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Note from the Editor

I can't believe the end of another busy year in Poughill is fast approaching. I would like to thank our green fingered residents who kindly tend the plants next to the 'Poughill' village signs and make the village look so welcoming and loved.

The Village Hall Committee has organised another **'living advent calendar'** for Poughill this year. The first 'window' will go live on 1st December. Maps showing which houses have kindly agreed to take part and when each display will be going 'live' will be posted on Facebook, Nextdoor and the village hall noticeboard.

Finally a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all!

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If you have a Facebook account, and would like to join the group, search for Poughill Village, Mid Devon to find us. Anyone can post questions, news, event details, minutes and notices of interest for the village of Poughill, Mid Devon.

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Poughill Parish Council

Full minutes are displayed on the Noticeboard and on the website https://www.middevonparish.co.uk/poughill/parish-council/

September 2024

Finance – The Current Account balance at 20/08/2024 was £4,037.69, plus £1,665.44 in the Instant Access Savings Account.

Governance - Asset Register V6 was approved.

Planning – *New applications* - Ref: 24/01164/FULL Change of use of agricultural barn to residential annexe ancillary to the main farmhouse, Cowshed Partridge Hole, Woolfardisworthy - Response - Neutral. *Determined* - None.

November 2024

Finance – The Current Account balance at 4/11/2024 was £3,449.89, plus £1,668.22 in the Instant Access Savings Account. A payment of £41.45 for the purchase of spring bulbs for the churchyard was approved.

Governance - Hilary Partridge and Wendy Hopson were nominated as representatives to the Pyncombe Poughill Educational Foundation for a period of 4 years. The Local Government 2024/25 pay award was noted.

Planning – *New applications* - None. *Determined* - None.

District Councillor Report - District councillors were asked to produce 3 risks they thought their communities might be sensitive to. DCllr Colthorpe suggested the risk to pedestrians/dog walkers on rural roads, the risk of losing village halls and the risk of climate change measures depriving rural communities of fossil fuels leading to increased dependency on electricity supplies.

Correspondence - A request has been received from a resident for a review of the speed limit through the village and the erection of 30mph signs. Clerk to ask DCC to carry out a Speed Watch exercise and to obtain quotes for 'Please drive carefully' and '20 is Plenty' signs.

Next Meeting – 8th January 2025 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.



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Village Hall Report - *Julian Wild*

As Autumn turns its face towards Winter, things begin to stir in the fabric of our Village Hall. That is to say, it looks as if we have two builders ready to come to our aid. One has given us an estimate for work on the Kitchen roof and other external faults, and we are on his waiting list. Soon, we hope. We also have someone who has shown interest in our plans for a kitchen re-fit; he's come up with some interesting extra suggestions and currently is costing the work. We've been let down before, but this seems very promising.

Gradually the old Poughill School is transforming into a customised Village Hall. Starting with the new face it presents to the road; re-vamped and redecorated, with a proper sign. The roof at the back restructured and re-tiled. The old school toilet block removed and replaced with a sheltered seating area, with new asphalt onto a cleared playground space.

Once running repairs are completed, the Kitchen can be upgraded to include a permanent Bar and service counter with easy access to the Hall, and to the outdoor seating area via a new back door. With so many of the Hall's events being foody, upgraded cooking and preparation facilities are essential.

Of course, all this can only happen with an active committee, and the support of The Village.....

So, what's been happening since we last spoke? Well, September 28th was a Spanish themed evening with a variety of Spanish dishes and puddings, washed down with jugs of Sangria. October 26th saw the return of Quiz night, with the brain cells being prodded by Quiz Master Francis Wellerd, assisted by a very busy Bar.

Sharon Collingwood is running a monthly Coffee Morning in The Hall on the first Wednesday of each Month. The first took place on the 6th November and went very well. They'll run from 10-11.30 and all proceeds go to the Village Hall funds.

Looking ahead? Well, Christmas of course. After the Carol Service in the Church, the Hall Committee will supply mince-pies and Mulled Wine in The Hall. That's on the 13th December.

January the 18th is planned to be a hearty Breakfast to warm up a chilly Winter Saturday morn. Then in February we will re-visit The Leaky Roof for another Pub Night with drinks, snacks and games, and March sees the return of Curry Night.

Hopefully there is something there that appeals. It's your Hall - it'd be nice to see you there.

Compliments of the season to you all!

