

# Purton Magazine



*Apple Blossom and Bumble Bee*  
*photo: Rick Dixon*

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*Holy Days 7.00pm Mass  
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## From the Editors

So now we know! The next General Election will be on 7 May 2015 and we trust that date is already in your diaries - who said a week was a long time in politics?

While details of the final count in our constituency appear on [page 12](#), the national newspapers are already making much of our new coalition government. The full-time Cabinet consists of 18 Conservative and 5 Liberal Democrat MPs with only 5 of all of them having any previously government experience.

The national newspapers have had a field day reporting the shape and style of our new government with marriage being the metaphor of choice to describe the arrangement between Messrs Cameron and Clegg. There have been numerous references to a (very) civil ceremony with an exchange of vows and a comprehensive pre-nuptial agreement with the general feeling that their parents would have been very proud of both of them.

Indeed, *The Independent* newspaper adorned its front page with a series of wedding-type photos with the following captions - "I, Nick, take you, Dave, to be my leader; for better, for worse; for richer, for poorer; 'till debt do us part." Let's hope that 'stable and secure' journalism only returns to its usual places as there could be several opportunities for some more scurrilous satire to keep us entertained in the months to come.

Back in our community, the Purton Carnival is coming round again between 4 and 12 June. This year's theme is "Best of British" and while an outline of the schedule events appears on [page 29](#), official programmes with several different entry forms have already been on sale.

There are two big events where a feast of British food can be anticipated. On Saturday 5 June there is a Pig Roast from 5.00pm in the Angel car park with live music, the selection of the Carnival Prince/Princess and the Pride of Purton awards. Then, on Friday 11 June, there is a Carnival Lunch from 12.00 noon in the Silver Threads Hall, generously sponsored by Andrew Hiscock, our butcher.

The Carnival Procession is on Saturday 12 June starting from Witts lane just after 1.00pm. There are 7 classes of float and judging will be at 12.00 noon promptly. Entries must be submitted no later than Friday 4 June. Perhaps in view of our new British Government, there may be a few coalition floats.

**17%**

of the value of a property  
is generally invested in the  
garden  
- [see page 20](#).

**£20**

notes with the old style  
and Elgar illustration are  
being withdrawn  
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**48,699**

votes in our constituency  
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was a 73.4% turnout  
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## Parish Council News



**Skate Park:** Last year we obtained funding to build a Skate Park in Purton. £25,000 of that funding came from WYPOF (Wiltshire Young People's Opportunity Fund) which the Young People User Group was successful in obtaining. Each year the WYPOF panel select their overall winning applications for grants from each local area which they felt were particularly good. Our young people user group won the best application for this area. Some of the user group including Ryan and Carl Cozens, Reece Durham and Gaz along with the supporting adult Helen Griffin, were picked up in a stretched Hummer and taken to Club Ice in Westbury where a two-minute video of their application was showcased to the Heads and Directors of Wiltshire Council. They presented the user group with a certificate. A good night was had by all and well done to the young people user group. When you read this the Skate Park will be well on its way to being constructed. Look out for posters of our Grand Opening in early July.

**Vandalism** continues to be a problem in the village and we urge you to report any incident where damage has been caused or when people are making a nuisance of themselves to the Police on 0845 408 7000. It is appreciated that sometimes it takes a while to get through on this number but once you have you will be issued with a reference number and that number is crucial because it can link the area of crimes together to form a picture of where problems are occurring and gives the Police areas to target. It is also recorded in the Police statistics which again helps to build a picture and can help the Police to focus staff where they are needed most.

**Cross Lanes Junction:** The Parish Council has for some time been concerned about the junction at Cross Lanes which is on the B4553 at The Pry leading to Tadpole Lane Bridge and Newths Lane. This junction is, to say the least, confusing in terms of who has the right of way and as a result leads to dangerous situations occurring. The Parish Council has taken this problem up with Wiltshire Council through the Area Board but has been told that given that there have only been two, rather than three, personal injury collisions recorded by the Police during the last three years at this junction no action will be taken. This is very disappointing given the nature of the junction.

We would like to hear your views on this and if you have had any problems when using this junction. Please send your comments to Purton Parish Council, Council Office, Village Hall, Station Road, Purton, Wilts. SN5 4AJ, email at [purtonpc.eclipse.co.uk](mailto:purtonpc.eclipse.co.uk) or telephone on 01793 771066.

Since writing this article there may be a ray of light in that the Parish Council has now been invited to a site meeting to discuss possible low cost, straightforward improvements to the junction that might be funded through the Area Board. We would still like to hear from you if you have incidents to report or suggestions to make for this junction.

**Telephone Kiosk at Purton Stoke:** Parish and Town Councils were asked a while ago if they would like to take over redundant telephone boxes in their communities as the red boxes are a popular and iconic feature of many towns and villages.

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Some Purton Stoke residents expressed an interest in looking after their telephone box and the Parish Council was happy to help by taking on the legal responsibility for it. It seems that Purton Stoke residents have some good ideas for their telephone box so this should be something to keep an eye on in the coming months. Who knows what could appear in the box, so watch this space!

**Public Tennis Court:** We are pleased to announce the re-opening of the public tennis court at the Village Centre. It has taken a little longer than we had hoped to complete the work for which we apologise. We recognise that there is a lot of local interest in tennis and hope that the public court will provide another good facility for local residents. The key for the Court can be obtained from Best One (previously The Spar) tel 770775 and costs £4.50 per hour. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult at all times. The court key must be returned to Best One after each session.

**Berriman's Wood - 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of tree planting:** The Woodland Trust has reminded us that it was 10 years ago that local residents planted trees at Berriman's Wood at The Pry. The Trust has suggested that it would be nice to commemorate the anniversary of the planting with an organised community event. The Parish Council would like to hear from you if you took part in the tree planting and/or if you have any ideas for a community event.

**The Wiltshire Invasive Plants Project** is a 3 year project which is in its second year and aims to map and eliminate (or at least control) three of the main non-native invasive plant species: Himalayan balsam, Japanese knotweed and giant hogweed. The target areas of the project are: The River Ray (Swindon), The Bybrook (North Wiltshire Cotswolds) and the Salisbury Avon and all of its Wiltshire tributaries. As the waterways are used for seed dispersal by two of these species, it is very important to have a county-wide effort to identify and eliminate as many of these plants as possible, in order to prevent (or at the least, limit) their spreading across the county. Last year, the project team discovered that the extent of the problem was worse than first expected and therefore, support has never been more necessary.

**Problems caused by these species include:**

- The damage to native wildlife, as diverse and healthy ecosystems are replaced by vast monoculture stands of these invasive plants.
- Threat to native species that depend on healthy riverbank ecosystems to thrive. Some species of conservation concern are further threatened by the changes caused to their habitat, such as the water vole and Atlantic salmon.
- These plants die back in the winter leaving bare ground, which can lead to soil erosion, loss of banks, bank instability and can contribute to the risk of flash flooding.
- Giant hogweed poses a very serious health risk to those who touch it. When contact is made with the sap and skin is exposed to sunlight, painful blistering of the skin is caused. What's more, this affliction can continue for many years after the incident. Therefore, giant hogweed is a matter of concern for anyone who is responsible for land (particularly public access).

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- Japanese knotweed can cause major structural damage as the roots can penetrate concrete and grow up to six metres away from the plant.

These plants can easily overtake access points to water, such as fishing swims.

If you are interested in helping with this project you could join the North Wiltshire Invasive Plant Forum. For more information please contact the Parish Council Office or email [EmmaH@wiltshirewildlife.org](mailto:EmmaH@wiltshirewildlife.org)

**The following Planning Applications have been Approved by Wiltshire Council:**

- N10/00896/FUL *57 Peartree Close*, erection of single storey rear extension  
N10/00895/FUL *55 Peartree Close*, erection of single storey rear extension and alterations to north facing first floor windows  
N10/00097/FUL *Salixmead, Purton Stoke*, extension and alterations to dwelling (approval notice received with amended application)  
N10/00434/FUL *7 Purton Stoke*, two-storey side and rear extension and single storey side and rear extension  
N10/00445/FUL *2 Proud Close*, insertion of new first floor window into side elevation  
N10/00710/FUL *13 High Street*, first floor side and rear extensions and single storey extension/conservatory to rear  
N09/01848/FUL *22 Station Road*, erection of five dwellings

**The following Planning Application has been refused by the Wiltshire Council:**

- N10/00485/LBC & N10/00481/FUL  
*Restrop Farmhouse, Restrop*, 2½-storey side extension

**The Following Planning Applications have been withdrawn by the applicants:**

- N10/00974/FUL *Rear of 6 Upper Pavenhill*, erection of three bed detached dwelling at rear  
N10/00610/FUL *14 The Peak*, annexe for disabled person

**How to contact the Parish Council:**

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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.

## Purton Open Gardens 2010

Open Gardens is coming closer - it will be on the weekend of 10-11 July. If you would like to join in, either to open your garden or to help in any other way, you should ring Brigitte on 772133. This year we will be supporting the fund for a new cooker at the Village Hall and also the Jubilee Gardens Project.

Programmes, price £5 per person\*, are your entrance tickets to the gardens and will be on sale from late June at Best One (formerly the Spar), Toomers, Greatfield Garden Centre, In Touch Services and, on the day, from the first garden you visit (\*accompanied under-16s free).

There will be signs around the village to point out where these gardens are.

