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The new Age Concern Minibus "Basil Marchant"
Theo Marchant with driver Joe Ricketts
photo: Dave Seviour

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*Holy Days 7.00pm Mass
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FROM THE EDITORS (23 points)

There is a new silver grey Purton Age Concern minibus to be seen on our streets (and on our front cover this month) as described on page 8. This one is named after Basil Marchant following all his and Theo's fundraising efforts - and is yet another example of something special about Purton.

Another change on our roads is coming soon although it may not please too many local residents and drivers. Wiltshire Council has carried out a parking review and the main proposals are listed on [pages 5](#) and [6](#). Sadly it seems that many more double yellow lines are soon to be painted and timed parking restrictions introduced. Although the Council has made some minor changes following the consultation procedure, few allowances appear to have been made around the Pavenhill shops area for the 7 dwellings that do not have access to any off-road parking. In its consideration of objections, the Council says that the "proposals are only to prevent obstruction or to provide turnover of spaces which will assist businesses." We shall see.

Objections on a national and even an international scale are being aired following the recent decision to change the rules of the word game, Scrabble. A new version of the game is to be introduced in July that will allow the use of proper nouns including place names, people's names and even company names. The games company Mattel (8 points) hopes that the change will "add a new dimension" and "introduce an element of popular culture" to encourage younger people to play.

It is suggested that youngsters will be able to use names like Beyonce (14 points) although Mattel says that there will be no hard and fast rule over whether a proper noun was correct or not. Surely that rule abdication will only lead to many heated arguments between players of all generations. To assist any reader being faced, for example, with a supposed name of a new teenage singing sensation, the recent protests and ousting of president Bakiyev (19 points) in central Asia might provide several other potentially high scoring names.

Although the name of the country - Kyrgyzstan (30 points) - has 10 letters, it will need to be added to the word 'tan' already somewhere on the board. However, it does have the added benefit of using all of a player's tiles in one turn, often bringing a 50 point bonus, unless that rule is being changed as well.

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Parish Council News



The Annual Parish Meeting was held on 29 March 2010 in the Village Hall. Around 30 parishioners attended. Ps & Qs (Richard Pagett) gave an interesting talk on their plans for a Sustainable Transition Town Project which Ps & Qs hope to pilot in the village. They would like those with an interest to contact them (email advice@purtoninfo.org.uk)

The Police were also present and gave an update on their work in the village. If you want to contact the Police you should do so by telephoning 0845 408 7000. [Ed. use 999 only in an emergency.] Our Unitary Councillor Jacqui Lay also gave a report on her work as a Councillor for the new evolving Unitary Council.

The Parish Council presented its annual report and a copy of the full report is available from the Council Office. It included many items along with details of its budget for 2010/11. To fund the items in the proposed budget, the Precept has been set as shown below:

<i>Precept 2009-10</i>	£ 139,562	
General increase	£ 2,882	2.07%
Special items:		
• Funding of Capital deficit for the refurbishment of Public Toilets at devolution from NWDC/WC	£ 10,296	7.38%
• Grant to support village charities of which Council is the Sole Trustee	£ 5,000	3.58%
<i>Precept 2010-11</i>	£ 157,740	13.03%

In addition to this funding through the Precept, the Council will use £4,000 from its Reserves and £5,037 from other grants to enable the proposed budget to be implemented, and will put £6,300 to Reserves for future years expenditure.

The precept comparison is:-

	2010-11	2009-10
Band D properties	1,614	1,601
Precept per band D property per annum	£97.71	£87.17
Precept per band D property per week	£1.88	£1.68

This Precept per band D property equates to a 12.09% increase.

Our Budget income is again reduced by the low level of bank interest rates.

Parking Review for Purton - Wiltshire Council has carried out a review of parking in the village, in liaison with the Parish Council, and have consulted with the village on the proposals. The final plans have now been agreed by Wiltshire Council with some modifications to the original plans. Listed below are some of the proposals:

1. Pavenhill: double yellow lines to be introduced before and beyond the corner of the road leading from Pavenhill to Dogridge/Restrop View/Ringsbury Close.
2. No waiting at any time in vicinity of Pavenhill shops including in front of One Stop.
3. Lay-by in front of the Pavenhill shops: Mon-Fri 8am-6pm 2 hours. No return within 2 hours.

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4. Lay-by Restrop Road adjacent to the shops: no parking restriction.
 5. The Peak: there are proposals to introduce no waiting ranging from “at any time” and from “Mon-Fri 8am-4pm” along the length of the Peak to just past the entrance to Bradon Forest School.
 6. College Road Lay-by: Mon-Fri 8am-6pm 2 hours. No return within 2 hours.
 7. Restrictions are being introduced on the road outside of the Cycle shop adjacent to the Triangle.
 8. Bamford Close entrance: no parking at any time.

The Following Planning Applications have been approved by Wiltshire Council

N10/00060/FUL & N10/00061/LBC

65 Station Road, erection of single storey side and rear extension

N10/00085/FUL *Junehaven, 22 Purton Stoke, extension of detached garage*

N10/00256/FUL *Churchfield Lodge, 4 Church Street, erection of pergola to rear*

N10/00161/FUL *14 Greenhill, Lydiard Millicent, erection of two-storey extension to side*

How to contact the Parish Council:

Telephone number 01793 771066 Fax 772646

email address: clerk@purtonpc.eclipse.co.uk

Website www.communigate.co.uk/wilts/purtonparishcouncil

The Parish Council's letter box is on the wall adjacent to the side door (entrance door to the Parish Council offices) to the rear of the Library/Institute.

Alien Invasion

At Wootton Bassett Library: Saturday 8 May

Morning Session 10am - 12 noon : Afternoon Session 1 - 3pm

Join us at Wootton Bassett library to celebrate all things alien!! With Daleks, a TARDIS, Storm Troopers, Cybermen, K-9 and more...

- Come dressed as your favourite Doctor Who character or alien for the chance to win a prize
- Vote for your favourite bad guy
- Comic book sales from Automatic Comics, Corsham
- Make an “I met a Dalek” badge
- Book signings with local author David Johnson
- Browse through and borrow our great range of Doctor Who books, and hire 3 for 2 on DVDs
- Find out who's won the Dalek colouring competition and Doctor Who Family Quiz



Call Wootton Bassett Library for more information 01793 853249.

News from the Trustees

Village Hall:

We have had a nice surprise with an anonymous donation of £150 towards a new cooker in the Village Hall and I think part of the Purton in Bloom proceeds will come towards the kitchen, so with people's kindness, I am sure that we will achieve our aim. The new heaters are gradually being sorted out, which is excellent, but we should not have had all these problems. But, as I often say, we shall get there in the end.

Purton War Memorial and Village Centre

Things are coming to life in some areas at the Centre. The Football Club are winding down their season which usually means a lot more matches, so we hope all the players have had an enjoyable season and congratulations to the back room staff for all their hard work. Time flies and it will not be long before the new season is on us.

The bowls season is in full swing now and we wish them an enjoyable one. My word there's a lot of hard work going on here behind the scenes. I must say, it all looks very neat and tidy there. It's the same with the Tennis Club - they are getting into action now although I know some of them have carried on through the winter. We hope they have an enjoyable and successful season. One of the things we do admire about the Tennis Club is the way they bring the younger generation on.

The skateboard park is getting under way and we hope it will be good for the young people who will use it. Another project we hope to do is the Millennium Hall floor in the kitchen, toilets and entrance hall. This will be done over the summer holidays when the hall has no bookings. The same firm is doing the work that put the main hall floor right.

I'd like to end by saying thank you to Purton Windows for such a quick response when we had a window broken in the Bowls Pavilion. It is a great help to get such a service.

Cllr. TONY PRICE, Chair of Trustees

Dodecantus

A reminder for your diary that Dodecantus will be holding their spring concert on **Friday 14 May at St Bartholomew's Church, Wootton Bassett**, starting at 7.30pm and free to enter, although there will be a retiring collection.

The programme will include Duruflé's ethereal *Requiem* - a work which they hope will be familiar to many. That will be presented with Purcell's *Funeral Music for Queen Mary* and Poulenc's quirky *Quatre Motets pour le Temps de Penitence*.

The Willows Counselling Service Open Day - Sat 22 May: 11am - 4 pm

There will be an address given by the Mayor of Swindon at 11.30am, followed by light refreshments. Following the Official Opening Ceremony, you are welcome to join us to meet staff and friends, look around the premises and to find out more about our work here at Willows. Friends and family are welcome too!