Creating Your Own Calm This Christmas - *Janet Akins*



The sights and smells of Christmas are parcelled up with its cultural norms, where tinsel draped trees, sparkling lights, the nativity, and Christmas pudding may all play their part, but what it means to each of us is unique. While for some, it provides an opportunity to spend time with loved ones, or space for spiritual reflection, for others it brings overwhelming time-pressures that leave you depleted. Past losses and bereavements feel particularly raw, and the pressure to be merry can be exhausting. This pressure to be happy, when we are feeling the opposite, is particularly damaging. Not being able to join in with the collective cheer can lead to a sense of failure, causing us to feel even worse. So, what can we do to avoid this seasonal merry-go-round?

A great place to start is to spend some time deciding what Christmas means to you, and how you would like it to look. Perhaps you know you will be alone, and while some may embrace that freedom, the traditional emphasis on family can place a painful spotlight on being alone. There will be others who would appreciate some company too, and local pubs provide a place to gather. The Ring of Bells, for example, intends to open from 11:30 – 1:30 on Christmas day. There will be other local pubs doing similar. If getting involved with the wider community appeals, volunteers are needed, and appreciated, by organisations providing support for the most vulnerable members of our community. Devon Connect (www.devonconnect.org/activities/volunteers) is one place where you can find out more. If, however, you are physically tied to home, the online community will be as active as ever.

Being part of a family get-together can bring just as many challenges, particularly when it is a large extended family containing conflicting needs. The starting place remains the same, how would you like Christmas to look? While families mean compromise may be needed, don't be afraid to say no. Negotiations will also go more smoothly if everyone starts knowing what their preferences are. There are no set rules at Christmas. If sweating over a hot stove all morning brings you no joy, then go with a buffet, ask guests to bring a plate to share, find an open chippy, do what works for you. I love a Christmas roast followed by Christmas cake, but dislike spending the day itself cooking so we often have it on Christmas Eve. Some left overs, along with a few side dishes from the fridge, are more than enough to take us through Christmas day. What works for us may not for you, but something will, and if the holiday season leaves you depleted then change is needed.

Perhaps the most important Christmas message is that it is OK to opt out of any and all celebrations. It is OK to feel sad if that is how it is for you right now. There is support out there should you need it. The following organisations are all available every day including Christmas and Boxing days: The Silver Line - 08004 708090, Shout - text 85258, and the Samaritans - 116 123. Don't be afraid to reach out and ask for help, it is what they are there for!

Whatever you are wishing for this Christmas, I hope you find many moments of comfort and warmth, and may you head into the new year feeling rested and recharged!

Warmest wishes,

Janet

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Iusic Session: Last Sunday 12 noon Half Moon Inn, Cheritor Fitzpaine, Contact Claire 01884860023

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1st Sunday 8.00pm The Devonshire Inn, Sticklepath
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Last Tuesday 8.00pm The New Inn, Coleford
Contact: Dave 01363 84914

4th Wednesday – 8.30pm Stoke Canon Inn, Nr. Exeter
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Christmas Quiz - *Quiz Master Francis Wellerd*

Here's a chance to test your Christmas knowledge. Answers can be found towards the back of the newsletter.



1. Which country first started the tradition of putting up a Christmas tree?
2. Which popular Christmas beverage is also called 'milk punch'?
3. How many ghosts show up in A Christmas Carol?
4. What do people traditionally put on top of their Christmas tree?
5. What Hollywood actor played six different roles in The Polar Express?
6. Where does the royal family traditionally celebrate Christmas?
7. What King was crowned on Christmas Day?
8. What's the name of the period leading up to Christmas?
9. Stollen is a famous cake from which country?
10. How many times does the number 1 appear on an advent calendar with 24 doors?
11. What is the traditional Christmas meal eaten in Japan?
12. In folklore, which horned figure punishes badly behaved children at Christmas?
13. What was Scrooge's first name in Charles Dickens's A Christmas Carol
14. What well-known Christmas carol became the first song ever broadcast from space in 1965?



15. Before turkey, what was the traditional Christmas meal in England?
16. What beverage company has been using Santa Claus in its advertising since 1931?



Pyncombe Poughill Educational Foundation

The objects of the Foundation are to promote the education (including social and physical training) of people resident in Poughill parish under the age of twenty-five years, and in need of financial assistance.

Applications are dealt with sympathetically and in the strictest confidence. The charity is run by seven trustees who meet three times a year. The date of the meeting is advertised on the village noticeboard and on the village website. Grant applications are welcomed from anyone meeting the criteria of the charity. The amount awarded is decided by the Trustees – so please supply as much information as possible. It is possible to apply for more than one grant.

Application forms are available at the back of the Church. The next deadline for receipt of applications is 24**th February 2025**.

If you have any queries please contact Helen Morton (Secretary) 866038.