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## Purton & District Age Concern



Could I thank the family of the late Mrs Rosie Austin for money in lieu of flowers coming to us on the sad loss of their mum. It is always sad when it is your mum, even though she had such a good long life, and we offer the family our deepest sympathy. Rosie was lovingly cared for by her family, especially her son Robert, better known as Boxer, who lived with her in Stone Lane, Lydiard Millicent. She was born in Swindon but then the family moved to Purton. Rosie passed to go to the grammar school but the family couldn't afford for her to go, but that did not stop her enjoying her life. I have often spoken about the dances at the Angel in Purton and it seems that Rosie and her sisters used to climb out of their bedroom window to go. It is a good job they did, as that is where she met her husband Harold, known as Bing. It was a bit of a slow start to the courtship as Rosie's sister Gert used to go with them. Were Rosie and Bing shy, or was Gert a decoy so that their parents wouldn't suspect anything, but I doubt if that lasted too long as I am sure Rosie's parents were pleased for their daughter. When Harold and Rosie married they lived with Rosie's parents, along with her two brothers and two sisters, in a thatched cottage down by the old bakery. The cottage burnt down on 5 June 1944 and I bet Rosie could have done with Bing's support at a time like that but, of course, he was away in the RAF. The thatched cottages, I believe, were down by the old bakery where Forge Fields is, or should it be the forge.

When the war came Bing was called up for the RAF and Rosie went into the GWR to train as a crane driver. (As a little footnote here, I am writing this on the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE day and, when one stops and looks back, not enough respect was given to the ladies who kept the country running during the war years.) As I have said, Rosie was a crane driver and, whoever was lucky enough to have worked in the GWR knows all about those cranes - the driver was situated about thirty feet up in the air. In my time, it was engines they were lifting but with Rosie it would have been tanks and the saying goes that a good driver could crack a nut - and I mean the ones you eat - and Rosie was ranked as the best, so you can tell what skill she had. After the war, Bing and Rosie moved to Stone Lane, where Rosie stayed for the rest of her life. They had four children, Susan, Vic, Robert and Elizabeth. Rosie worked in BHS along with her sister-in-law Vera Shorten. In fact, I am told that, when Vera was alive, there were not many days she did not visit Rosie. Another place where Rosie worked was the Co-op. What an asset she would have been to these places, with her attitude to life. Mind, it was not all work as the family enjoyed holidays at Weymouth and later in the sunshine of Spain.

Rosie loved her family and had great pleasure from her grandchildren and great grandchildren and it must have been lovely for her as they came to her for advice when they had important decisions to make. (She also taught the grandchildren to play poker - that's the sort of granny to have!) Although in her later years she was armchair bound, she was still 'the boss' in the family and was interested in all that was happening. She loved watching sport on the TV and enjoyed golf, knowing the



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names of all the golfers. She was a very generous lady and she loved Lydiard just the same as I love Purton. It was very clear from her funeral that Lydiard loved her too. It was a lovely village tribute to a grand lady. Could I say how nice it was to go into All Saints Church half an hour before the service, on a cold day, and to have a nice warm church and the organ playing suitable music. I am sure such things help people on an emotional day.

We have had some bad news that Theo Marchant, who had just presented us with our new minibus, has been taken poorly. Our thoughts and prayers are with her and her daughter Sue and family and we hope, by the time this magazine is out, that Theo will be on the road to recovery.

After twenty-six years we have a new secretary in Purton Age Concern. Sheila has stood down and will be assistant secretary and the new secretary is Louise Tidman. We are very lucky to have someone of Louise's knowledge and experience to take this job on and I am sure that it is a good move for the future of our organisation. Mind, Sheila will be a hard act to follow - I know the work she has put into Age Concern and will still do, helping out wherever she can. Sheila has longer connections than me with Age Concern, going back to Harold Waldron's time. She was secretary then, when he was chairman. I remember that Sheila, Harold and I set up the street warden scheme but soon after that she resigned as secretary but stayed on as a street warden. She must have at least forty years connection with Age Concern - talk about loyalty! How Age Concern has grown over those years and it is thanks to people like Sheila who, apart from being a marvellous secretary, is very kind and willing to help anyone as well as Age Concern. In fact, she is a great ambassador for us, a good person to have in any organisation. So thank you Sheila - it is through people like you that Age Concern is where it is today. She won't be able to put her feet up - it is a full time job keeping an eye on me and she will still be 'the wind beneath my wings' as she likes to say.

Still on with the AGM, everything else remains the same with the main group and, with the minibus personnel, we have someone new on board to help out - that is Francis Sheppard, so many thanks Francis, your help will be greatly appreciated and I am sure you will enjoy it.

Another interesting point is the Age Concern amalgamation with Help the Aged. The new organisation will be called 'Age UK' and I am sure you will have seen the advertisements on the TV telling you about this. It won't make any difference to you or to us in the village in any way except the name. At the moment we are a member of the Federation of Age Concern England but we are planning on changing to 'Friends of Age Concern Wiltshire' or Age UK Wiltshire as it is now known. This will be more appropriate for us. Members of the Federation now are the big groups that have paid staff and cover large areas, but we cannot make this change until September when this new category is sorted out.

Don't forget, we can still get your house inspected with regard to fire safety and security. This is free of charge and the Fire Service and the Bobby Van will fit your house with smoke alarms and door chains. Contact your street warden with your name and address with post code and telephone number.

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We have had three nice occasions lately, the first being the befrienders tea party at Vicky and Doug Fowlers' home. This is always such a treat so thanks to all the befrienders plus the minibus personnel and everyone concerned for making it such an enjoyable afternoon and giving these people so much pleasure.

The next was our mystery tour which took us to Cricklade, Blunsdon, Highworth, Faringdon, Kingston Bagpuize, Abingdon, Wallingford, Goring and Streatley, through to Hermitage, where we stopped for tea and what a grand tea it was, with a lovely warm welcome by the ladies of the Hampstead Norreys WI. The return trip took in Newbury, Stockcross, Lambourne, Ashbury, Shrivenham, Highworth and Cricklade. Following on from that, we had a fundraising evening at the Silver Threads Hall, what we call a 3 Bs evening with bangers, beans and bingo. Everyone seemed to enjoy it by the remarks people made on the way out, so our thanks to our fundraising committee and all the helpers, especially John Lilley, the caller, for the bingo, ably assisted by his wife Brenda, so our thanks to all concerned here for a lovely evening.

Our next mystery trip is on Wednesday evening 2 June, 5.30pm start, cost £7 with a stop at a pub. This will only be a short stop, no food provided and home a different way. Your names should be in to your street warden by 24 May. If you are interested, give me a ring on 770696 - there might still be room. Following on from this, on Wednesday 7 July, we have a day trip to Stratford-upon-Avon, cost £9, leaving Purton at 10am and leaving Stratford at 4pm. Names to your street warden for this trip by 20 June. While on about trips, don't forget our trip to Weston on Wednesday 4 August and remember this is open to everyone, never mind your age.

On Saturday 3 July we are helping Mr & Mrs Phil Bryant, along with John and all their friends, with their coffee morning at Bentham. This will be from 10am to 12 noon and, as you know, this is usually for our funds but, because sadly Mr & Mrs Bryant's daughter Janet died last year from cancer, we suggested that the proceeds should be for Prospect in Janet's memory. Janet was a great supporter of the coffee morning, although not being able to attend through work commitments, so we are hoping it will be a bumper morning for the Bryants. They are always so kind to us and have made so much money for us over the years, so put the date in your diary. The minibus will be available.

I wrote earlier on about VE day and I was thinking how lucky we are and have so much to thank these people for. We have just had an election with people free to vote how they want to, perhaps not going the way one would wish but that is democracy. On St George's Day I was sitting down outside my garage pricking out plants in the sun. Sheila brought me a cup of tea and we sat there chatting and suddenly the church bells started to ring - it was the new ringers practising. I must say, they are doing extremely well. I had a grommet put in my ear about a fortnight before, so they sounded lovely. In the evening we went to the St George's Day celebration with the Chedworth band and readings by Val Walker, with a supper included - an excellent evening, so congratulations to all concerned, the surgeon who sorted my ear out, the bell ringing tutors and all who organized the excellent St George's evening.

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It's all good news - who remembers Sharon Wadsley. I think she was the first Church youth worker in the village. She stayed with us because she was a little nervous going back to the Manse in the High Street on dark winter nights. Well she has carried on with her Christian work and, after passing her exams, she is on probation before becoming ordained as a Methodist minister. Sharon has been appointed to her first ministry in Portishead and I feel sure she will be a great success. At the moment, Sharon, along with husband Richard, lives in Lacock with their two children Thomas and Vicky. They invited us to lunch the other day - they are such a lovely happy family whose warmth you can feel as soon as you meet them. I know they will be a great asset to any Circuit and our best wishes go with you Sharon and your family.

I had finished on that note but I have got to tell you about the amazing breakfast put on at St Mary's for Christian Aid. First I would like to say, apart from raising money for a good cause, what a great social time this week is for the village. Dave and Bernice Seviour had a lovely coffee morning enjoyed by all, next another coffee morning at the home of Cath Rawlings with a lunch if you required it - always a pleasure to go to Braydon - and with these coffee mornings it is nice to have a chat with various people you don't normally see every day. But back to the breakfast - I still cannot believe the precision of the operation. You know how, at the Royal Tattoo, they move the equipment from one stage to another, well that's how it was - perfection. The 8am service finished, the south doors flew open and everyone seemed to know what their job was. I couldn't believe the breakfast - porridge or cereals, fruit juice, bacon butties, croissants, with that lovely homemade marmalade and tea or coffee. What a breakfast, so congratulations to you all for a super feed and for the efficiency with which it was provided in about ten minutes from the time you entered the church, until serving time. When people hear about it, I am sure you will be inundated next year so can I book my place now please. (PS you still haven't convinced me of the need for the removal of the pews from the front of the Church).