RSVP: The Willows Centre, 11 Prospect Place, Old Town, Swindon SN1 3LQ.
Tel: 01793 426650 or email Jakki Doust: admin@willowscounselling.org.uk

Purton & District Age Concern



By the time you read this we will have had delivery of our new minibus - look for the new colour, chosen by the minibus personnel as they thought it would be more serviceable. I often say how proud I am of Purton Age Concern, well how about this! We are buying a new bus without having to do any extra fundraising to buy it. This is due to the kindness of various people giving us donations but most importantly the generosity of the minibus personnel who give all their time voluntarily. I know all their contributions are greatly appreciated by the general committee and the people of Purton and beyond. Most minibus services have drivers who are paid and we are so fortunate to have all these people who do all the work for free. It is a great gesture by all of them and I would like to say thank you.

This is our sixth minibus and we have had to apply for grants, ask for donations and do extra fundraising for the others but not this time. When we fought hard to have the Cedars rebuilt after it was pulled down, we decided to do our bit and buy a minibus to bring people into the Day Centre they were starting, and what a great achievement that was. Who remembers the thermometer on the bank outside the Angel telling the village how the fundraising was going? It was almost a daily job altering it because of everyone's generosity, none more so than that of Basil Marchant and this new bus will be named after him. I put a piece in the magazine about what we were trying to do. What happens, the phone rings, I pick it up and a voice came through - "Hi Tone, Basil here, I've seen your bit in the magazine about trying to fund raise and buy a minibus. How would it be if Theo and I organised an Arts and Crafts Fair?" Well I knew we would get the bus then, having the support of two well respected people and we did, in six months. Basil and Theo ran the Arts and Crafts Fairs for us for many years until it was a job finding different stall holders and they moved on to organising concerts for us at Bradon Forest School. All the money they raised went on supporting the minibuses and helped us replace them over the years, something we shall never forget.

Could I thank Mark and Shani of the Angel Hotel, along with Arkell's, for their hospitality over all these years, allowing us to park our buses in their car park, which has been such a great help. I know what a difference the minibus service makes



Receiving the new minibus

in a lot of people's lives and everyone connected with them should be congratulated - we'll have to start saving for the next one now!

Don't forget our 3 B's evening. This is on Friday 7 May and is along the same lines as last year - bingo, bangers and beans. Tickets are £6 to include a hot meal you buy your bingo tickets on the night. Admission is by ticket only, none are available on the door and only people coming to the meal can buy the bingo tickets. Soft drinks, tea and coffee are available but please bring your own alcoholic drinks. This is all taking place at the Silver Threads Hall so come along and join in the fun.

We have had a very kind offer of a very expensive blow-up bed - the type of bed that stops people who have to spend a lot of time in bed, or who are bed-ridden, from getting bed sores etc. There is a pump fitted to it and it has not long been serviced. This is going free of charge to someone who needs one. (Contact me on 770696 for further information).

We have had our first mystery tour of the year and we are quite pleased with the numbers considering that Wiltshire Council has withdrawn the bus tokens we used to enjoy. The journey took in Cirencester, Bibury, Burford, Witney, Bladon, Shipton on Cherwell and Islip, through to Murcott village hall, where they stopped for lunch which was excellent, with a choice of beef or chicken casserole and then a choice of four sweets (a little bird told me most people had two!) The coach then returned home via the Oxford bypass, then Eynsham, Burford, Northleach, Fossebridge, Cirencester and Purton. I'd like to thank Mick Hull, our vice chairman, for taking charge of the trip as I was unable to go and I've just had a report from him saying that the weather and the food were excellent. We hope you all enjoyed it - see you on the next one. Hopefully you are not too late to go on this one which is on Wednesday 5 May and is a 2pm start with tea provided, cost £10 (£12.50 for outsiders). After that we have our evening mystery tour with a stop at a pub somewhere for a drink. This proved very popular last year - a shorter trip on a summer's evening. The date for this is Wednesday 2 June starting at 5.30pm, cost £7 - this does not include refreshments at the pub stop. Names to your street wardens for this by 24 May.

Talking about outings, I had an interesting cutting from the North Wilts Herald, 20 June 1930. It said there was a mass exodus from Purton on Saturday 15 June - there were three outings from the village that day and, very importantly, the weather was good. The first contingent to leave were the customers of the Royal George who went by char-a-banc to Worcester via Fairford, Lechlade, Burford, Stow on the Wold and Evesham. On arriving, lunch was taken in the King's Head Hotel, then there was a trip on the river and back to the King's Head for tea before returning home with a stop at Cheltenham (I wonder what for!). I did think my dad might have been on that trip as he frequented the Royal George. *[Ed. See Exhibit of the Month on page 15!]*

The next trip to leave was the choir outing to Bournemouth. They were taken in two cars kindly lent by the vicar and Frank Kempster. They had a short stop at Salisbury to have a look round the Cathedral, then on to Bournemouth. Lunch and tea was provided by the beach cafe and they arrived back in Purton at 10.30pm. Did they stop on the way home? I don't know.

The other trip was the second annual trip of the Brotherhood with nearly a hundred members and wives going. They left in five char-a-bancs at 1.30pm for Stratford-upon-Avon via Cirencester, Northleach and Moreton in Marsh. Tea was taken in the Swan's Nest Hotel. The party then divided up, some looking at places of interest while others took a river trip. They left Stratford at 7pm, stopping at Burford on the way home for supper at the Bull Hotel, arriving home at 11.30pm. Did the Royal George party go a different way home to avoid the Brotherhood? What I found interesting was that the Bull and the Swan's Nest could cope with a hundred people, not only for a drink but food as well, in those days. I hope you found this interesting - I did, as I went on choir outings where one or two courtships started and I know of one particular couple who went on to get married and are still enjoying a very happy marriage. Also, of course, I have been on various pub outings but I was never a member of the Brotherhood. My thanks to that great cricket historian, Joe Gardner, for giving me this cutting.

Let's finish on some good news. Could we offer our congratulations to Lew and Brenda Hanks on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary. When they moved from Purton to Wootton Bassett, Lew stayed on our committee which is quite something to do when you don't live in a place any more. He has carried on helping where he can along with Brenda and we greatly appreciate this, so we offer them our good wishes for the future and thank them for all the help they have given Purton Age Concern.

As you will see from the Diary of Events our next meeting is our AGM, which is on Tuesday 4 May at 7.30pm in the Silver Threads Hall. Anyone is welcome to attend - we would be pleased to see you.

TONY PRICE, Chairman

Purton Open Gardens 2010

A reminder for your diaries that this year's Open Gardens will be on the weekend of 10-11 July. Anyone who would like to join in either to open their garden or to help in any other way should contact Brigitte at brigitte.wilkinson@virgin.net. This year we will be supporting the fund for a new cooker at the Village Hall and also the Jubilee Gardens Project.

A note from Tony Price, outgoing Chairman, Purton in Bloom:

It is good news that Purton in Bloom is going ahead this year with some new leaders. Dr Nick Yerbury has taken over as Chairman and John and Brigitte Wilkinson are taking over the secretarial side. Gordon Kirk, the treasurer will still carry on and I would like to thank the others for coming forward to make sure it continues. Thank you to all the gardeners for the support you gave Jenny Barnes as past secretary, and myself as past chairman and I am sure you will give the new officers the same support.

Purton Lunch Club ...

... urgently need helpers between 10am and 1pm on alternate Thursdays. Please contact Elizabeth Ward.

Exhibit of the Month: Royal George Char-a-Banc Outing

Tony Price in his Age Concern article writes about the Royal George Char-a-banc outing in 1930. It just so happens that we have a photo of such a Royal George outing in the Museum collection. I don't know if anyone can recognise a relative in the picture but we don't have any names associated with it, but our thanks go to Roy a'Court who donated the picture to the Museum.

I don't know where the picture was taken, or whether the year is right - it says on the back 193(?) - but it *could* be one of the watering holes Tony mentioned. Using a magnifying glass, I can just make out the wording on the sign below the upper floor windows. Although the beginning of it is out of shot, the rest of it reads: "... & Railway Hotel. E. Millett."

The bonnet of the char-a-banc seems to be raised either to help cool the engine down or for some necessary maintenance work before setting off again. The other thing to notice is that everyone is wearing a hat!

As always, there will be a clearer picture at www.purtonmuseum.com.

