% of our membership income, over and above which we also need Level 1 and support coaches.

Our other main cost is maintenance of Englands and the Pavilion. All bar income from club use of the Pavilion goes to the Pavilion, not the club, so use of the grounds and the building is a cost rather than an income generator for us. Having said that, please be assured that we are fully committed to maintaining both grounds and building and to ensuring that the club is open to all villagers and locals, and that Poulton Cricket Club remains part of Poulton village life in the future, as it has since 1891!

In the face of spiralling costs we have voted as a club to increase annual Senior Men’s membership by 20% year-on-year. The cost of Ladies and Youth membership will remain at current levels, in line with our focus on providing affordable cricket for local children and families. We have also introduced **Family membership** and **Social membership** (£10) for non-players who want to be a part of a cricket club, coming to the fundraising and social events which are so important to us.

For a sports club, the local village or town is the most important part of its survival, and it is the community that gives us players, bar customers and supporters. The more local children and adults that we can get involved in the game of cricket, in whatever capacity, the better. We are conscious that we have probably not focussed on communicating with villagers as much as we should have. We are going to ensure that we use the Eye to remedy that!

We will always mention this in these articles but can only encourage you as a Poulton Eye reader to come and see what we are about, whether that’s at a coaching session or an actual match. In the meantime, please read our five year club development plan that keeps us on track and will shortly be in the public section of our new website PoultonCricketClub.co.uk along with information, club news and club policies. If you are interested in joining us, please contact poultonsecretary@gmail.com

On behalf of the cricket club, we wish you a very Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and hope to see you in 2022!

WHATS ON IN JANUARY

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

01

New Year's Day

02

10am **Parish Communion**
Down Ampney

03

04

1.30 - 3.30
Post Office & Pantry
Village Hall
8pm **Poulton One & Nines**
Village Hall

05

06

Epiphany

12pm **Holy Communion**
Harnhill

7.30pm
Fighting Fit
Boxing
Village Hall

07

08

10.30 – 12.30
Books, Biccies and Beverages
Village Hall

10am
Hedge & Tree Planting Down Ampney Church

09

8am **Holy Communion**
Poulton
10am **Parish Communion**
Driffield

10

11

1.30 – 3.30
Post Office & Pantry
Village Hall

12

13

7.30pm
Fighting Fit
Boxing
Village Hall

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10am **Parish Communion**
Ampney Crucis

17

18

1.30 – 3.30
Post Office & Pantry
Village Hall
8pm **Poulton One & Nines**
Village Hall

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7.30pm
Fighting Fit
Boxing
Village Hall

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10am **Parish Communion**
Poulton

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1.30 – 3.30
Post Office & Pantry
Village Hall

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7.30pm
Fighting Fit
Boxing
Village Hall

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10am **Parish Communion**
Ampney St Peter

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Fix My Street	Report issues within Poulton: potholes, fly tipping, etc. www.fixmystreet.com
Refuse Collections	Food caddy weekly Friday 7am. All other bins & bags on alternate Fridays.
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Books Bikkies & Beverages	Village get-together 1 st Saturday of each month, 10.30 – 12.30 Poulton Village Hall Judith – 01285 851230
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