It's a good job it is the 10<sup>th</sup> today because I could fill the magazine with all the lovely things that happen in Purton and I am just going to tell you about another. We went down to Braydon to the Rogation Service kindly hosted by the Rawlings family (we were there the day before). It was quite a cold day, so some stayed inside the farmhouse with a lovely warm fire while we had most of the service outside. It was an enjoyable service taken by Dave Martin and involving Colin and David Rawlings, on the front lawn of Parkside Farm then on to the back of the farm, looking all around especially towards Purton with a hymn and a few reflections. Then we all moved into the house for the final part of the service. What about after the service - we all had a marvellous tea provided by the Rawlings - Cath told me that her daughter-in-law Sue did all the cooking and preparation - and it was certainly excellent. If you have never been on the end of the Rawlings' hospitality I can thoroughly recommend it to you. You want to try it some time - it's very special. I'd like to say a big thank-you to everyone who organized the service and especially to Cath, Sue and Colin and all the family.

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## Wiltshire North Constituency 2010 General Election Results

<b>Name</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>%</b>	
Philip Allnatt	Independent	208	0.4	
Charles Bennett	UKIP	1,908	3.9	
Phil Chamberlain	Green	599	1.2	
<b>James Gray</b>	<b>Conservative</b>	<b>25,114</b>	<b>51.6</b>	<b>elected</b>
Mike Evey	Liberal Democrat	17,631	36.2	
Jason Hughes	Labour	3,239	6.7	
Majority	7,483	15.4		
Turnout	48,699	73.4		

### We Record ...

#### *Baptisms*

11 April 2010 Joshua James Kenneth John *at St Mary's Church*

25 April 2010 Adelaide Taylor *at St Mary's Church*

#### *Weddings*

17 April 2010 Jason Richard Cowling & Jennifer Jane Smith *at St Mary's Church*

24 April 2010 Matthew Paul Whale & Helen Sarah Clinch *at St Mary's Church*

#### *Ruby Wedding*

20 June 2010 Mark & Cynthia Ferne

#### *Golden Wedding*

2 April 2010 Lew & Brenda Hanks



## Swindon Choral Society

The Society will be holding its summer concert at Christ Church, Swindon on Saturday 12 June, 7.30pm. This year the performance will consist of works from their forthcoming CD which is being recorded at Marlborough College Chapel and will be released later in the summer. The programme is a selection of 'old and new' including choruses from *Dido and Aeneas* (Purcell), *How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings* (Brahms), *I Was Glad* (Parry) as well as works by Britten and the choir's Music Director, Robin Nelson.

Tickets £8 (including wine and cheese after the concert) are available from Swindon Information Centre (ticket hotline 01793 466454), Brian Taylor Music, Wootton Bassett and Sound Knowledge, Marlborough.



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## Historical Society Coach Outing

We still have a few spaces left on our Coach Outing this year on Saturday 19 June to Charlecote Park in Warwickshire, home to the Lucy Family since the 15<sup>th</sup> century.

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 go to

[www.purtonmuseum.com/2010coachbookingform](http://www.purtonmuseum.com/2010coachbookingform) where you can download one.

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, contact Helen to arrange car shares. The trip will finish as before with lunch at a local hostelry for those who want to join us.

HELEN DIXON

[mail@purtonquarry.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:mail@purtonquarry.fsnet.co.uk)

**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

## A Date for your Diaries!

The Annual Royal British Legion Purton Branch Open Horticultural Show is to be held on Saturday 28 August at The Red House Purton.

Your village needs you!! Why not enter some classes this year? It's great fun!

We need Amateur Gardeners, Cooks, Photographers etc! Children's classes too.

Have a look at the schedule which is available from John Toomers, Stone Lane, Lydiard Millicent, Best One (formerly The Spar), Lower Square, Purton, and all committee members.

Further details: David Herbert (Hon. Chairman) or Heather Harris (Hon.Sec.)



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## Withdrawal of Elgar £20 Note

On 30 June 2010 the Bank of England will be withdrawing the old £20 note with the picture of Elgar on the back. Although most banks, building societies and post offices will still change the old notes for some months after 30 June, businesses are not obliged to accept them. We would advise that you change any old notes that you have before the 30 June cut-off.



The Bank of England will always exchange its old notes, but you would need to post them securely to them.

## St Mary's CE Primary School

Life at St Mary's continues at a pace; the tenders for the new school build have now been submitted and we expect to be able to announce the successful contractors very shortly. Once the contractor is known, the school will host a meeting inviting all interested parties for a chance to meet the contractors and raise any concerns that they may have. The five shortlisted contractors all seem to have experience in working with whole communities throughout a build project.

Our school has enjoyed a number of successes in recent months including:

- County Finalists at Girls Netball
- Winners of the Wootton Bassett and Purton Cluster Year 6 General Knowledge Quiz
- Participants in football and netball tournaments at Greendown Community School in Swindon
- County Finalists in Year 6 mixed Tag Rugby held in Warminster.

The pupils have also performed a number of outstanding class assemblies which have been supported by the parents and relatives of our children. As I write, the Year 6 children are preparing for a week's residential course at an Outdoor Pursuits centre in Bude. They will experience many new challenges, participating in team activities such as watersports and abseiling, and I am sure they will gain a great deal throughout their stay.

Our youngest pupils have enjoyed a trip to *Butterfly World*, while the older infants went to experience *The Living Rainforest* near Newbury. Our junior children will visit the *Mary Rose* at Portsmouth this month. These trips help enrich the learning experience as part of a wide and rich curriculum that we provide here at St Mary's.

If you want to find out more about our school, then please visit our web site at [www.st-marys-purton.wilts.sch.uk](http://www.st-marys-purton.wilts.sch.uk) which we are building up as a school information resource.

IAN TUCKER, Headteacher

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## Green Tips - Strictly Come Planning

As I write this article it is still not clear what the future Government of this country will look like. Whatever the end position of the horse-trading is between the main political parties, we have to hope that there will be more focus on local issues.

Now, more than ever, we need to have "local need" taken far more seriously, particularly with regard to planning. As we all know, we have to live with the consequences of applying dogmatic national planning guidance for many years. At the last two planning inquiries, the Local Plan guidance was pretty much dismissed and the more remote Regional Spatial Strategy was the key guiding document, despite the fact that it has hundreds of objections attached to it (still to be resolved) and it is not yet the definitive document.

What planners appear to be unaware of is that once a few hundred houses are allocated to a certain space, this triggers an array of needs such as additional road connections, school places, surgery appointments, amenities and so on. It seems that it is generally assumed that these needs will be satisfied, from somewhere. In the past, large developments have been bolted on to an existing community without the foresight of what that could mean in the future. Future planning is rarely undertaken. To a certain extent the Local Plan used to fulfil that role; no longer.

During the recent consultation on the Wiltshire Core Strategy a Vision for Wiltshire was revealed, and amongst other things it said that:

*By 2026 ... housing, employment and other development will have been provided in sustainable locations in response to local needs as well as the changing climate and the incorporation of exceptional standards of design.*

At exactly the same time, we were asked for our views on the 3000 houses to be built in this parish - the two don't really stack up. Why even contemplate building 3000 houses in the parish if one's Vision is for *housing ... in sustainable locations in response to local needs*. This is the kind of nonsense that we need to deal with.

We are at that stage where we really do have to stand up and be counted. If we don't we cannot grumble later. We all know that our individual opinions count (otherwise why would we vote in our thousands in Strictly Come Dancing and other reality shows - and we are even paying for the privilege of doing that).

So, now that we have a new government regime, let's make this the year when we all give a real voice to "local need".

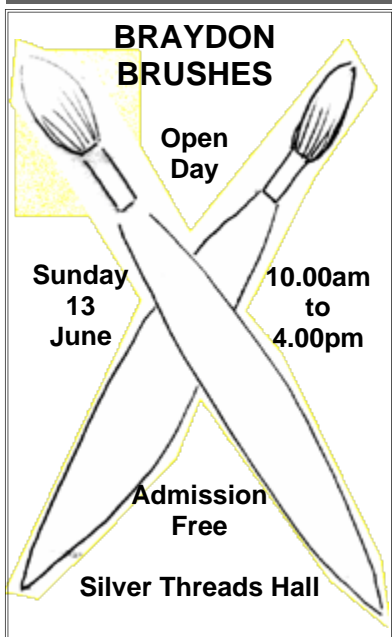
Compiled by Richard Pagett for Ps & Qs  
*Ps and Qs stands for Purton's Qualities*  
*Valuing Community Life - campaigning for sustainable communities*  
*New members are always welcome*  
*Contact: Jane Smith or Jacqui Lay*  
*or via our web site: [www.purtoninfo.org.uk](http://www.purtoninfo.org.uk)*

Ps and Qs would also like to know if there are any special topics that readers would like to see in the Magazine



# PURTON PLACARD

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



**BRAYDON BRUSHES**

Open Day

Sunday  
13  
June

10.00am  
to  
4.00pm

Admission  
Free

Silver Threads Hall

Bradon Forest School  
**Annual Cricket Match**  
(staff versus village side)  
plus mini **Rounders Tournament**  
(rounders Ladies only)  
Saturday 10 July at 2pm  
on the school field.

PTA will be on hand  
to provide refreshments, BBQ, Bar  
Stalls and Facepainting  
Entertainment by the School Band

To volunteer to play either cricket or  
rounders  
please call Emma Hayden  
or Bradon Forest School Office (770570)  
for more details.