RICK DIXON, Outreach Officer



P.S. Did you know that this month marks the 100th anniversary of the death of King Edward VII and Accession of King George V? Edward VII (aged 69) died at Sandringham on 6 May 1910, after a series of heart attacks. George V acceded to the throne the same day, but the public proclamation wasn't made until 11 May. The coronation of George V and Queen Mary was on 1 July 1911.

The Museum is located above the library and open during library hours:
Tues & Fri: 2-5pm & 6-8pm Wed: 10am-1pm & 2-5pm

Going Wild in Purton - Cats versus Birds

The domestic cat has been part of our households for many centuries from the time when they have been worshiped as goddesses, victimised when connected with witchcraft and used by many as a means to keep down the rodent population on ships, in warehouses, on farms and even in the home. There are those who love cats and also many who seem to hate them. However having a cat for many, as a pet, is a pleasure and they are loved as with many other pets.



The problem sometimes comes with mixing cats and birds - especially wild birds. We are actively encouraged to feed wild birds and even to provide nesting sites for them but birds and cats are not an easy mix. Pets are normally found in the home environment whereas wildlife is best not encouraged to interact to the same extent. Therefore when we find that the local cat is regularly killing birds perhaps we should be looking at why. Are we encouraging birds into our gardens when they should in reality be in the fields and hedgerows? Therefore, if we are feeding birds we should ensure that feeding stations are correctly placed for the safety of the birds and that any nesting boxes put up cannot be reached by cats.

If cats are catching birds on a regular basis we could consider placing a bell on the collar of the cat or perhaps use psychology. Why is the cat catching birds? It is sometimes part of the pack instinct and the cat is rewarding or feeding their owners (us). If the owner accepts the 'gift' and then plays with it in the same way cats do, this shows the cat that we know what to do and the cat will leave it to the owner (us) to go out and supply the food - perhaps "hunting" in the local supermarket.

Usually bird-kill is nature's way of removing the weakest - very often the bird is sick or injured. Recently my cat brought me a dead wren; however on close inspection I noticed a very large tick embedded onto the neck of the little bird - potentially why it was vulnerable to being caught. I have had cats all my life and would say that they have not gone out to decimate the local bird population - I have a wide variety of birds regularly visiting my garden, plus also a large mixed rodent population which my cats seem unable to control.

It is all a question of balance. Where ever mankind chooses to settle there is an impact on nature. It is not just the loss of habitat to wildlife when houses are built but also the introduction to the area of the paraphernalia of our lives, including children, cars and our pets.

One problem with people's cats though is that they can annoy neighbours when the cats go into their gardens so we do need to be mindful of this, however, there is no way to stop a cat from roaming other than to make its life at home more attractive than at someone else's ... but cats do have an instinct to roam.

Incidentally, are you missing a black and white neutered male cat? (*pictured right.*) It is



approximately three or four years old, loves dogs and seems to hate cats. It arrived at Widham late last year. Telephone Jacqui on 01793 770704.

Also, Ps and Qs would also like to know if there are any special topics that readers would like to see in Purton Magazine.

*Compiled by Jacqui Lay for Ps & Qs
Ps and Qs stands for Purton's Qualities*

Valuing Community Life - campaigning for sustainable communities

New members are always welcome

Contact: Jane Smith (772422) Jacqui Lay (770704)

or via our web site: www.purtoninfo.org.uk

Swindon and Cricklade Railway

Industrial Weekend

Sat/ Sun/ Mon 29/ 30/ 31 May - 11am to 4.00pm.

This is a weekend for both steam and diesel enthusiasts, giving a chance to see and ride behind different industrial engines, including ones which you might not have seen before, Adults tickets cost £7, children £4 and seniors £6.

Cream Tea in The Moonraker Dining Car

Sun 9 May - 2.00pm to 4.00pm.

A luxurious experience in our beautifully fitted dining car while riding behind a steam engine. Tickets cost £9.50 for adults and £7.50 for children.

Beer Festival

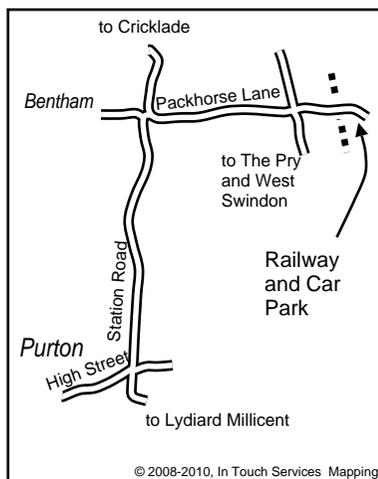
Sat/ Sun/ Mon 29/ 30/ 31 May

11.00am to 4.00pm.

This is a very popular weekend, combining steam train rides with a marquee full of different beers on the picnic site. I hasten to add that train drivers are not allowed to drink. Tickets cost £6 for adults, £4 for children and £5 for seniors. A family of two adults and two children costs £18. Beer Festival admission only costs £2.50, otherwise included in the ticket.

The cafe, shop and museum are open every weekend. Free car park.

Blunsdon Station is two miles from Purton village on Tadpole Lane. From Packhorse Lane carry straight on over the railway bridge. The car park entrance is then immediately on the right.



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PURTON PLACARD

Groups are invited to submit to the Editor details of forthcoming events in, for and on behalf of our community.

Purton Bowls Club Two Open Evenings

14 and 21 May at 6.30pm
at the Bowls Green, Red
House, Purton

All ages welcome
Please bring flat shoes,
trainers or plimsolls
Come along and try this
enjoyable game
Any enquiries please ring
721495

It's Ladies Night and The Clothes are Right! Christian Aid Clothes Swap and Boutique Evening

Friday 14 May
Bradon Forest School
Tickets £5.00
7.15pm till 9.30pm
Buy tickets from
In Touch Services
or The Spar in Purton



Would you like to help at this event or have
a stall?

Contact Anna Hodges
email: hodgesa@talk21.com

CHILDREN IN NEED Village Treasure Hunt

Walking some of Purton's many
public footpaths
Sunday 2 May
2.00pm
Red House Skittle Alley
Followed by a barbecue

Forthcoming Events

Carnival Bingo - 9 June
Carnival Lunch - 11 June

Books & Bangers Evening at
Red Lodge - 25 June

Quiz Night, Fun & Games

Supporting Neil & Dave's
Tandem Bike Ride
From Lands End to John
O'Groats
In aid of 'Help for Heroes'
Purton Village Hall
Saturday 1 May
7.30pm (Quiz at 8.30)
Bar & Refreshment
£5.00 pp. Teams 4-6
Contact : Janet, Amanda:
or Becky



Maharajah

Tandoori and Balti Restaurant
6 High Street, Purton, Swindon, Wilts. 01793 770253

Awarded 5 stars for
"Scores on the doors"
By NWDC



Christian Aid Curry Night

Tuesday 11 May
At the Maharajah

Come and join us for good company
and good food!

With thanks to Khalique ...

... all profits to Christian Aid

Two sittings: 6.30pm and 8pm

Book early to avoid disappointment

Tickets £10 at the Spar and In Touch Services
Contact Wendy or Kate

Activity Week

2 - 6 August

7-11 Year Olds

All children from
the village welcome

Put the dates in your diary!

If you think you can
volunteer your help
contact
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■ REMOVAL THANKS

I would like to say a big thank-you for all the cards and best wishes you extended to me on my move to Norbury Court, and a special thanks to the residents for the loan of chairs! Apart from a few minor hitches, I am now safely ensconced and look forward to this next chapter of my life.

Inez Gale

■ OLIVE TOMLIN OF PURTON STOKE

The family would like to thank all friends and neighbours for their kind help, support and sympathy during the life and death of Mum. We were able to donate £91.20 to Cancer Research in her memory.

Mrs J Oldroyd

■ GOLDEN WEDDING

Audrey and Brian Broad would like to thank everyone who sent cards and good wishes on their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

■ FRIENDS & NEIGHBOURS

I would like to send my sincere thanks to my friends and neighbours in and around Purton, especially those in Glevum Close. One only knows how much we are thought of when you endure ill health and they come to your aid. A special mention to my neighbour and friend of 20+ years, Doreen Freegard, for her kindness and thoughtful gestures.

Many thanks.

Aron Macdonald

Carnival 2010: 4 - 12 June

Theme: 'Best of British'

It won't be long now. Let's make the village Red, White and Blue wherever you can.

Have you got your entry forms yet? We are anxious for Purton people to enter the Talent Contest on Friday 4 June and make it a great start to the week. The winners of each Class will go forward to the final of Swindon Talent at the Wyvern Theatre. How about it? ... this could be you!