Cheriton Fitzpaine Community Shop News

LET'S ENSURE THE FUTURE OF YOUR SHOP IN CHERITON FITZPAINE



The Challenge

Cheriton Fitzpaine Community Shop leases its site from the Methodist Church. The Church has now closed and is up for sale. The shop lease expires at the end of 2027 and, if we cannot find a new site, the shop will close and the village will lose this valuable service.

The Opportunity

Before going on the open market, the Methodists have offered us the property, giving us around 6 months to raise the funds. The shop shareholders agree that this is an opportunituy that we must grasp.

Our Vision

To secure the long-term future of your village shop by purchasing and converting the Chapel into a community owned hub with a larger Shop, a welcoming Cafe, a space for local Arts & Crafts and a Heritigae Centre.

How Can I Help Save Our Shop?

Firstly, we would like you to attend one of our public meetings where you will learn a lot more about your shop, how it is run for the communty and our exciting plans for the future.

At these meetings you will hear about our plans in more detail. Also, these plans are not set in stone, we wish to provide what the village wants and needs. You will have the opportunity to help shape and mould how the Community Hub is developed and what services it is able to provide. The Community Shop Committee is just eight peopple and we do not pretend to know exactly what the village wants. We need to hear the views and ideas of the people we serve and this is your opportunity to tell us.

Please keep an eye out for meeting dates, we look forward to seeing you there!

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Campaign Tales from the (Devon) Hills 3 - *Polly Colthorpe*

When, why, weather and wear.

Thursday has been the preferred day for elections ever since the Levellers proposed the first Thursday in every second March in their 'Agreement of the People' (1647). They had some radical ideas on equality too but a week was a long time in politics even then and levelling was out of fashion less than three years later though it's made several reappearances since, most recently as 'levelling up'. Historically and until the end of World War I, the actual voting took place over a four-week period prior to the nominated 'election day' which could – and did - fall on every day of the week except:

i. Sundays - everyone (i.e. everyone who might want to get elected) agreed that recent attendance at church and local politicking afterwards might have undue influence at the ballot box were elections to be held on Sundays

ii. Mondays - too close to Sundays (see above) and

iii. Fridays - payday, so a strong risk of drunken voters either failing to turn up at all or disrupting the peaceful voting of others when they did.

Interestingly, in England and Wales, the introduction of postal votes has brought something of a return to the traditional longer voting period.

In 2011 the 'Fixed Term Parliaments Act' was passed, intended to ensure that all future **general** elections were held on the first Thursday in May every five years. This proved so inconvenient, however, that only one such election took place – in 2015. Anything else required either a vote of 'no confidence' in the government of the day by simple majority in the House of Commons, or a vote in favour of an early election needing a majority of at least two thirds. Again, only one election took place under either of these criteria - by the second option in 2017. In 2022, the 'Dissolution and Calling of Parliaments Act' was quietly passed, removing the F.T.P.A. as though it had never been and restoring powers to dissolve or summon parliaments to the monarch. An incumbent prime minister must therefore again ask leave directly from the crown to call a general election and dismiss the Commons. Whatever the system, Thursdays remain popular – every general election from 14th November 1935 to 4th July 2024 has been held on a Thursday – but are no longer statutory.

Elections at local government level, however, are held **by statute** on the first Thursday in May and the **day** has remained constant even though the **month** and the **year** have recently proved amenable to change. Local elections were delayed by the foot-and-mouth outbreak in 2001, by COVID in 2020 and in 2004, 2009 and 2014 so that elections to the E.U. Parliament could take place on the same day, thus saving on running costs (as well as on 'election fatigue').

Other U.K. elections and by-elections are held on Thursdays only by tradition and alterations are most frequently made to accommodate bank holidays. Tellingly, however, the last parliamentary by-election **not** to be held on a Thursday was the Hamilton by-election of 31st May 1978 – a date which may resonate with footie fans - as Hamilton's returning officer didn't want the by-election to clash with the opening game of the F.I.F.A. World Cup. Politics notwithstanding, it was a popular decision all round!

The month of May was probably originally chosen for elections because April and May were the first months of the year when candidates on the stump could reasonably expect some good weather. Bearing in mind that 'tarmac' wasn't patented until 1902 (step forward Edgar Purnell Hooley who added tar to Mr. McAdam's existing mix of crushed stone and sand), a significant proportion of our electoral history has taken place against a background of problems with highways – impossible (should that be impassible? – Ed.) in the days of stage coaches if the roads were axle-deep in mud or snow; awkward when commuting between London and his Tiverton constituency in Lord Palmerston's day and not unfamiliar even in our own. The point of the election campaign has always been to engage with your potential constituents and they won't want to engage if you keep them standing in the pouring rain and/or in the teeth of an arctic wind. Besides, if you're delivering leaflets (remember them?), you will find out quite quickly that the inclusion of rainwater rapidly turns them into papier mâché (remember that?) - a no win situation which ever way you look at it.