Posters will be up soon around the village

The Lydiards & Purton Branch of  
NORTH WILTSHIRE  
CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION  
Invite you to their  
**SUMMER EVENT**  
To be held on SUNDAY 27 JUNE 2010  
AT 12.30PM  
AT QUARRY FARM, PURTON  
By kind permission of Jonathan Cook  
Ticket £10.00 Raffle  
Summer Buffet included  
Tel: 01793 770544, 770574 or 770704

**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  
Mary Nettleton  
TEL: 772298

**Books & Bangers Evening**  
at Red Lodge  
**Postponed to**  
Friday 30 July



## Purton Twinning Association

### Forthcoming Events

- 11/12/13 June Purtonians taking part and supporting the Tandem Race in Héric
- 18/19 June Purtonians supporting the Music Festival in Héric
- 10/11 July Members of Twinning Association taking part in Purton's Open Gardens
- 16/17/18 July Visitors from Héric to Purton
- 17 July Bastille Day Celebration with Héric Visitors and local Wiltshire Twinning Associations
- December Quiz Night



## The Bradon Forest Theatre

Presents

Noel Coward's

### SWEET CHARITY

Tuesday 6 to Friday 9 July  
7.30pm

12.00pm Matinee Saturday 10 July

followed at 2.00pm by  
2nd Annual Bradon Forest  
Community  
Staff v Village

Twenty-20 Cricket Match  
BBQ and Cream Tea

Theatre Tickets:

£4 Students, £5 Adults

01793 773981

## Summer Concert at St Mary's

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July

at 7.30pm

featuring

St. Mary's Church Choir

with the

Peartree Peelers

(our local Purton handbell ringers)  
and guest musicians

The Concert is free

with a retirement collection in aid of  
Church funds and The Prospect  
Hospice.

Come and join us for a delightful  
concert and a glass of wine.



## Carnival Bingo

9 June - 7.30pm  
at Silver Threads Hall

## Carnival Lunch

11 June  
12 noon - 2pm  
at Silver Threads Hall

## Come and join us at a COFFEE MORNING

In aid of the Prospect Foundation  
at the homes of the Bryants in Bentham Lane  
on Saturday 3 July from 10.00am. to 12.00 noon  
Lots of bargains, bric a brac, cakes, plants,  
books, raffle and refreshments

# PURTON POSTBAG

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## ■ THANKS TO STAFF & FRIENDS

I would like to thank everybody for the get well cards, kind thoughts, and good wishes I received during my time off sick from the shop. Special thanks to all the staff for all their hard work during this time, and being very helpful in the puppy-sitting department too!!

I hope to be back to 'normal service' soon!

*Jenny Smith  
Harford House Stores, Lower Square*

## ■ PROOF READING

I'm very keen to do proof reading for anyone who may have documents they need correcting or improving, or maybe an OU thesis that needs editing. I've done similar work for a colleague and have an A level - but no chance to put it to use now I'm semi-retired!

If you have work for proof reading, in the first instance ring me on 771174 or email it to

[ca21jones@btinternet.com](mailto:ca21jones@btinternet.com)

*Mrs Carole Jones*

## Back-to-Back Tandem for Help For Heroes

By the time you are reading this we will have already commenced our epic journey riding our unique tandem bike from John o' Groats to Lands End. We recently decided to reverse the route going north to south for various reasons, too many to mention here.

Training has been going well seeing us both out on the bike every weekend morning and individual training during the week days. Despite some minor mechanical adjustments the bike has also been performing well and we are confident it will hold up to the task in hand.

We have been humbled and impressed by the support we have received both for our event and indeed for 'Help for Heroes' and would like to thank all those that have donated to the charity. We were particularly pleased to see so many turn out for the recent quiz night in Purton, the proceeds from which were in excess £1600. Along with nearly £3000 raised through our 'Just Giving' web page and another £385 donated separately this now adds up to over £4000 and the money keeps on rolling in. If you would like to check our progress during the ride please log onto [www.2men1bike.co.uk](http://www.2men1bike.co.uk) or you can donate via [www.justgiving.com/2men1bikebacktoback](http://www.justgiving.com/2men1bikebacktoback)

We hope to complete the ride on either Friday 4 or Saturday 5 June having started out on Thursday 27 May.

*NEIL SAUNDERS & DAVE JOHNSTON.*

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## After Eight

### **You are what you wear ... Can you judge someone by the clothes they wear?**



Yes was our response. Rightly or wrongly we all did seem to prejudice a person by their appearance. The right clothes make us feel good about ourselves and reflect our personalities. Wearing the wrong clothes at the wrong time or in the wrong setting was just plain wrong! However the problems about getting it “right” were also perplexing.

On Tuesday 20 April an interesting and entertaining session took place when seven of us met at Gwyneth’s to discuss clothing and our attitudes to clothing. The session was led by Eileen who led us through a range of questions that we considered and discussed.

Women’s Lib has got a lot to answer for. Our lives have been completely different to those of our mothers. They smartened themselves up for a husband returning from work; had dinner ready on the table and the children in bed. Those days are long gone! Life for many is more casual and our clothes reflect this relaxation. No more corsets!! Stretch fabrics. Easy wear - easy care! Our lives are easier but in many ways so much more complicated. The rules have changed.

It is difficult to know “what” to wear. No one wants to look “like mutton dressed as lamb”, no one wants to feel over- or under-dressed. Style icons like Audrey Hepburn or Jacqui Onassis were irritating in their ability to look great in anything! Some people just seem to be born stylish. Fashion gurus like Trinny and Susannah and “Gok” increasingly endeavour to show us the way ... how successful they are is another topic for discussion!

At the end of the evening we shared an item of clothing from our pasts and explained its place in our lives. Several of the items were handmade either by one of us or by our mums. We observed that few people have the skill, time or inclination to make their own clothes these days and how expensive that had become.

We enjoyed:

- A pair of Manolo Blahnik’s - vertiginously high!! - beautiful handmade evening dresses.
- A pretty beaded evening bag that had once belonged to granny. A Laura Ashley dress from the early 90s that its owner could still wear!
- A dress with amazing petticoats bought in a charity shop to wear at a 60s night.
- Handmade kaftans made from striking African fabric. A psychedelic hippy skirt made from scarves.
- And the amazing tale of how to ride a bicycle in an evening dress!

*MARION ANDREWS*

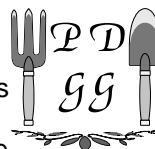
Answers to last month’s County questions:

1. Oxfordshire, 2. Dorset, 3. Yorkshire, 4. Kent, 5. Staffs, 6. Leics, 7. Wilts, 8. Devon.

The next meeting is on Tuesday 15 June at Mary Smith’s. It is “Which event has had the most effect on women during the 20<sup>th</sup> century?”, led by Eve.

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## Purton & District Gardeners' Guild



On Tuesday, 27 April an audience of over seventy members gathered to hear Richard Cripps on Elements of Garden Design. As usual, his information was delivered forcefully and with a wry humour concerning the common mistakes made by so many gardeners. He began with a paragraph from an eighteenth century expert whose advice, still pertinent today, could well be summed up in the phrase *green fingers, green thumbs & green heart*. All that we have to do, and he made it sound so simple, is to take what we have and make it look its best. To achieve this we must consider the type of soil we have, the aspect of the garden and the typical temperatures to be expected throughout the year. The scale of the planting and of other features is also important: the Greek golden mean of pleasing proportions should influence all decisions.

Richard observed that 17% of the value of a property is generally considered to be invested in its garden, so it is important to achieve the best possible effect. He spoke strongly against what he termed centrifugal gardens, with all planting pinned relentlessly against the side fences and a lawn in the middle.

He commented on how we generally begin to garden when we have a small garden and very little money to spend on it, followed by a longer period dominated by children, pets and busy lives. Finally, in our later years, though we have the time and the money, these are too often accompanied by arthritis and other ailments so we tend to pave over some areas, grass over others and “shrub up” the remainder.

But it doesn't have to be like this. With common sense, forward planning and a certain amount of imagination, we can begin to translate a vision of what we would like into a reality that is personal to us and suited to our specific needs and desires.

When considering what effects we wish to achieve we should always bear in mind the three horizons: A is that which surrounds the house closely; B is the middle ground and C is the distant horizon, the end of the garden and beyond. In each of these areas we must envisage what we realistically want to create, considering what we wish to remove, to preserve and to plant. We learnt that planning a garden is a surer recipe for success than just letting it evolve haphazardly, that buying on impulse is generally catastrophic and that dotting individual plants always creates an indiscriminate, untidy effect.

Leon Slee proposed a vote of thanks.

There were some beautiful spring arrangements entered into our monthly competition with Maureen Griffin winning first prize.

Next month we welcome back David Butcher and Jenny Tidman with their talk on 'Gardening with Evergreens'. We will meet as usual at the Silver Threads Hall, 7.30pm on 22 June. Competition - a Bunch of Herbs.