Would you like to be Carnival Prince or Princess? Who will be Pride of Purton this year? Your nominations are needed. Forms and boxes are in the Chemist's, Post Office and The Spar.

There is more! Coffee Morning, Pig Roast, Races, Darts, Skittles, Golf, Cycling, Children's Party, Disco, Quiz, Bingo, Lunch and Procession & Fete on Saturday 12 June, with lots of fun for everyone. It's up to you to join in and enjoy yourselves and help us to raise the money required for Christmas Vouchers in the village.

See you around. Enquiries: contact Pauline Ward.

PAULINE WARD, Carnival Secretary

Purton Evening WI

www.purtonevewi.org.uk



The AGM held on 17 March found a committee for the coming year, with Mrs Barbara Compton again elected President. However, as the committee is halved in size, it is hoped that members will help on the practical side at meetings.

The President's speech included a report on the recent Soup and Sweet morning, which had raised £169.60. This had been a joyous occasion which brought the WI into the community and was appreciated by everyone concerned. Also, by giving donations instead of exchanging Christmas cards with fellow members, we had raised £41 for Prospect.

Jane Smith gave comprehensive details of a successful year. She reported that we have received a Certificate from WFWI marking our Institute's 45th birthday. Our membership is now up to 57 and we hope this upward trend will continue.

Ray Tetlow explained "Gift Aid", accompanied by the appropriate forms. After that there were Sub-Committee Reports concerning scrabble, whist, skittles, choir, rambling, and so on - one report being entirely in verse!

Pat Stevenson won the Bursary for Denman College - congratulations!

On 4 May, at Devizes, there will be a talk on "Women and Climate Change" and at 7.30pm on 26 May the subject at Bromham Community Centre will be "Fantastic Plastic".

Wednesday 23 June is International Day and the programme at Wootton Bassett Memorial Hall will involve South America.

This year the Open Days at Denham College will be held on 28/29 June, with many interesting items.

Do check the boards on the Information Table at our monthly meetings - you will find details of these and other activities, and also in your monthly WFWI Newsletter, giving costs and closing dates.

Our own programme for the coming year will be available shortly. At the next meeting, on Wednesday 19 May, the subject is "Flower Arranging", demonstrated by David Martin. This is an Open Meeting, with a small charge for visitors.

Meanwhile, members might like to give thought to this year's Purton Carnival in June, and how we could best contribute.

New members are always welcome, but this is undoubtedly the best time to join, at the beginning of our year!

CONSTANCE REED

Lent Lunches 2010

This year, with your support, we raised the most money ever, £1,172.80 which is to be divided equally between 'TEAR Fund' and 'Send-a-Cow'. As always a very big Thank-You to all the helpers who aided us each week, to the cake makers who provided a wonderful selection again, to the friends who support us week by week - you make all the effort worthwhile. Thank you all.

LINDA, SHEILA, PAULINE & VAL

Purton & District Gardeners' Guild

About fifty members gathered in the Silver Threads Hall to hear Lyn Miles, from Boscombe, near Salisbury, talk to us about her life and the pleasures of growing from seed. Lyn, like so many of us, caught the gardening bug through helping her father from a very early age. Her description of her father's preferred style of planting - alternating bright yellow marigolds with bright blue ageratum - will be familiar to many of us whose parents gardened in the 1950s. From him she learnt the importance of using the best possible seed sowing compost, such as John Innes, because seeds and tiny seedlings need all the help they can get. Young plants will in general be tough enough to survive and prosper in cheaper multi-purpose composts.



Lyn's favourite seed catalogues were Chiltern Seeds and the Jelitto catalogue, the latter from Germany but available in an English version and with stunning photographs. When sowing she found rectangular seed trays and square pots to be the best for reasons of space. Once you fill the seed tray with compost, tap it gently to settle the contents, press down lightly, then water before sowing the seed to prevent disturbance. Small seed should be sown very lightly and just pressed gently into the compost before covering with a very thin layer of compost or vermiculite. Fine seed, such as foxglove or begonia, should not be covered at all. Big seeds should be sown at a depth comparable to the size of the seed. After sowing a gentle watering with Cheshunt compound solution can prevent damping off, a fungal disease which attacks emerging seedlings.

Different varieties of newly sown seed may be covered or not, according to the type but Lyn warned us, from her own experience, always check covered seed trays to prevent seedlings growing leggy and weak from too humid conditions after germination. Always label the seed trays; memory is not enough! And use the same rule when collecting seed from the garden. It is always worth keeping a tray of non-germinating seed for at least a year just to prove to oneself that the seed was not viable as some seeds need a prolonged period of cold to stimulate germination.

Seedlings should be pricked out soon after producing the first pair or so of true leaves and grown on in cooler conditions and full light. Later they can be potted on, then planted out as young as possible, when weather and soil conditions are favourable. With a big garden and a nursery to supply, Lyn pots on and plants out at least two hundred seedlings of every variety she grows. Keen on protecting the environment, Lyn uses slug barriers, never bait and grows pulmonaria to provide nectar for early bees. Her garden is notable of hellebores in spring and old roses in June and was filmed for ITV West, in spite of the noise pollution of the nearby A338.

David Herbert proposed a vote of thanks.

The monthly club competition of 5 daffodils was won by Jill Herbert. Raffle winners were Constance Reed, Theo Marchant, Rita Webb, Gordon Kirk and June Mobey.

Next month's meeting, held as usual at the Silver Threads Hall, will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 25 May. Our talk from David Taylor will be about the history and cultivation of pelargoniums. Competition - 5 tulips

MOIRA WHITE, Secretary

We Record ...

Purton Magazine is your village magazine not a church magazine. Since the present committee took on the running of the magazine, we have continued to show the Church Registers as provided to us by St Mary's Church and the Methodist Church. However this has only enabled announcements to be made of baptisms, marriages and funerals that were entered in their Registers.

So that we can be truly representative of the entire village, we are changing the format to include all birth, marriage and death announcements from residents of all faiths and religions and those of no faiths in addition to those we receive from the churches. We will also be happy to record Silver and Golden Weddings and other milestone events.

But we won't know about it unless you tell us! Please send your notices including ages and relevant dates/locations to Purton Magazine via the contact details on page 4.

We Record ...

Baptisms

28 February Oliver Mills *at St Mary's Church*

21 March Sarah Gwendolyn Williams *at St Mary's Church*



White Horses & Hill Figures: a Summer Exhibition

White Horses and Hill Figures is an exciting major new exhibition opening at the Wiltshire Heritage Museum, Devizes on Saturday 27 March. It explores the mysterious chalk hill figures carved into the landscape of Britain, including the Uffington White Horse, the Cerne Abbas Giant and the Long Man of Wilmington.

The exhibition reflects primarily on the county of Wiltshire, where spirited white horses can be seen galloping across the chalk downlands, and military badges stamp poignant memories of the past into the landscape. It explores how the white horses and military badges of Wiltshire were created, their locations, their design, the stories of their history, and associated legends and folklore, as well as the continuing maintenance needed to preserve them.

Featured are historical items and ephemera related to white horses and hill figures, as well as interpretations through photography, artwork, ceramics and poetry created by local, national and international artists. Included are normally unseen pieces from the Museum's collection, other Organisations and private collectors.

The exhibition will be accompanied by a summer school on 24 July featuring talks from the most well-known hill figure experts in Britain.

Jenna Spellane, Exhibitions Officer says, 'We want to show off the beauty, history and mystery of Wiltshire's chalk downlands with its unique and characteristic artistry that covers and adorns the landscape. We are immensely grateful to Last Refuge Ltd for providing stunning aerial photographs, as well as to numerous chalk hill figure restoration societies for information and images.'

The exhibition runs until 3 October 2010. Usual admission charges apply.