In April and May the evenings are drawing out and the available campaigning time longer though this has to be tempered by consideration for your target audience. Calling it a day at 6.00 p.m. may seem counter intuitive when there are still two or more hours of daylight on a beautiful May evening, but knocking on the door of a remote farmhouse at 8.00 o'clock may well alarm your prospective residents and, should they be dairy farmers with an early morning call booked for 3.00 a.m., may thoroughly annoy them as well. Thus can reliable votes be squandered, however well-intentioned the effort.

What to wear – after all, much more of your election campaign will take place in April than in May – is always a bit of a lottery unless you have a car which can accommodate half your wardrobe. For those with a party affiliation, colour is also a consideration since what you wear – or drive - will contribute heavily to the first impression you make on your potential constituent. Driving a 4 x 4 in a very rural part of my district ward during a December election campaign, I was greeted with great (if unusual) joyfulness by a resident who told me that, the referendum on our membership of the E.U. having apparently been announced since I left home that morning, he was prepared to overlook my car's nationality (it was a European brand) and vote for me. You never know what will make a difference when you're out on the stump!

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Tales from the Old Bill : 7 : Motor Cycle Cops - *Simon Gibbons*

Just like in every Boys Own annual you ever read every constable (with the exception of me it seemed) wanted to specialise in something. For some it was CID, some the dog section and for a pretty big chunk of them the Traffic Squad, lovingly known as the 'Ratus Noir' that would happily book their own granny for staying a minute too long on double yellows.

For PC Steve M it was Motorbikes. (I use 'M' because he probably wouldn't want his name connected to this little episode). All he did was talk, live and breathe motorbikes and I don't think there was a happier man on the Force when he finally got his wish and was given his very own gleaming monster to play with, complete with wailers and flashing light on a pole. I have no doubt at all that he spent his entire childhood glued to American TV programmes about cops on their bikes because faster than you can tell it out came the black gloves and mirrored shades. He was quite literally living the dream.

One sunny afternoon he was given the very grand task of escorting the judge, encased in his robes and massive black shining limo, back from the courts to his lodgings on the Hoe. He got to lead the little cavalcade riding rock steady at about fifteen miles an hour with all the ice cream eating Hoe lovers looking on. At some point close to the finale of the journey he had to make a right-hand turn, and had to wait for a space in the oncoming traffic. I don't know what it is about Police motorbike riders but they have this real thing about not putting their feet down. What they like to do is to go so slowly it seems impossible they can stay upright but they look on it as a disgrace if they ever let that foot touch the road. PC M was very much of this mode, after all he had prepared his whole life for this moment. First, he went slowly, then very slowly and then imperceptibly slowly, until at last he reached Nirvana and the bike actually stopped and he still hadn't put a single foot down. Then very slowly he and the bike simply keeled over with a huge crash. Even at this point he still kept his feet tight on the rests so he ended up with one leg trapped under the bike and the judge was obliged to get out of his car to help lift the heavy machine off him. The tale was told and retold in every police canteen from the Lizard to the Dorset border much to his mortification.

I have it on good authority that after this little incident he was known to occasionally lower one foot, just in case.

In fiction the story would of course end there but as this is true life the tale continued to twist and turn for a while longer. I don't recall anything else much happening that night but it was a different tale when we paraded for the next night duty. It seemed the day shift had been employed in winkling out a failed burglar who had climbed up onto the roof of the shops and prising of one of the big air grills had climbed in with a view to gaining an entrance by unknown means, after all it always worked for James Bond. Apparently he had fallen straight down the shaft some considerable distance before becoming well and truly wedged at the first turn. There he spent the night and his presence was only detected when the shop staff came on duty and could hear an unexplained banging coming from within the pipes. The fire brigade had spent all day dismantling half the building to get him out. Understandably I was itching to spill the beans on our previous night's occurrences as I was sure it must have been him disappearing down the shaft that we had heard. Luckily for me my comedian colleague shut me up with a swift boot in the shins before I could breathe a word of it and suggested it was perhaps better if we keep it just between ourselves.

St. Michael & All Angels

This year's **Church Carol Service** will take place on Friday 13th December at 6pm. To be followed by festive refreshments in the Village Hall. The **Christmas Service** is on Christmas Eve at 9pm.

Poughill church services are held on the third Sunday of the month at 9:30am. Please note there will be no third Sunday service in December.