MOIRA WHITE,  
Secretary

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## From Cricklade Fire Station

During March and April crews from Cricklade attended 27 emergency calls as follows:-



4/3/10 at 2328 road traffic collision, person trapped, Common Platt  
13/3/10 at 0907 reported unknown fire, false alarm with good intent, B4533  
14/3/10 at 0804 reported car fire, false alarm, A419 Blunsdon  
19/3/10 at 1356 unknown fire, false alarm, farm premises, Castle Eaton  
21/3/10 at 1402 road traffic collision, person trapped, Hayes Knoll  
21/3/10 at 2048 chimney fire, Eysey  
24/3/10 at 0743 road traffic collision, fuel spillage, A419, Cirencester  
30/3/10 at 1205 automatic fire alarm, residential flats, Cricklade  
30/3/10 at 2043 chimney fire, Leigh  
2/4/10 at 1105 road traffic collision, A419  
3/4/10 at 2245 report of smoke issuing, school premises Purton, false alarm  
8/4/10 at 1743 person trapped in lift, residential flats, Bath Road, Cricklade  
9/4/10 at 2334 lighting required by police at serious RTC, A419, Common Head  
10/4/10 at 1351 road traffic collision, person trapped, A419, Cricklade  
11/4/10 at 1602 barn fire, Broadleaze, Cricklade  
11/4/10 at 2007 chimney fire, Ashton Keynes  
14/4/10 at 1843 reported car fire, A419, Blunsdon, false alarm  
15/4/10 at 2252 reported fire, Sawyers Close, Minety, false alarm  
17/4/10 at 1438 person trapped under car, Chelworth, Cricklade  
24/4/10 at 1924 caravan fire, South Cerney  
*plus 6 co-responder calls, Cricklade*

If you would like any further fire safety advice or are interested in becoming a retained firefighter then please call 0800 389 7849

### Fire Safety Advice: BBQs & the Outdoors

- Use firelighters or BBQ fuel to light - NEVER use petrol, paraffin etc.
- Never leave the BBQ unattended and keep children well away.
- Position on a level site away from dry grass, fencing, sheds, hedges etc.
- Keep water handy to deal with unexpected spread of fire.
- Never move a BBQ until it is cool. Make sure any remaining charcoal is cold before disposing of it thoughtfully.
- Fatty foods can cause the coals to flare up.
- Refill garden machinery in open air.
- Take care when lighting garden heaters and never move once alight.
- As for BBQs site bonfires well away from flammable structures etc.
- Don't light a bonfire on windy day and be considerate to neighbours.

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## Purton Diary - June 2010

1	Tu	2.00pm	Silver Threads Club: <i>W.I. Entertainers</i>
2	W	5.30pm	Age Concern evening mystery tour with a pub stop
3	Th	10.30am	Holy Communion at St Mary's Church
		8.00pm	Community 4/4 Choir rehearsal at Cricklade United Church Hall. Also 10,17, 24 June, venues to be announced
4	F		<b>4 - 12 June: Carnival Week</b> - full Carnival Diary on <a href="#">page 29</a>
5	Sa	10.30am	Purton FC 6-a-side competition at the Red House
6	Su	8.00am	Holy Communion at St Mary's Church
		10.30am	Carnival Church Service at Methodist Church
		10.30am	Family Service at St Mary's Church
		6.00pm	Evensong at St Mary's Church
8	Tu	11.00am	Songs of Praise at Ashgrove House
		7.30pm	Purton Yacht Club at The Angel
9	W	2.30pm	Methodist Women's Fellowship at Hooks Hill with Anne Boddon - <i>the Adventures of a Pig Farmer</i>
		7.30pm	Carnival Bingo at the Silver Threads Hall
10	Th	10.30am	Songs of Praise at the Cedars
11	F	9.30am	Age Concern minibus to Swindon for all areas of the village.
		12.00noon	<i>to 2.00pm</i> : Carnival Lunch at the Silver Threads Hall
12	Sa	10.00am	<i>to 5pm</i> : 'GWR 175' Steam Gala Day at Swindon & Cricklade Rwy
		1.05pm	Carnival Procession from Witts Lane
			Carnival Fete at Bradon Forest School Field
13	Su	8.00am	Holy Communion at St Mary's Church
		10.00am	<i>to 4pm</i> : Braydon Brushes open day at Silver Threads Hall
		10.00am	<i>to 5pm</i> : 'GWR 175' Steam Gala Day at Swindon & Cricklade Rwy
		10.30am	Morning Worship at the Methodist Church
		10.30am	Parish Communion at St Mary's Church
		6.00pm	Evensong at St Mary's Church
14	M	7.30pm	Purton Parish Council meeting at Village Hall - press and public welcome
15	Tu	2.00pm	Silver Threads Club
		7.45pm	Royal British Legion at The Red House
		8.00pm	After Eight: <i>Which event has had the most effect on Women during the 20th Century?</i> - led by Eve at Mary Smith's
16	W	2.00pm	Holy Communion at Ashgrove House
		7.30pm	Purton Evening Women's Institute at Village Hall
19	Sa	9.00am	Historical Society coach outing to Charlecote Park & Warwick
		10.00am	<i>to 5pm</i> : 'GWR 175' Steam Gala Day at Swindon & Cricklade Rwy
20	Su	8.00am	Holy Communion at St Mary's Church
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		10.30am	Morning Worship at the Methodist Church
		10.30am	Parish Communion at St Mary's Church

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		6.00pm	Evensong at St Mary's Church
21	M	7.30pm	St Mary's Fellowship of Women: Visit to Lydiard Park
22	Tu	7.30pm	Gardeners' Guild at Silver Threads Hall: David Butcher & Jenny Tidman - <i>Gardening with Evergreens</i>

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27	Su	8.00am	Holy Communion at St Mary's Church
		10.30am	Morning Worship at the Methodist Church
		10.30am	Parish Communion at St Mary's Church
		6.00pm	Evensong at St Mary's Church
28	M	7.30pm	Helping Hand Committee Meeting at Silver Threads Hall - new members welcome
29	Tu	2.00pm	Silver Threads Club: <i>Murder &amp; Mayhem</i>
30	W	6.30pm	Holy Communion at the Cedars
		8.00pm	Friends of Playclose AGM, Playgroup Room, Methodist Church

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## July

3	Sa	10.00am	to 12 noon: Prospect Foundation coffee morning at the Bryants' in Bentham
7	W	10.00am	Age Concern day trip to Stratford-upon-Avon
10	Sa		Purton Open Gardens
11	Su		Purton Open Gardens

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## Every week

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

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

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# The New Forest Show

## Celebrating 90 Years of Rural Entertainment

27, 28 and 29 July 2010

Summer days in England often make you think of escaping to the countryside and what better way to have a wonderful day out, than to come to one of the best County Shows in the UK, right on your doorstep in the middle of the beautiful New Forest. The Show is proud to announce that it is celebrating its 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

The roadside boards will be going up soon so a quick reminder that the 20% off all tickets ends on 11 July so make that saving now! Go online on our new web site [www.newforestshow.co.uk](http://www.newforestshow.co.uk) or ring the credit card hotline 01590 622409.



*The Devil's Horsemen*

So what is on offer this year? Too much to list but highlights include the return of The Devil's Horsemen, who put on a magnificent display re-enacting Cossack battle techniques, transforming them into acrobatics on horseback; Bob Hogg and his sheepdog trials, an informative and humorous commentary while the sheepdogs round up a gaggle of geese!; the majesty and might of the Heavy Horse Musical Drive, where tons of

horse gallop around the ring intricately weaving in and out of each other ... all to music, really putting your heart in your mouth as one mistake could spell disaster. Other events include an Inter Hunt relay, farming display, dog agility and the fire service animal rescue truck.

In essence the Show's presence is as vital now as it was in the 1920s. It continues to be a focal meeting point for farmers, commoners, locals and visitors and a showcase for agriculture, horticulture and many rural businesses to be found the New Forest. The Show provides a source of revenue for many companies and organisations and is now estimated to bring in around £15 million to the local economy every year.

It is always a shame when those needing a motorised wheelchair to enjoy the Show do not book well enough in advance from *Wheels for Freedom (WfF)*. (01202 661770). You need to book NOW for the Show in July to be certain of being able to hire one. The Show office has so many requests in June and July from people really wanting to come and enjoy this wonderful traditional day out, but knowing that the maximum number WfF can bring is 100 each day, many were disappointed.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

JACKIE NEYLON



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## Purton Evening W.I

[purtonevewi.org.uk](http://purtonevewi.org.uk)

The General Knowledge Quiz on 16 April was well supported and raised the grand sum of £215! It was a hectic evening at the Silver Threads Hall for the small Committee but friends gave a hand and all went well. Many thanks to everyone involved.

The talk by the speaker at the meeting of 21 April was so enjoyable, surrounded as she was by beautiful silks and embroideries and bracelets. Demi Ladwa spoke to us on Indian Culture and we learnt so much - how to put on a sari, and how, by different methods of wearing it, the sari is used to indicate from which part of India the wearer comes. Did you know that black saris were never worn, even for funerals? But now everything is changing, with fashions for each season, but still much of the embroidery is handwork and incredibly detailed - and significant. We hope the delightful Demi will come again and talk to us of other aspects of Indian culture.

Last month's collection of pennies for the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW) raised £12.54, quite good when you consider it was only collected in pennies.

The Board will be going round at the next meeting for the names of those wishing to go on Thursday 28 October to the SALOS production of *Beauty and the Beast* at the Wyvern Theatre. Good seats have to be booked early ...

Don't forget to check the boards on the Information Table at our monthly meetings - you will find details of many activities, as well as your monthly WFWI Newsletter, giving costs and closing dates. There are WI events not far from Purton at which we are welcome and there will be an opportunity to go to Highgrove House - it no longer matters if you have been before, you can still join the group.

Wednesday 23 June is International Day and the programme at Wootton Bassett Memorial Hall, 10am - 3pm will concern South America.

Our own programme for the coming year was issued on 21 April and it is wonderfully varied. However, the next meeting, on Wednesday 16 June, is in the process of being organised by the Programme Secretary and can't be actually confirmed by the time the Magazine goes to press, and so we shall have the pleasure of a surprise - see you there!

CONSTANCE REED

## 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 3, 10, 17 and 24 June, 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.

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## Purton Historical Society



If you haven't got your tickets yet for our Summer outing to Charlecote Park and Warwick on 19 June, contact Helen on 770648 or see Rick at In Touch Services. You don't have to be a member to join us; friends old and new are always welcome.

Also make a note of our tour of East Tytherton on Saturday 24 July, again organised by Helen. More information on [page 13](#).

I have received details of a workshop at Wootton Bassett library on 17 June at 2.15pm concerning "Sources for Wootton Bassett History". The cost is £3.50 or £2.50 concessions; places are limited so contact the library on 853249 if you are interested. There is another workshop at Cricklade library on 24 June at 2.15 pm where the theme will be "Maps through the Ages" - price the same, again limited places so contact the library on 750694.