Purton Diary - May 2010

1	Sa	7.30pm	<i>for 8pm:</i> Quiz Night, Fun & Games at Village Hall
2	Su	8.00am 10.30am 10.30am 2.00pm 6.00pm	Holy Communion at St Mary's Church Morning Worship at the Methodist Church Family Service at St Mary's Church Children in Need Treasure Hunt starting from Red House with BBQ at 4pm Evensong at St Mary's Church
3	M		Early May Bank Holiday
4	Tu	2.00pm 7.30pm	Silver Threads Club: <i>Musical Companions</i> Age Concern AGM at Silver Threads Hall - all welcome
5	W	2.00pm	Age Concern Mystery Tour with tea provided
6	Th	10.00am 10.30am	<i>to 12 noon:</i> Christian Aid Coffee Morning at 18 Church Path Holy Communion at St Mary's Church
7	F	7.30pm	Age Concern 3 B's evening at the Silver Threads Hall
8	Sa	2.00pm	Jumble Sale at Silver Threads Hall (by Helping Hand)
9	Su		Christian Aid Week 9 - 15 May: See page 29 for All Events
		8.00am 10.30am 4.00pm	Holy Communion at St Mary's Church United Service at St Mary's Church for Christian Aid Week Rogation Service at Parkside Farm, Queens Street, Braydon
10	M	7.30pm	Purton Parish Council meeting at Village Hall - press and public welcome
11	Tu	11.00am 6.30pm 7.30pm	Songs of Praise at Ashgrove House <i>and 8pm:</i> Christian Aid Curry Night at Maharajah (2 sittings) Purton Yacht Club at The Angel
13	Th	10.30am	Songs of Praise at the Cedars
14	F	9.30am 6.30pm 7.15pm	Age Concern minibus to Swindon for all areas of the village Bowls Club open evening - all welcome <i>to 9.30pm:</i> Clothes Swap and Boutique Evening at Bradon Forest School (Christian Aid)
15	Sa	7.30pm 2.00pm 7.30pm	Dodecantus concert at St Bartholomew's, Wootton Bassett Jumble Sale at Silver Threads Hall (by Silver Threads) PADS Revue <i>Beyond the Fridge</i> at Village Hall
16	Su	8.00am 10.30am 10.30am 6.00pm 7.30pm	Holy Communion at St Mary's Church Morning Worship at the Methodist Church Parish Communion at St Mary's Church Evensong at St Mary's Church PADS Revue <i>Beyond the Fridge</i> at Village Hall
17	M	7.45pm	St Mary's Fellowship of Women at Methodist Church: Social Evening
18	Tu	2.00pm 7.45pm 8.00pm	Silver Threads Club: <i>Get Fit with Liz</i> Royal British Legion at The Red House After Eight: <i>The Gambia</i> - led by Helen at Helen's

19	W	2.00pm 7.30pm	Holy Communion at Ashgrove House Purton Evening Women's Institute at Village Hall:
20	Th	7.30pm	Historical Society at St Mary's Upper School Hall: Victoria Bainbridge - <i>Churches and Chapels of Purton & Braydon</i>
21	F	6.30pm	Bowls Club open evening - all welcome
22	Sa	10.00am 8.00pm	<i>to 12 noon:</i> Coffee Morning/Plant Sale at Silver Threads Hall Adults Disco at Village Hall (St Mary's PTA)

23	Su	8.00am 10.30am 10.30am 6.00pm	Holy Communion at St Mary's Church Morning Worship at the Methodist Church Parish Communion at St Mary's Church Evensong at St Mary's Church
25	Tu	7.30pm	Gardeners' Guild at Silver Threads Hall: David Taylor - <i>Pelargoniums: History and Cultivation</i>
26	W	6.30pm	Holy Communion at the Cedars
29	Sa	2.00pm	<i>to 5pm:</i> Strawberry Cream Teas at 16 Church Path (Expedition to Romania)

30	Su	8.00am 10.30am 10.30am 6.00pm	Holy Communion at St Mary's Church Morning Worship at the Methodist Church Parish Communion at St Mary's Church Evensong at St Mary's Church
31	M		Spring Bank Holiday

June

2 W 5.30pm Age Concern evening coach trip with a pub stop

Every week

Tu	9.15am 7.30pm	<i>to 11.30am:</i> Purton Toddler Group at Village Hall Bridge Club at the Red House
W	10.00am 6.30pm	<i>to 12noon:</i> Coffee and Chat at Silver Threads Hall Rock Solid at the Methodist Church
W	7.30pm	RAOB Excelsior Lodge at The Red House
Th	9.15am	<i>to 11.30am:</i> Purton Toddler Group at Village Hall
Th	2.30pm	Pram Service for pre-school children at Methodist Church

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or email mail@purtonmagazine.co.uk

Please note: priority is given to events which are open to everyone.

Solo Art Exhibition 'HOME' - Callum Bell

1 May - 15 May 2010

The PostModern Gallery, Theatre Square, Swindon SN1 1QN

Exhibition Opening Times: 11.00am - 4.00pm Weds, Thurs, Fris & Sats

Free Talks & Open: Tues 4 May 7.00 - 9.00pm - Author Richard Willis & Artist Callum Bell

Artsite & the PostModern Gallery are proud to present a stunning new exhibition of 2 large-scale installations by local contemporary artist Callum Bell. HOME & HUT have appeared widely around the southwest, including Plymouth, Bristol and Bath but this is the first chance to see any of his life-sized structural installations in Swindon.

Bell's practice champions the re-use of materials because he reasons that 'using that which is familiar to myself, materials that usually have an association with the "home", or the idea of, are employed. My logic is that if I want to make work about things familiar to me then the work should start with the "home", as a concept, material and source of inspiration.'

Centred on a fascination with commonplace and domestic objects, Bell creates impressive walk-in structures from discarded domestic materials and objects. Absurd repetition sustains an impressive and uncanny feel from familiar objects. This is a unique opportunity to see 2 of Bell's largest works.

Artsite Studios have invited the Author RICHARD WILLIS and Artist CALLUM BELL to the Post Modern to present talks about their work and how their hometown of Swindon has been instrumental in or influential to their practices. This event is part of "Irrigation", ARTSITES ongoing program of talks by guest artists about their practice. Willis will be talking about his book 'SWINDON ORBITAL, the illustrated record of an orbital walk around Swindon'. Bell will be introducing his art practice and describing the impact that Swindon has had on it.

Callum Bell told Purton Magazine, 'I have grown up in Purton and this exhibition is about architecture and environments familiar to me so I am sure that this would make an interesting and relevant article for your readers in the village.'

For further information please contact Callum Bell at callum.j.bell@gmail.com

Community Sing 4/4 Choir

Have you always wanted to sing? Then don't miss this opportunity!

"Sing 4/4 is a recently formed group of local friends with an enthusiasm to form a choir. No experience is necessary as help is always available and our plan is to commit to 2 hours for 4 consecutive weeks at a time, hence the name, *Sing 4/4*.

We are planning to meet 3 times in each year (February, June and November) to develop a light repertoire to suit many occasions. Rehearsals are based in Cricklade and we warmly welcome new members from the Purton area.

Our next rehearsals are June 3, 10, 17 and 24, all Thursdays. The rehearsal on 3 June will be in the Cricklade United Church Hall at 8.00pm and further venues will be notified at this session.

Further enquiries to Mary New.

Easter Fun Activity Day

On Thursday 1 April (Maundy Thursday), we had 75 children aged 7-11, in the Church doing a huge assortment of activities. Yes! 75! It was a fantastic day with excellent behaviour from ALL children.

They did lots of craft activities, including fluffy origami bunnies and Easter baskets that had chocolate eggs in! They made mini parachutes out of carrier bags that we watched sail from the bell chamber as adults dropped them for us. They cut out and coloured a picture spinner and a chick magically appear inside an egg. Throughout the day they made 108 chocolate truffles! They got their hands dirty and created mini Easter gardens and a large Easter garden that will be displayed in the church until Whitsun. They hammered nails in a wooden cross ready to thread daffodils into for Easter Sunday. They used electronics to make mini robots. There were lots of competitions. The best bridge made from wooden bricks. The best Easter hat, a definite fashion item for Easter Sunday! The most things packed into a matchbox during a walk-23. The strongest bridge made from books and cardboard. The winner held 26 books and 6 wooden blocks! The tallest tower made from dried spaghetti and marshmallows to hold the weight of a mini Mars bar. A true feat of engineering! The tallest tower was 72cm! Some children even performed a dance to the parents. The group called themselves 'The Church Belles'! Again there was a chance to learn the art of bell ringing-something for everyone to do!

Everyone enjoyed themselves, even the adult helpers! I would like to say a HUGE thank-you to everyone involved: people did the photocopying, filled out necessary paper work, put the heating on, lent and transported tables, helped set up the church, spent all day helping children with activities, took children to the toilet, made tea, took photos, cleaned up the church, transported and stored all the resources and gave me practical and moral support during the planning process. I would also like to thank the parents for bringing their children and supporting the event financially. This is such a fantastic example of how the Churches in Purton and the community work as a team to support the children.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

KATHRYN BARTLETT

School Reunion Changed

I am the bearer of bad news! The reunion I was organising had to be cancelled due to lack of commitment from people saying they wanted to attend the event. I have rearranged things so the Bradon Forest School reunion for leaving year 1996 only, is to be held at the Dockle Farm House, Swindon, on 17 July (yes Air Show weekend - I have no luck in picking dates) starting at 7.30pm until late. This is a relaxed reunion where you can lounge inside or sit in the beer garden catching up with old friends and hopefully forging new ones?