The Cross Country Magazine has now gone digital. It gives information, support and advertisements to members of the local group of parishes and is to be called "Crediton Rural Ministry Hub Post". It is available by email from our Team Vicar, Janet May. If you would like a copy emailed to you, please contact her and ask to be included in the email list.

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Mass Extinction Events - *Derryck Morton*

Human impact on the planet has been studied intensely in the last 20 years. During the seventies and eighties, scarcely a thought was given to how the Earth would respond to our 'housekeeping' and few stood up and protested against our carefree attitude. We knew the world has existed for billions of years, so what damage could we do? Mercury pollution, DDT damage, anti-fouling paint effects, hole in the ozone layer, marine sonar and their impact on cetaceans; these and other global influences began to awaken a changing attitude in us, which led more recently to a better understanding of the effects human interactions have on the life that shares our planet… there seems no limit to our negative pervasiveness. Besides the obvious immediate loss of biodiversity due to habitat destruction or slaughter, in the bigger picture, the sum over effects on global ecosystems caused by our activities are obscure due to the inter-connectedness that life has found profitable to develop. Life on Earth is better described as an intricate living organism. Its complexity allows for shifts and corrections when changes take place but it is also less robust when weakened and liable to collapse when pushed too far.

Events in the timeline of Earth's life, which began about 3.7 billion years ago, can be interpreted from the fossil evidence. If a fossil is seen in lower strata but not the strata above, it can be interpreted that the animal had gone extinct or moved to another area. If the same strata sequence shows similar evidence for many different fossil types, a change in the environment is likely to have caused the absence. If this evidence is seen worldwide, a catastrophic change of some kind is rationally presumed. The planet being an active system together with impact threats from space, often presents us with possible answers to the causation of high fossil disappearance rates. There are telltale signatures in the rock which when understood, provide a narrative to conditions, both locally and worldwide.

A mass extinction event is seen globally as the loss of biodiversity happening at an increased rate to that expected from natural genetic turnover. Throughout the timeline of life, extinctions have happened all the time and new species adapt to fill niches in the ecosystem. Sometimes very successful lifeforms which had diversified and perpetuated for millions of years suddenly disappear. The answer as to why this happened is often answered by looking into the stratigraphic column at the point where the animal is seen no longer. If certain evidence is seen in the column throughout different locations around the globe, a theory may be formed which can be tested to prove or disprove an idea; there is often a change in the character of rock which might indicate a huge difference in weather patterns. For

instance, this can happen when moving tectonic plates bring two large landmasses together and close off an ocean current system. The warming or cooling or amount of precipitation that the oceans once generated would change and so the land become no longer suitable for the life that once lived there. Similarly, when a large landmass breaks up and spreads apart, its influence on the atmosphere and the changing sea currents will create a different climate to that held over the expanse of land before. Africa is presently undergoing a split down the rift valley which will eventually result in the Somali Plate becoming an island in the Indian Ocean with a different climate to its present weather patterns as controlled by Africa.

There have been five major extinction events identified within the geology of the planet and many lesser occurrences. Sedimentary rocks show the sudden reduction of fossils at intervals and the reasons for these losses are attributed to signature events which usually involve heating or cooling, high atmospheric carbon dioxide levels and acidification of the oceans. These conditions form when run-away processes pollute the ecology. For example, The Permian-Triassic extinction 252 million years ago was most likely caused by vast Siberian volcanic activity which put huge amounts of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. Bacteria that thrived in CO_2 began producing methane which is many times more potent a greenhouse gas than CO_2. The atmosphere warmed as a result and the gasses went into solution with the sea, producing carbolic acid. The changed atmosphere, temperature and acidity killed 90% of all life.

After each extinction event, nature finds stability and creatures evolve to make the best of it. The new regime of plants and animals slowly modify the atmosphere and ocean Ph, keeping pace with the change and a new balance is achieved by way of evolutionary progression that develop over long periods of time.

It has been said that the human race is removing more life from the planet than can be explained naturally and therefore we should name this Era the ‘Anthropocene’; a term to describe the current era in which humans have had a significant impact on the Earth. I hope we correct our influence before we create the sixth great extinction event in our planet’s history. As has been seen in the fossil record, to have dominium over something usually ends in chaos.

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Christmas Quiz Answers

1. Germany

2. Eggnog

3. Four (past, present, future and Jacob Marley)

4. An Angel

5. Tom Hanks

6. Sandringham

7. William 1 (the Conqueror)

8. Advent

9. Germany

10. 13 times

11. KFC

12. Krampus

13. Ebenezer

14. Jingle Bells

15. A pigs head with mustard

16. Coca Cola





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