Did you know that as well as selling new books at the Wiltshire and Swindon History Centre they often have a few secondhand books concerning Wiltshire? They aren't cheap, starting at £14 going on up to £100 but they are rare books that one doesn't come across easily. I have had a quick look at the list but can't see any pertaining to our area, but it is worth a look if you are in the Centre.

Remember when we meet again in the Autumn we will be meeting in Lydiard Millicent Parish Hall. If you are going to have difficulty getting there, please contact Anne Sweet on 770491, as we are trying to arrange lifts. Also the dates of the talks are different. The first meeting is on Thursday 23 September when Alan Kirton will be talking on "Rochdale - a Town of Five Surprises".

*EVE BOOY, Secretary*

## Purton Museum

As mentioned in last month's magazine, we have volunteer cover for the museum for most of the times that the Library is open. As you visit the Library, check the sign by the stairs ... If the "Museum Upstairs" sign also says "Museum Open Today" then somebody will be upstairs in the museum. Please go up and keep them company for a few minutes.

While you are there you will notice that one of the big cases is empty except for what might be a gent's pocket watch in the middle of it. There is a partial explanation attached with a promise of more to come.

Regular visits are advised!



*BRIAN FREEGARD*

### **Purton Profferings - *Recycle your unwanted items to a new owner here***

OFFERED: 21" Baird colour television, new in the 1980s, still working well. Complete with remote control and instructions. Contact Rupert Whelan 771583.

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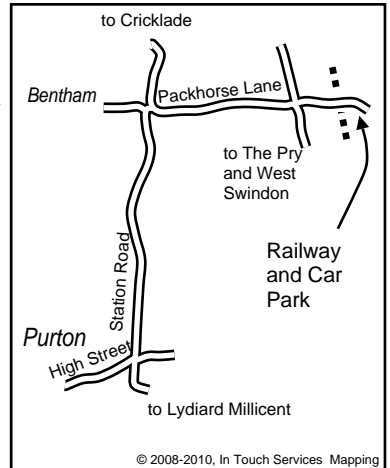
## Swindon and Cricklade Railway

### G.W.R. 175 CELEBRATIONS STEAM GALA

Sat/Sun 12/13 June, 10am - 5pm , Featuring *City of Truro*, 5322 and 5542 running with Auto-coach 178, plus one of our own fleet of 0-6-0s.

Sat/Sun 19/20 June, 10am - 5pm, will feature 5322 and 5542 running with Auto-coach 178, plus two of our own fleet of 0-6-0s and miniature train rides.

Prices Adult £10, senior £8, child £6. Family Ticket (2 adults and two children) £29. In advance via [www.swindon-cricklade-railway.org](http://www.swindon-cricklade-railway.org): Adult £9, senior £7, child £5, family £26. There is a cafe, museum and shop. Joint ticket with GWR STEAM museum available online.



Monday 14 to Friday 18 June **GWR 175 CORPORATE DAYS**. A train will run all day, featuring Collet class 4MT 2-6-2 tank 5542 built in the GWR works at Swindon in 1928. Up to ten people can ride this special train all day for £500. Price includes buffet lunch and drinks and opportunities to ride on the footplate. Book now: tel 01451 860181 or email [ferris.john@btconnect.com](mailto:ferris.john@btconnect.com)

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.

## Braydon Brushes

Braydon Brushes is a small Art Club which meet every Thursday afternoon at the Silver Threads Hall from 1.30 to 3.30pm and we wonder if you would like to join us. The range of abilities in our present group means that we welcome beginners or those with experience in painting. We use a variety of media, watercolour, acrylics, oils, mixed media, collage and silk painting and are willing to share our experience with those who would like to try something new.



We have an Open Day on Sunday 13 June from 10am to 4pm to which everyone is welcome. If you would like further information please contact Jill or Pat.

## Purton Lunch Club

Help! ... I have had no replies to my plea for help at the Lunch Club, on alternate Thursdays from 9.30am until 1pm, at the Silver Threads Hall, preparing lunches for 35 over-sixties, mostly over-eighties.

If you can help, please call me on 770238.

ELIZABETH WARD

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## Purton Rainbows, Brownies and Guides



Lots of Easter activities to report on: Rainbows made Easter bunny pots and played an Easter egg game; 1<sup>st</sup> Purton Brownies made Easter biscuits for the residents of Hooks Hill; 2<sup>nd</sup> Purton Brownies had a go at egg rolling, egg decorating and made chocolate nests and the Guides made mini simnel cakes.

The units also went international. The Rainbows continued activities on the Rainbow Festival Roundabout badge by making Chinese Moon Cakes whilst 2<sup>nd</sup> Purton Brownies held an Italian evening. They made mini pizzas, picture frames using pasta and spray paint, learnt some Italian words (language skills courtesy of Lauren their Young Leader) and completed quiz sheets, word searches and dot-to-dots. Guides meanwhile prepared for a Beach Party promise ceremony. They made flower leis and grass skirts, did some limbo dancing and also tried a variety of exotic fruit, although no one much fancied the lychees! Isobel, Kirstie and Erin have now made their Guide Promise so are now fully fledged members of 1<sup>st</sup> Purton Guides.

We're still fitting in activities from the Adventure 100 challenges and the first batch of badges has been awarded to girls who have completed challenges from each section and gained enough points. One evening 2<sup>nd</sup> Purton Brownies were "Ice Cool". They made ice-cream sundaes and also pictures of ice-cream sundaes from bubble painting sheets they had made the week before. They played a game on cardboard skis and also played ice hockey. Both Brownie units have held tracking evenings as "Moving" challenges, having to work in small groups to succeed.

The Rainbows have been to visit the tree they planted last November near the tennis courts at the top of Church Path. It's growing well and now has leaves (which was a great relief!) They also followed a 'texture trail' along Church Path. A *Pot of Gold* Party was held to say goodbye to Rebecca, Grace and Chloe. Their places were quickly filled as Samantha, Katy-Erin and Holly were welcomed as new Rainbows.

Our units have been involved in larger scale centenary events over the last couple of months too. The Division held a celebration at the Lime Kiln Centre in Wootton Bassett, attended by most Rainbows, Brownies and Guides - activities varied according to age but included a picture trail round the town, swimming, sports, singing, biscuit decorating and quizzes.

Purton Rainbows joined forces with Lydiard Millicent Rainbows for a 'Pink and Sparkly' Centenary Party whilst the two Purton Brownie units held a 'Gorgeous and Golden' Centenary Party. Fantastic cakes were provided for both events by Mary Booth.

Watch out for reports of these events from the girls next month.

*For more information about Guiding in Purton contact Gill Woodward or Jane Templar.*



#### 4 – 12 June “Best of British”

It's Carnival time - are you all ready for all the events and have you sent in your Entry Forms? If not *Hurry! Hurry! Hurry!*

Pray for fine weather and come along and enjoy yourselves. See you around.

*PAULINE WARD, Secretary*

### **CARNIVAL DIARY**

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|----|----|---------|--|
| 4  | F  | 10.00am | <i>to 12noon:</i> Carnival Coffee Morning at 35 High Street                    |
|    |    | 7.30pm  | Talent Evening at Village Hall   |
| 5  | Sa | 9.30am  | <i>to 12.30pm:</i> Mile of Coins through the village                           |
|    |    | 5.30pm  | <i>onwards:</i> Pig Roast and Fun at <i>The Angel</i> , High Street            |
| 6  | Su | 10.30am | Carnival Church Service at Methodist Church                                    |
|    |    | 11.30am | <i>for 12.30pm:</i> Round-the-Houses race, Village Hall                        |
| 7  | M  | 8.00pm  | Darts at <i>The Angel</i>  |
| 8  | Tu | 1.30pm  | Teddy Bears Picnic, Purton Club  |
|    |    | 3.30pm  | Junior Disco (5-12 yrs), Purton Club   |
|    |    | 7.30pm  | Carnival Quiz, Purton Club   |
| 9  | W  | 7.30pm  | Bingo at Silver Threads Hall   |
| 10 | Th | 7.30pm  | Skittles at Purton Club  |
| 11 | F  | 12noon  | <i>to 2pm:</i> Carnival Lunch at Silver Threads Hall                           |
| 12 | Sa | 1.05pm  | <b>Carnival Procession from Witts Lane</b>                                     |
|    |    |         | <b>Carnival Fete at Bradon Forest School Field</b>                             |
|    |    | 8.00pm  | Rock & Roll Night at <i>The Angel</i>  |
| 20 | Su |         | Golf Tournament - watch for posters!   |
| 28 | M  | 7.30pm  | Helping Hand Committee Meeting at Silver Threads Hall -<br>new members welcome |

## Children in Need

Sunday 2 May, the day of our Children in Need treasure hunt, did not start off very well. Rain was bucketing down in the morning and at one point I was seriously concerned that we might have to call it off, despite the fact that we had told everyone it would go ahead whatever the weather.

The walk started from The Red House at 2.00pm and, luckily, the rain had cleared away by that time. It took in some of the many Purton footpaths, with questions about things to find on the way. Surprisingly, there were a few long-standing Purton residents didn't even know that some of these footpaths existed, so we were educating as well as entertaining.

There were seventy-six entrants in all, kids and adults and quite a few dogs were brought along as well. Just about everybody enjoyed it so much so that we have decided to organise another walk later on in the year. The total profit came to £243.78.