For more information please contact me.

EVELYN STEEL, née Dunn
steel09@ntlworld.com

Purton Historical Society



Due to the rebuilding of St Mary's Primary School we have had to re-arrange our meetings in the autumn. So when you finish with this month's magazine cut out the details and put in your programme card or if you keep the magazine perhaps buy another copy.

Society Meetings will be at 7.30pm in Lydiard Millicent Parish Hall.

Thurs 23 Sep Alan Kirton - Rochdale : a Town of Five Surprises
Thurs 28 Oct Bill King - The Story of Glenn Miller
Thurs 25 Nov Rosa Matheson - Women & the GWR in two World Wars.
Fri 3 Dec Christmas Social - this year it will be held in the Silver Threads Hall at 7.30pm.

We are very lucky that Anne Sweet has managed to re-arrange all our planned talks with the help of the speakers.

Whilst we are talking about dates for the diary the autumn course will concern Rome and her Empire, fuller details will be given later. The course will meet on Wednesdays 6, 13, 20 October and 3, 10 and 17 November. For the course we will meet at 7.30 in the Silver Threads Hall.

When we first had notice from the school we thought well there are a lot of halls in the village. We knew that Purton was a very busy village but were surprised how hard it was to find us a new home. Time will tell if we have solved our problem.

Back to the present, our May meeting will be our last meeting in St Mary's Upper School Hall at 7.30pm. By popular demand, Virginia Bainbridge is back to tell us of her research into the Churches and Chapels of Purton and Braydon. It should be a very informative evening as both the speaker and the audience always come up with local anecdotes

You will find details of our summer Coach Outing and the Tour of a Local Village on [page 25](#).

EVE BOOY, Secretary

Purton Museum

The museum volunteers are going to have someone in the museum on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons, plus Tuesday evenings.

The volunteers will be available to answer visitor's questions about our collection and Purton's past in general, as well as having access to some of our objects in store that we have no room to display.

We hope that this will be of interest to all Purtonians who would like to know how the village was from the Iron Age to M4.

BRIAN FREEGARD, Museum Curator

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Historical Society Coach Outing

Our Coach Outing this year is on Saturday 19 June to Charlecote Park in Warwickshire, home to the Lucy Family since the 15th century although they acquired the land back in 1247.

It is situated in beautiful parkland 'inspired' by Capability Brown, overlooking the river Avon. There has been a herd of fallow deer here since Tudor times but the story that William Shakespeare poached here is thought to be untrue! Queen Elizabeth I stayed here, but I feel it must beg the question as to where didn't she stay, as she does seem to have got around a bit!

We will stay at Charlecote until about 2pm and then drive into the centre of Warwick, about 10 minutes away where we will have time to look around this



historic city or time for some retail therapy, before returning to Purton.

The price for the trip is £20 per person including the price of admission to the National Trust Property. National Trust members can book for £13 but must have their Trust membership card with them on the day.

We depart Purton at 9.00 and return around 7.00pm. For a booking form contact Helen Dixon, Eve Booy, or pop into In Touch Services. Alternatively download one from

www.purtonmuseum.com/2010coachbookingform.

HELEN DIXON

Picture: Charlcote Park, from "Picturesque Views of Seats of the Noblemen and Gentlemen of Great Britain and Ireland" F.O. Morris (1870)

Tour of a Local Village

On Saturday 24 July, we will be visiting East Tytherton and its environs. The tour is done by car we will meet outside the tiny St Giles' Church at the end of Maud Heath's Causeway at Kellaways. If you need transport, ring Helen on 770648 to arrange car shares.

This day replaces the Tour of Local Churches which was running out of ideas for places to visit. By looking at a village and its surroundings we will take in a church or two but broaden the scope to look at other aspects of historical interest on our doorstep.

The trip will finish as before with lunch at a local hostelry for those who want to join us.

HELEN DIXON

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Directions: St Giles', Kellaways is on the minor road running northwest from East Tytherton towards Langley Burrell, and just before you reach the River Avon.

OS Map Reference: ST 94657 75852

Latitude 51.481N : Longitude 2.077W

St Mary's CE Primary School News

The school has enjoyed some wonderful successes for its pupils during term 4 and we are well set to enjoy more this year. Some of our children's achievements include:

- Gifted and Talented Day at Swindon Town Football Club - well done to the children in years 3 to 6 who represented St Mary's CE Primary School at this event. Mrs Clarke took the teams and I am delighted to be able to tell you we won the Lego Robotics competition.
- Swindon Music Festival - Another fine performance this year and a top three finish! Well done to Mrs Fudge and the team that led the choir.
- Interschool General Knowledge Quiz - Miss Derrick and Mrs Wright took a fine team of year 6 children to Marsh Farm last Thursday night and we beat all the other local primaries, coming first in a nail-biting final round.
- Cake Sale for The British Heart Foundation - Well done to Lewis and Greg Griffin who organised a cake sale for this worthy charity, raising over £100 and a visit from Heart FM's Black Thunder.
- County Netball Competition - Our netballers did so well to reach a highly competitive County final. They didn't win, but they did brilliantly in a very high standard competition in Swindon.

Well done also to ... Ben Hartley, Ross Wardle and Michael Harris who won an area chess tournament representing Purton's Cub Scout troop!

Progress towards the new build has also been moving at a pace. Over the month of March we have been busy meeting with potential contractors. Five out of around forty were shortlisted to tender for the project and as I write they are busy submitting their proposals for selection by the Local Authority. The school itself does not choose the contractors but it is being kept in the loop as part of these crucial developments.

Once the contractors have been chosen, we will be keen to arrange another consultation evening like the one we had last year. This will enable all members of the community to meet the team building the school and seek any reassurances they may have.

IAN TUCKER, Headteacher

The Hayes Knoll Lock Project on the North Wilts Canal

At last spring is with us, resulting in any potential great crested newts moving out of their hiding places in the earth surrounding the lock and into suitable water for spawning. At this stage a newt exclusion fence was erected around the lock. It will now be possible to move the earth obstructing the site so that it is level.

Help is needed with this exciting project of lock restoration, as part of the complete restoration of the Wilts and Berks canal and its North Wilts arm. No experience is necessary, just a willingness to work in a friendly team. Please contact the Work Party Organiser, Ray Aldridge, on 0750 204 6708 by phone or text. Further information on www.wbct.org.uk

Duvet Day or Emergency?

Choose well to get the right treatment

You've shut your finger in a door and think it might be broken. You've got a really bad cold and it might even be flu. It's ten o'clock at night and your three-year-old is screaming with earache. Your elderly mother has fallen downstairs and lost consciousness. Do you call A&E, an out-of-hours GP, go to a Minor Injury Unit (MIU) or wait until it goes away?

Each of these common medical situations has a different solution. For he trapped finger, you should go to an MIU. For the cold, take a paracetamol and curl up somewhere warm with lots of tissues. The three-year-old needs a call to the out-of-hours service and a fall leading to a loss of consciousness means call 999 at once.

Making the right choice is important for you, so NHS Wiltshire has produced *Choose Well* - a webpage and leaflet that act as a simple, handy guide to getting the right treatment.

The webpage - www.wiltshirepct.nhs.uk/choosewell - went live on 1 April, along with a new Wiltshire-wide service for out-of-hours medical and dental services, provided by a local company, Wiltshire Medical Services. Click on the website, or pick up a leaflet at your doctor's surgery, library or other public building, to find out who to call when.

In an emergency (eg: serious injury, loss of consciousness, chest pain or suspected stroke), patients should always phone 999. For healthcare advice over the phone, *NHS Direct* is available on 0845 4647.

SHARON CHARITY, *Communications Manager*
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Purton & Lydiard Charity Fund

Unfortunately we have had to cancel our Football Free Zone planned for June, mainly through the lack of response from businesses to take part. Perhaps everyone does want to watch the football after all! Apologies to those who would like to have attended.

However we will still be busy during the summer with appearances at:

- Saturday 12 June, face painting, books and games, Purton Carnival
- Sunday 20 June, face painting and games, Cricklade Town Festival
- Saturday 17 July, face painting and games, The Children's Fete, Faringdon Road Park, Swindon

We also have just a few places still available for our Christmas Craft Show on Saturday 30 October. We are also looking for fetes, garden parties, bazaars etc to raise money for our own charity through small side shows, face painting etc. Available for face painting at parties in private or public locations at very reasonable rates. Fully insured and CRB checked.