*TONY RICHARDSON*

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## Domestic Scale Renewable Energy

Solar panels on a house roof are not a new sight and domestic scale wind turbines have been on sale at many DIY shops for several years - but calculating the return on investment or simply how long anything will take to pay for itself has often restricted widespread installations. To help, there have been financial incentives available for some time and slowly those incentives have been closing the gap between the cost of the investment and the time it takes to see the financial benefits.

In mainland Europe, the latest incentives - called Feed-In Tariffs - have done more than anything else to accelerate the amounts of renewable energy being produced. Last year, the Government announced a huge drive to encourage small scale electricity generation, including solar photovoltaic, wind and water power, supported by a national Feed-In tariff.

From 1 April 2010, domestic energy installations that qualify can deliver

- A fixed rate of payment to the householder from the current electricity supplier of 44p for every kilowatt hour (known as a 'unit' on electricity bills) produced. The example in the photograph shows a 3 kilowatt installation that could produce upwards of £2400 annually.
- A guaranteed price for any surplus electricity that is produced and exported back to the grid. That is called the export tariff and is currently 3p per kilowatt hour.



*A local 3kW installation showing several Solar PV (electricity-generating) modules and, top left, a Solar Thermal (hot water) panel.*

To qualify for the latest Feed-In Tariff, new systems need to be installed by a government approved and certified micro-generation installation company. This qualification ensures that only the highest standards of materials and workmanship are used. It is also designed to protect the consumer from any mis-selling and ensure that every system recommended and installed will be appropriate for purpose and maximise potential.

At the time of writing, there are only about 450 companies throughout the country that have been

officially certified and the only one in our area that includes Swindon is right here in Purton. That is just another achievement that makes Purton so special.

Further details about all types of renewable energy, especially for the home, can be found at [www.rainwindsun.com](http://www.rainwindsun.com)

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## Exhibit of the Month: Purton Station

With a new government taking shape and a new Secretary of State for Transport one wonders what the effect will be on the proposals for doubling the railway track on the Swindon to Kemble line which runs through Purton. Of course up until the closure of all the intermediate stations in 1964 the track had always been double. I have a few photographs of Purton Station from those days.



The first one shows the station as it would have looked in 1920. The view is on the down platform looking in the Minety and Kemble direction (westbound). The goods shed is visible at the far end of the opposite platform and the noticeboard to the right of the station building is marked GWR.

At the end of the 1950s the old buildings were demolished and a new station constructed. The second picture is from 1959 again from the down platform but this time looking in the Swindon direction. There is plenty of scaffolding on show and the bridge on the Purton to Cricklade road is clearly visible at the end of the platform. You can also see the stairway leading from the road to the platform.



The new station buildings were open in 1960 which is shown in the third picture. The building revealed when the scaffolding was removed was a much plainer affair than the old 1800s design. The train on the up platform has two headlamps. One in the middle at the top of the boiler, and another on the right hand side. This code indicates it was a parcels, newspaper, fish, meat, horsebox, cattle or perishable goods train composed of vacuum-braked stock with brake-pipe connected to the engine. So now you know!



The new station was out of use when it was only 4 years old.

There will be clearer pictures on-line at [www.purtonmuseum.com](http://www.purtonmuseum.com)

*RICK DIXON, Outreach Officer*

The Museum is located above the library and open during library hours:  
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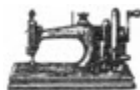
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## Wiltshire Traditional Orchard Project

The WTOP have arranged the following training events for orchard surveying, which you are very welcome to attend. They are all Saturdays and run from 10am to 1pm:

- 10 April at Lower Moor Farm, SN16 9TW (near Oaksey in Cotswold Water Park)
- 15 May at River Bourne Community Farm, Cow Lane, Laverstock, Salisbury SP1 2SR
- 17 July at Smallbrook Meadows, Warminster
- 18 September at Postern Hill Picnic Site, Savernake Forest, Marlborough

This is an opportunity for you to meet the Wiltshire Traditional Orchards Project team and learn all about how to carry out an orchard habitat survey. We will survey some of the orchards in the area whilst going through the survey methods with you. After the morning's training we will visit a pub for lunch. You are welcome to join us for lunch or a drink, but unfortunately we can't afford to pay for you.

If you would like to come along or need further information or directions please e-mail us on [info@wtop.org.uk](mailto:info@wtop.org.uk) or phone 01380 725670 and ask for Neil Pullen, Amy Cahillane or Michael New.

AMY CAHILLANE  
Volunteer Orchard Project Officer  
[www.wtop.org.uk](http://www.wtop.org.uk)

## Church Floodlighting

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

20 June to celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Mark and Cynthia Ferne.

With love to all our family and friends.

*Floodlighting contact: Libbie Sheppard.*



## Prayer for Purton

This month the churches in Purton are praying for everyone who lives and works in Purton Stoke, Bentham, Hayes Knoll, Braydon and Cross Lanes. 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.

## Purton & District Guide Dogs

April was a quiet month. I have continued with the recycling side and getting things sorted out ready for stalls at Bowood Dog Show & Country Fair and the Purton Helping Hand Carnival Fete. Hope to see you there.

Once again thank you for your continued support.

BRIAN DAVIES for the Purton Support Group





## St George's Day Social Event

The fourth annual social to celebrate England's patron saint was extremely well supported. About 90 people came along to enjoy an evening of entertainment and community singing. The Chedworth Silver Band, conducted by David Broad, and Val Walker's readings provided the entertainment. Brian Broad proposed Loyal Toasts to Her Majesty the Queen and to St George and Merrie England. During the interval, light refreshments were much appreciated by the band and the congregation.



More music followed and then with wine flowing and flags waving everyone was in fine voice when they joined in as the band played tunes including *Rule Britannia*, *Jerusalem* and *Land of Hope and Glory*. I don't know what decibel level was reached but quite high I would think! All too soon the evening was brought to a close and the waving flags were stilled as the National Anthem was played and respect was shown.

Sue Matthews gave the vote of thanks. Doreen Freegard and her family made most of the arrangements especially behind the scenes - tickets, posters, shopping and setting up tables don't just happen, so many thanks to Brian, Sandra and Adam. During the evening Jenny Barnes, Delia Walters and Bertie Hicks were among others who willingly helped. Forgive me if I don't name each individual.

Local businesses and individuals donated sixteen really good prizes and the evening made a profit of £420 - the band very generously only requested half of the normal fee. (Chedworth is a fair distance to travel.)

£350 will go to *Help the Heroes Fund* and £70 to the Purton Branch of the *Royal British Legion*.

We hope to arrange a similar event next year as it does seem to be one which people enjoy and support. 23 April next year is Easter Saturday ... we try to have the Social on St George's Day itself so we'll see what can be arranged.

Once again, many thanks to all who helped and supported the event.

**SUE MATTHEWS & DOREEN FREEGARD**

### Competition Reminder for Under 16s

Don't forget you still have time to enter our competition to *DESIGN* a picture to go on the front cover of Purton Magazine. Submit your entry up to A3 maximum size to Purton Magazine c/o In Touch Services **by 10 June 2010**.

#### Other 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. Entries will be judged by members of Purton Artists whose decision will be final.
5. 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.
6. By submitting an entry to the competition, you are agreeing that your entry can be printed in Purton Magazine.

## Purton FC



Purton Football Club would like to thank all those who have supported the club the past season and to all those who sponsored the club in the form of programme advertising, match day sponsorships and donations for their generous support.

The Hellenic side had an excellent season that at one stage they looked likely Championship winners but sadly placings dropped off at the end of the season and they finished in 5<sup>th</sup> place and were the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest goal-scorers in the Hellenic League Div 1 (West) league. Warren Fuller with 15 goals was the leading scorer with Stephen Avenall on 14, Paul Day on 13 and Johnny Coole on 12 goals.

The Reserves who competing in the Wilts Premier league after a poor first half the season picked up really well in the second half of the season to finish mid-table with Dave Rendle the leading scorer with 12 goals and Colin Yates netting 7 times.

In the Youth and Minor leagues we sadly had to pull our under 17s out of the league but the under 15s finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in their league, the under 14s were 4<sup>th</sup>, the under 13s sadly finished bottom, the under 12s finished 9<sup>th</sup>, the under 10s 'A' finished 6<sup>th</sup>, the under 10s 'B' in 8<sup>th</sup> place with the under 9s 'A' 4<sup>th</sup> in their league and the under 9s 'B' runners up in theirs.

Thanks go to all the managers and assistants of those sides and to their various sponsors for their support.

The club is running a 6-a-side competition at the Red House on Saturday 5 June starting at 10.30am and refreshments will be available on the day for players and supporters of the event.

Once again support at the Red House Ground on match days has been excellent with the club topping the Hellenic Div 1 (West) league and also beating a lot of the Division above them, the Premier league - sincere thanks to all those who attended matches and to those who purchased our match-day programmes.

The club is also most grateful to Mr Keith Trowbridge of The Care Company and also of Ashgrove House Nursing Home our main club sponsor who without his generous and kind support the Club would financially struggle.

*ALAN EASTWOOD, President*

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## Purton Cricket Club



The club was delighted recently to celebrate the ninety-ninth birthday of Glyn Lloyd by presenting our oldest life member with a bottle of champagne.

Another cause for celebration was the achievement of recent member, Tom Bowler, aged 20, in playing for Wiltshire where in his first match he made a significant contribution to Wiltshire's victory. He is now a member of Corsham Cricket Club. We wish him every success.

The club coaches were very pleased when Claire Harmer offered help with the administration of the club's coaching programme. She has made an impressive start.

Chris Sykes, Wiltshire's Cricket Development Officer, attended a coaching session where in addition to officially opening the new nets he spoke to the parents of the young players about the importance of supporting the club by volunteering to help. We hope this presentation will lead to an increased participation. He also made a presentation to Gus Gardner who, at the age of 11 in 2009, had become the 1<sup>st</sup> XI scorer.