If you would like to know more please contact Lynda at email Lynda.warren@hotmail.co.uk



LYNDA WARREN



Spirit Level: Anticipation

Anticipation is often a traumatic time. Time when nothing seems certain. The promises are there but how or when will it all happen?

As I write we expect a new grandchild quite soon but we do not know when.

We look towards a general election, we know when, but who will win and will they have a majority to form a government?

We expect summer weather soon but will all my precious garden plants have survived the cold winter and spring?

Christ's disciples were waiting in anticipation of the "Promise of the Father" as they met together in an upper room in Jerusalem. They had had a very dramatic and traumatic few weeks. Their leader had been taken from them and killed as a common criminal although they knew He was innocent. Three days after His death He appeared again and they were confused. Then just as they had become used to Him around again they saw Him taken up in a cloud to disappear from their sight.

They were afraid, as we often are when we are not sure of the next set of circumstances in our lives. They clung together as they waited and prayed and that is often all we can do, the strong supporting the weak and the practical ones keeping life as normal as possible, preventing panic of the fearful.

One thing we can be sure of, one day soon it will happen.

That baby will arrive, a new government will take over and my garden will again bloom to please me.

On the day of Pentecost as the disciples waited and prayed the promised Holy Spirit came and filled those fearful men and women with joy, boldness and courage. The church was born. Those early disciples, by their witness, turned their world upside down, and so can we.

JILL WINSON

Jill lives in Purton and attends All Saints, Lydiard Millicent

Prayer for Purton

This month the churches in Purton are praying for everyone who lives and works in *Kibblewhite Close, Proud Close, Reids Piece, The Peak, Willis Way, Long Acre, High St, College Rd and Hooks Hill.*

People in these streets will receive cards through their doors which will invite them to contact us if there is anything they would like us to pray for during our Sunday worship. You can give as much or little information as you wish. We don't even have to know a name.

Christian Aid Week Activities in Purton

Please come and join us at these activities below.
You will all be SO welcome!



- **Thursday 6 May:** Coffee Morning at Bernice Seviour's (771210), 18 Church Path.
10am - 12. Bring & Buy and lots more.
- **Saturday 8 May:** Coffee Morning at Mrs Rawling's Farm
Parkside Farm, Braydon. 10.30am
Stalls including Bric a brac and cakes
- **Sunday 9 May:** Christian Aid Service 10.30 St Mary's Church
with 'Breakfast in the Pews' from 9am - 10am for those who attend the
services at 8am and 10.30
Come and have breakfast together in Church! £4.
([Libbie](#) needs to know numbers for bacon butties!)
- **Tuesday 11 May:** Curry Night at The Maharajah.
Two sittings: 6.30 & 8pm
£10 per ticket. Tickets from Wendy or Kate
- **Friday 14 May:** 'Girlie Night Clothes Swap'
Clothes Swap: Bradon Forest School Hall
7.15 - 9.30pm. Tickets £5.
A pink girlie evening! Pink drink and Cupcakes!
Bring two items of clothing to swap or share.
For more details contact Anna or Beth
- **Saturday 15 May:** Cake Stall: plus plants and preserves
Pavenhill Shops: from 7.30am.
Donations of cakes on the morning, or the day before,
would be most gratefully received by Belinda
- **Sunday 16 May:** Wash For Dosh
Get your car washed by children at UJC.
St Mary's Infant Hall. 10.15 - 11.15

Don't forget that, while all this is going on, we shall also be giving out and collecting up the red and white Christian Aid envelopes. Any new volunteers to help with the House-to-House collection would be extremely welcome. Please contact Brian.

We are also grateful to the Cubs for organising a Beetle Drive, for Cubs and Brownies, to add to the fundraising fun!

There is also a Christian Aid Quiz. Price £1. Available from The Spar, In Touch Services, The Vets and The Butchers.

Returned sheets must be with Jean at 18 Restrop View by 10pm on Friday 15 May. £20 prize!

Church Floodlighting

With thanks to those who have sponsored floodlighting of St Mary's Church.



- 2 May in memory of **Dolly Woolford**
on the 1st anniversary of her death, and
- 3 May in memory of **Nellie Dearing** on her 2nd anniversary.
Sadly missed but always in our thoughts. Dave, Gill, Paul, Katie and family
- 18 May in memory of my husband **Dave Binstead**, on what would have been his birthday. Always in our thoughts, greatly missed. By his wife Dorn and family.

A gentle reminder about the Church Floodlights

Please can I remind you all that if you would like St Mary's Church floodlit for an evening the cost will now be £15.

Just contact [Libbie](#) and she will explain the procedure.

It is a lovely way to celebrate an anniversary, both happy and sad.

Thanks.

LIBBIE

We are always looking for new contributors to Purton Magazine. To encourage younger readers to contribute we are holding a

Competition for Under 16s

Mums, Dads, Grandparents, etc ... please encourage your children to enter this competition to *DESIGN* a picture to go on the front cover of Purton Magazine.

Rules of the Competition

1. The entrant must be under 16 and resident in Purton.
2. The entry must be in colour using any medium.
3. The content of the entry must be related to Purton in some way: e.g. a view, building, collage, etc.
4. The entry can be any size up to maximum A3 (42 x 29.7cm / 16½ x 11½ inches). This is so that it can be scanned.
5. The entry must be submitted **by 10 June 2010** to:
[Purton Magazine](#)
c/o In Touch Services, 115 Pavenhill, Purton SN5 4DB
6. Entries will be judged by members of Purton Artists whose decision will be final.
7. The winner will receive a prize of £5. The winning entry and others judged suitable will be printed as covers of future issues of Purton Magazine.
8. By submitting an entry to the competition, you are agreeing that your entry can be printed in Purton Magazine.

Purton Cricket Club



During the winter and spring months much has been done to prepare for the coming season. Hedges and trees have been trimmed, the track to the ground repaired, two members have qualified as umpires and indoor practice and coaching sessions have improved players' techniques. Having lost the services of several players from 2009 the club is pleased to welcome new players. We wish those who have already joined us every success.

Fixtures at Purton in May:-

1st	1st XI v Marlborough	1.45pm
2nd	U13 v Cannings/Potterne	2.00pm
8th	2nd XI v Malmesbury	1.45pm
15th	1st XI v Nationwide	1.45pm
22nd	2nd XI v Lechlade	1.45pm
23rd	U11 v Corsham	10.30am
23rd	U15 v Trowbridge	2.00pm
29th	2nd XI v Winsley	1.45pm

From The Archives - Purton Cricket Club 100 Years Ago

At the annual dinner in 1910 the chairman, Mr J.H.Sadler, congratulated the club on winning 18 of its matches. Comments were made about the fielding not being up to the usual standard. There had been an increase in membership numbers and the chairman trusted that there was a desire to maintain the reputation of the old club on its 90th birthday. Several awards were made which included the following:-

The club captain, Mr S W Brown, was presented with a clock as a memento of his recent marriage.

Joe Staley was recognised for his long service with a bat containing a silver plate with the inscription "Presented to Mr J Staley by members of Purton Cricket Club, Oct 25th 1910".

Mr Walter Tidmarsh received a bat in recognition of his good batting and wicket keeping.

Mr W Hewer received a cap having performed a hat trick early in the season.

The evening concluded with the news that the finances were in a healthy state on account of the excellent support given by the club patrons and that Mrs Russell had promised the field for 1911.

JOE GARDNER

Cricklade Country Market

The next Market is at *The Club at Cricklade* on Friday 28 May from 9 to 11am.

If you are interested in becoming a market producer (baking or growing) or wish to place an order for collection at the next market, please call Nikki on 01793 751845 or Anne on 01793 750125 for more details.

Also the Country Market will be having a plant fair at the Club in Cricklade on Saturday 15 May, 9 - 11am.

Our planned Ladies Day tennis had to be cancelled because of persistent rain as did the first of our pre-match season Ladies evenings - how disappointing was that? But the second Ladies evening attracted a good attendance, some fiery tennis and much laughter - don't ask! We can only hope the summer gets better and better both in terms of weather and good tennis.

Final results for the Winter League have been delayed because of the postponement of a few outstanding matches in the league but we now know that our B team came top of Division 3 and can now look forward to even more exacting matches next season in Division 2. Congratulations to them.

Following his recent severe illness Justin Miller, our coach for the past few years, has felt it necessary to resign to concentrate of getting himself fully fit and to conserve his depleted energy. Coaching makes huge demands on the constitution not only for the physical effort involved but also because of the vagaries of the weather which, when adverse, can take a heavy physical toll. We are grateful to Justin for the enthusiasm he brought to the club and the real advances made by our Juniors under his guidance. We are delighted that Becky Prince has agreed to take on the position of coach - see her piece below.

The new summer season matches start at the beginning of the month and we are all looking forward to new challenges. We are hoping for a much needed summer of sunshine and warmth. We are delighted to welcome new members to the club at any time of the year - both new players and returning ones. Get in touch. Our website is www.purtontennis.net or I can answer, I hope, any queries.

CAROLINE McLEAN

Purton TC new Tennis Coach Becky Prince:

Becky welcomes all standards and age groups to play tennis, as an LTA coach Becky would be happy to take any Individual coaching or group sessions.

Tennis Playing Profile:

- County Champion since 2002 up to present date
- Currently Wiltshire Ladies Number 1
- Was ranked 22 In Great Britain for U18s
- Represented Wiltshire every year in the County Cup since 2002
- Won the Ladies Singles Bournemouth Open 2009
- Won Road to Wimbledon U14 event 2 years in a row and then played at Wimbledon

Coaching Profile:

- Tennis Leaders
- Level 1 and Level 2
- Almost completed level 3 (DCA)
- Worked at Wiltshire Performance Tennis Academy for 2 Years
- Worked in the Wiltshire County Office for 2 years Administration
- Mentor and supervise the under 14 County girls home and away for County Cups

Becky can be contacted on: E-mail: beckyprince@live.co.uk

Purton Bowls Club

Once again spring is with us and we are starting a new season. Our pre-season meeting was attended by a large number of bowlers who came to renew their subscriptions and our Treasurer, Paul Boyles, handed out the fixture cards for 2010. Sue Williams chaired the meeting and gave a welcome to all including four new members and gave details of what we can look forward to in 2010, and what a super number of matches our Fixture Secretary, Phil Reddan has arranged for us. Our Captain, John Bartlett, and Vice-Captain, Eric Matthews, are going to be kept busy this year. Eric Matthews, Men's League Captain, and Eric Collier then handed out new bowls shirts for Wilts and S&D matches.



Now for an important piece of news. During the winter, Graham Price, our Head Greenkeeper, along with Max and the merry band of men who look after the green have put in many hours of work, often under adverse conditions, to give us a good playing surface, plus the Club premises have been given a super facelift with a new canopy over the veranda, painting of doors, windows, seats and benches. Eric Matthews has repositioned and set the water sprinklers in the corners of the green; Phil Reddan has made a brilliant new Bowls Club sign for the front gate; all paving slabs and blockwork round the green now complete ... so all our premises look brand new.

I know members will greatly appreciate and give thanks to all concerned, especially to Barry for all his skills, to the three Johns, Bill, Max, Deryck, Doug, Eric, Dave, Brian, Mike and Sid. Sadly missing since December was myself. I've been quite poorly with a serious blood disorder but, with many thanks to Purton Surgery and the Great Western Hospital, I'm now on the mend and hoping maybe I will be able to bowl soon.

Last year's open evening was a huge success with seven new members joining. This year we will hold open evenings again on Fridays 14 and 21 May at 6.30pm. All ages are welcome. Please come along with a pair of trainers or sandals and our County Coach, Vic Austin, will be pleased to explain this lovely game of bowls.

Happy bowls, Members.

RON SLADE

Purton Guide Dogs

On Saturday 13 March, I did a stall at the Cricklade Band Table Top in the Town Hall, and made £11.40. We have received three donations this month, £15 from Diana's cousin from Newport, £20 from a lady in Brinkworth and £5.76 from a Purton resident. Our Jumble Sale on 20 March was a great success, helped in no small measure by donations of items some brand new, from the family of the late Barbara Evans, who along with her daughter regularly came and helped at our Jumble Sales. We made £206.08 on the day. I still have a few more cans to crush - helps to keep me fit.



Once again thank you for your continued support.

BRIAN DAVIES for the Purton Support Group

INTERNATIONAL NEWS: India Link

This term Bradon Forest had the privilege of hosting a number of Headteachers from our link schools in the Haryana region of India. The visit forms part of a three year Connecting Classrooms programme, established by the British Council.

The Headteachers thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Bradon, and commented on the excellent hospitality of staff and students. They were particularly impressed with the quality and range of facilities, and the positive relationships between staff and students.



A number of our Year 10 students are currently working collaboratively with students from our Wiltshire Cluster - St Laurence School, Bradford-on-Avon and St Sampson's Junior School, Cricklade, sharing ideas with our Indian partners about school life, culture and the local environment. It is hoped that the Bradon Forest students involved in the project will have the opportunity to undertake a reciprocal visit to India in 2011.

SPORTS NEWS: Bradon Forest Swimmers are Runners Up in Key Stage 3 North Zone Swimming Gala

On 4 March, twenty students from Years 7, 8 and 9 went to The Ridgeway Leisure Centre to take part in the Swimming Gala. There was a great atmosphere with



students cheering on the swimmers from their school even if they were competing against friends from their swimming club. We had success in lots of races, with twenty medals proudly going home around the necks of Bradon Forest students. All students who took part in the

gala gained points for Bradon Forest School, and all the students fully deserved their runners-up position

ICT NEWS: Due to our work on Internet Safety and Cybermentoring we were asked to host a visit by the senior team from the newly formed government body UKCCIS (UK Council for Child Internet Safety). www.dcsf.gov.uk/ukccis/

The UKCCIS team visited Bradon Forest on 16 March 2010 to discuss e-safety issues with students and staff and to give the UKCCIS team a feel of what young people are doing on the Internet these days. UKCCIS have asked if they could continue their link with Bradon Forest as they were impressed by the students and work of our Cybermentors - both students and staff.

SCIENCE NEWS: Year 7 Science Fair

Well done to all teams who participated in the Science Fair in March. It was a great success, with a fantastic variety of interactive displays and experiments to see. Congratulations to the students who have been selected to represent Bradon Forest at the North Wiltshire Science Fair at Malmesbury School on 24 March. Good luck to all teams!

(Bradon Forest teams include: Jack Deeley, William Rogers, Eleasha Kell, Grace Bartlett, Stephen Foulds, Oliver Poulter, Liam Elliott, Loren James, Alexandra Tong and Charlotte Butler)



2012 Olympic Project: A team of students from Bradon Forest were highly commended for their work at a presentation evening at the end of a 2012 Olympic Competition. The competition formed part of a collaborative Business and Enterprise Project developed and written for Gifted and Talented students by Maiden Erlegh School, working with The Forest School, and Bradon Forest School.

In February, the teams met at Newbury Rugby Club, transformed into an Olympic-themed venue to host the Final Presentation Ceremony. After a champagne reception for parents and guests, each team presented its proposals to a panel of judges and answered their questions. Just when 'they thought it was all over', teams were faced with a sudden 'spanner in the works' and had to produce a one-minute pitch on the green credentials of their business proposal! All teams performed extremely well with high quality presentations including video. Business ideas varied from fresh fruit smoothies to viewing balloons, offering visitors a panoramic view of the Olympic site. The Bradon Forest team comprised Daniel Granville, Christopher Jones, Mitchell Duprie, Michael Booth, Olivia Stanton and Joanne Cook.

MUSIC NEWS: Spring Music Concert on 17 March

The Concert held in the Bradon Forest Theatre played to a sell-out audience and the varied programme certainly provided an excellent evening's entertainment. A wide range of music genres were represented by the many performances which included groups, soloists, the Junior Band, Concert Band and Junior and Senior Choirs.

During the concert our Music Prefect, Joshua Dunham (Year 11) was publicly thanked for all his hard work and terrific support over the year (this is the first year we have had a Music Prefect). Miss Groom and Miss Clements had a very difficult job to choose Joshua's replacement for next year. Lydia Coniglio (Year 10) was chosen as she is always involved in concerts, supporting other students and is a very accomplished musician and accompanist. Congratulations to Lydia.

We were very lucky to have so many solo performers, ensembles and groups - both instrumental and vocal. Our peripatetic team have worked hard preparing the students for their performances. Thank you to them all and particular thanks to Mrs Fleet for her terrific support. Also, thank you to Miss Clements, Miss Groom, the Expressive Arts team, the students and other colleagues involved in making the evening such a success.

L SPIERS, Headteacher