### Fixtures at Purton in June:

5 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> XI v Devizes	1.45pm
6 <sup>th</sup>	U13 v Marshfield	2.00pm
12 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI v Calne	1.45pm
13 <sup>th</sup>	U11 v Malmesbury	10.30am
13 <sup>th</sup>	Glos Gypsies v Midnight CC	2.00pm
19 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> XI v Goatacre	1.45pm
26 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI v Great Bedwyn	1.45pm
27 <sup>th</sup>	U11 v Trowbridge	10.30am

### FROM THE ARCHIVES

The following extract is taken from the North Wilts Herald published on 2 August 1851.

'PURTON ANNUAL CRICKET BALL – This ball took place on Wednesday evening last, in a spacious tent erected on the beautiful and picturesque cricket ground belonging to this famed club. The ball was attended by upwards of 200 of the elite and fashion of the neighbourhood who began to arrive on the festive scene soon after six o'clock. Dancing commenced about eight, and was kept up with unremitting animation and spirit under supper was announced ...'

This was an elegant occasion described in eloquent language.

JOE GARDNER

## Cricklade Country Market

The next Market is at *The Club at Cricklade* on Friday 25 June 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.

We will also be at the Cricklade Town Festival on Sunday 20 June.

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## Purton Tennis Club

I was about to suggest that if anyone wants to know of a sure-fire fine weather day they should check with Purton Tennis Club when the Elaine Miller Tournament is scheduled to take place as we have regularly been blessed with sunshine and warmth. However this year was a bit below par and it loomed rather gloomily on Sunday 25 April. But the tennis was sparkling and those taking part had a really good day. I haven't the final figures for the amount collected for the Prospect Hospice in Elaine's memory but details should be available by next month. Meanwhile we are all enjoying the longer evenings and some challenging matches. It's really too early in the season to speculate how things will turn out for the teams but all those who signed up to play matches in the league are allocated to teams so everyone will get a good crack at the ball - or balls!

CAROLINE McLEAN

### Junior News:

Saturday morning tennis started on a gloriously sunny day on 24 April with a good turnout from the junior section. It was pleasing to see 4 new children giving tennis a go and they have since joined the club.

The 18U and 14U teams opened their campaigns in the Wiltshire League with contrasting fortunes. The 18U team had a tough battle against Highworth before ultimately losing on a deciding shoot out. The scores were level at 3-3 before a match tie-break was decisively won 10-3 by the opponents to secure victory. After the first round of matches Purton were in front 2-1 with Ethan Gunton comfortably winning his singles at number 2 and Jordon Richards and Stephen Fenn coming through their doubles on the match tie-break after the sets were shared. Highworth levelled the match with victories for their numbers 3 and 4 but Ethan teamed up with Chris Etheridge to secure another tight doubles win for Purton.

The 14U team struggled to make any impression on a very strong, all-round team from Highworth. The 4 singles matches saw comfortable wins for the away side (although Conor Webley took most of the games to deuce before succumbing). Elliot Gunton and Matthew Hall put up a very spirited display in their doubles managing to secure 3 games in each set - a very good effort. Conor and Josh Riddett started positively taking the very first game but ultimately found their opponents too experienced.

NICOLA GARDNER

## Purton Bowls Club

On Saturday April 17 we opened the Green for the new Bowls season. Our President Max Holland gave a warm welcome to all members and rolled the first Bowl up. A very good number of Bowlers attended and five rinks were formed for a friendly roll up. And what splendid weather we had for our first day. Carol Holland our Vice President, along with her helpers, put on a nice tea.



The first friendly game of the new season was away to Pineholt. Sadly we lost, but all had a nice day out. Our next game was home to Wootton Bassett - also a loss, but our Captain cheered up when we won the next two matches,

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Wanborough away and Chippenham Town away. Two good results.

In the Men's Section we played our annual friendly against Rodbourne, which was a good warm up. The Swindon and District marches against Westlecot and Stratton Churchway ended with two wins, but we narrowly lost our Wilts game at Marlborough. Missing from the Men's section was Captain Eric Matthews, as he had to wait some while for a plane home from Spain, but John Blackwell our Vice Captain coped very well.

In the Ladies Section Sue Williams and her team won their first match against West End in the 2 rink fixture, and Jane Hamer's team in the Triples won their match against the Town Gardens team.

RON SLADE

## On The Lighter Side

### Trials & Tribulations of Grandparents

Granny was in the bathroom, putting on her make-up, under the watchful eyes of her young granddaughter, as she'd done many times before. After she applied her lipstick and started to leave, the little one said, "But Granny, you forgot to kiss the toilet paper good-bye!"

A grandson asked his granddad how old he was. He teasingly replied, "I'm not sure." "Look in your underwear, Grampy," he advised. "Mine says I'm 4 to 6."

### Password

A bank customer was contacted and asked why their Internet password was MickeyMinniePlutoHueyLouieDeweyDonaldGoofyDublin.

The reply was that the bank had insisted that the password contained 8 characters and a capital.

### School Tales

On the first day of school, a first-former handed his teacher a note from his mother. The note read, 'The opinions expressed by this child are not necessarily those of his parents'.

A care-worker was accompanied by her 4-year-old daughter on a home visit. Suddenly the daughter caught sight of a pair of false teeth soaking in a glass and exclaimed 'Hey Mum! The tooth fairy will never believe this!'



"I'm never having kids. I hear they take nine months to download"

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# Bradon Forest School News

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**Year 11 2009/10:** The Year 11 (2005-10) students have been a terrific year group and have been a real credit to the school and their families. We would like to thank them for all that they have done for Bradon Forest over the last five years. Their annual Awards Assemblies have always been enjoyable events celebrating a fantastic range of success each year. We are looking forward to their '*Past Year 11 Awards Evening*' in November when we will be able to formally thank them for their many contributions to school life and also to celebrate the many varied achievements - including those from their forthcoming exams.

We would like to thank the Prefect team for their fantastic help and support over the last year. Claire Haney (*Head Girl*), Neil Ash (*Head Boy*), Alex Lee (*Deputy Head Girl*), Harley Viveash (*Deputy Head Boy*) and our Senior Prefects: Alice Neil, Luke Stewart, Morgan Manning, Bryony Godwin, Christine Saunders, Rachel Greenhill, Perry Sangha, David Groom, Joni Dawn Dusting, Henry Dudman, Paul Thomas, Deborah Araoye, Jeni Martin, Emilie Rothery, Chris Richards, Alicia Edwards and Luke Stevens. The year group has always been keen to support and help; this has been greatly appreciated by the teaching and support staff, and this partnership has ensured that Bradon Forest traditions and culture have flourished. The examinations finish on Monday 28 June and we will have our traditional annual Year 11 Prom on Friday 18 June.

**Year 11 Examinations 2010:** Students have already taken a number of examination papers in Art, Drama, Computing, Maths, Languages and Science. The examination period moved into full gear from 10 May 2010. During the main written examination period some students will be travelling into school or leaving school at different times of the day. Parents have been requested to pick up students from the school grounds and, where possible, the students will be using the bus stop on the High Street. The school is running a comprehensive revision programme during this period which has been posted to parents so that it is shared with them and the students. We are sure you will join with us in wishing our current Year 11 students well, as all their work culminates with the GCSE written examinations.

**Year 9 Trip to Normandy:** During the Easter break, Miss Mazelin, Miss Crerar, and Mr Otter, with the additional help of Mr Crerar (Miss Crerar's father) and Miss M Mazelin (Miss Mazelin's twin) took twenty-eight Year 9 History students on a trip to Normandy, France. The theme of the trip was 'Invasion' and students looked at the Norman invasion of Britain and the D-Day invasion of Normandy. The group stayed at Molay-Littrey, a small town near to Bayeux on the Normandy Peninsula. On the journey there the group visited Pegasus Bridge, where D-Day started. Mr Crerar took the students on a guided tour of the bridge which was followed with a drink in the café that was the first house liberated on D-Day. After a visit to the Pegasus Bridge museum the group learnt about the gliders and parachutists who played an important part in D-Day. The day ended with a visit to Ranville

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Cemetery, where many of those who died at Pegasus Bridge are buried.

The second day began with a trip to Omaha to visit the D-Day museum and Omaha American ceremony where Mr Crerar explained why Omaha was so important and how the landscape made it so difficult to capture. Then it was off to Arromanches and the famous Mulberry harbours which included a trip to the 360° cinema, which was a poignant look at the D-Day landings. Mr Crerar introduced the story of the unknown soldier - a look at D-Day from the point of view of an unknown



soldier. On day three the group travelled back in time to 1066 visiting the town of Bayeux and to see the famous tapestry and a look at the Norman Invasion of Britain. At the British Cemetery at Bayeux, Mr Crerar continued his story of the unknown soldier after which Hannah Fogarty laid a wreath on behalf of Bradon Forest School at the graves of an unknown soldier, sailor and airman. A minute's silence was observed. The following day included a trip to Falaise Castle, William the Conqueror's Normandy home. The final day included a trip to the Atlantic Wall Museum - a museum from the German perspective and a look at a real WWII bunker complete with observation equipment and guns. The journey home, included experiencing an unusually busy Channel Tunnel terminal as the ash cloud was already causing chaos! The group was not held up and fortunately had a smooth journey back to Purton.

### ***Netball Year 7 Team***



### ***Year 10 and 11 Teams***



**Netball Success:** At the Wiltshire Netball Finals held on 26 March the Bradon Forest squads did extremely well. The Year 7, Year 9 and Year 11 teams were all 2<sup>nd</sup> in their competitions and Year 10 team were 1<sup>st</sup>. Well done to all students involved.

*L SPIERS, Headteacher*