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Purton Magazine



*Purton Skate Park now open!
Photo: Andy Griffin*

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According to the Office of National Statistics, visits abroad by UK residents fell by 15% in 2009 – the fastest rate of decline since those records began in the 1970s. Specifically there were 58.6 million visits abroad by UK residents, some 10.4 million fewer than in 2008.

Although ‘distant destinations’ including Mexico, New Zealand and Canada showed the biggest percentage declines, even visits to Spain and France fell by 19% and 10% respectively. The so-called ‘staycation’ appears to be increasing in popularity, no doubt encouraged by personal and national austerity measures.

However that may well not come as a complete surprise to regular readers of Purton Magazine as, yet again, the following pages are positively bulging with news of forthcoming activities and attractions as well as reports of recent events in our vibrant village.

This month we delighted to publish a reader’s poem entitled Our Village with the opening line, “How lucky we are to be living in Purton” and there are many examples to endorse that assertion in this issue. For a start, where else might you find a report about a tiger being seen on Church Path? A fuller explanation can be found on page 43.

We also learn, on page 55, that there is “a whole fleet of young men beginning to make their mark” with the naval collective noun serving to add a little colourful intrigue. Even younger men have been excelling for our cricket club’s junior teams. On page 52, you can read about an opening partnership of 145 runs in an under 13s match while in the under 11 competition, our team is still unbeaten at the time of writing.

As you can see from our front cover this month, the new Purton skate park is now open at the Village Centre and is the positive result of two young residents organising a petition three years ago. The story behind the project can be found on page 5.

There are also details of two 10th anniversaries. One is a celebration of Berrimans Wood, where 250 trees were planted at the turn of the Millennium while the other is local arts organisation that has been making substantial differences to the lives of many people across our region.

Finally, to bring more about our community to the attention of our readers, we will be starting an A to Z of Purton next month and your contributions are requested on page 33.

150

young signatures
instigated the new skate
park – see cover photo
and page 5

293

runs scored without being
out by Elijah Samuel for
Purton Under 11s team
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20,000

take part in a giant
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world record
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Parish Council News

Purton Skate Park Opening

The young Skate Boarders of Purton have had to wait three years for a Skate Park but finally on Sunday 4 July, their Skate Park at the Village Centre was formally open. The weather forecasters had forecast the likelihood of rain but the day stayed sunny encouraging a large number of children, teenagers and parents to turn up for the opening. With a short speech and cutting of a ribbon, the Skate Park was opened and the Skateboard competition run by Decimal of Cirencester commenced.

The story of the Skate Park started three years earlier when Ryan and Carl Cozens organised a petition with 150 young Purtonian signatures and handed it to the Parish Council requesting a Skate Park. There was a Mobile Skate Park that visited towns and villages around Wiltshire but availability was very limited and the young people of the village craved to have a permanent park.

The young people formed a users group who worked with the Parish Council on the Skate Park to determine the type of materials for its construction, noise levels, maintenance requirements, location and most importantly to determine budget costs for the project as it had to be paid for from grants and not the parish precept (council tax).

The user group applied to Wiltshire Council for a grant from the WYPOF fund (Wiltshire Young Peoples Opportunity Fund) and obtained £25,000 towards the project. The Parish Council applied to Community First for a grant from BIFFA, Land Fill Tax and was successful in obtaining £35,000. A third party funder generously gave a contribution and last year, the user group had a stall at the Carnival to raise awareness of the Skate Park and raised some money towards the project.

A number of suppliers for the Skate Park were evaluated and Bendcrete, based at Abingdon, was awarded the contract. Physical work on site commenced in the middle of May and minus one or two problems, security fencing going to Purton in Gloucestershire and a crane with problems with its computer (yes its computer), the project finished on time and to budget.

There were many people involved in the project. The Young Peoples User Group, Pete Smith from Wiltshire Youth Services, the Parish Councillors on the task group and most importantly Helen Griffin who put many hours into the project, pulling all the ends together and making the project successful.

Picnic at Berrimans Wood: In celebration of the 10th Anniversary of the tree planting at Berrimans Wood we are inviting people to walk to the woods and bring a picnic on Sunday 22 August. Meeting at the Village Hall car park at 11.30am. We look forward to seeing you on the day. Please contact the Parish Council office if you would like more details.

How to contact the Parish Council:

Telephone number 01793 771066 Fax 772646

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

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



The Parish Council's letter box is on the wall adjacent to the side door (entrance door to the Parish Council offices) to the rear of the Library/Institute Building. Post for the Purton Village Hall/Institute Charity, Purton Village Centre/ War Memorial and Play Close Charities can also be deposited in this box.

The following Planning Applications have been approved by Wiltshire Council:

- N10/00794/FUL** *Bridge Paddocks, Braydon Road*, continued temporary use of site for stationing of caravans for one gypsy pitch with land used for keeping/stabling of horses for further 2 years
- N10/01632/TCA** *The Manor House, Church End*, fell 1 pine tree and 1 cherry tree
- N10/01468/FUL** *14 Jubilee Estate*, two-storey extension
- N10/01601/FUL** *Field No 5164, Common Ground*, riding arena
- N10/01645/LBC** *The Manor House, Church End*, replacement of dilapidated timber double barn doors with matching, using original door furniture where possible
- N10/01628/LBC** *The Manor House, Church End*, installation of condensing boiler flues (retrospective)

Request for Volunteers & Befrienders

If you have a few hours to spare during the average month, would you be willing to drop in to Ashgrove House Nursing Home occasionally, to spend time with our elderly residents? Many of them enjoy a chat, but with staff busy, and relatives perhaps not able to visit often, they may not get the chance as much as they would like.

Perhaps you have a skill or hobby you might like to share – for instance, one lady has said she would like to take up knitting again, but as she is almost blind and very deaf, she would need someone to sit with her while she rediscovered her old talent. Others enjoy being read to, as they are no longer able to read small print themselves. Or they might enjoy card or board games with one or two other people.

A number of residents have advanced dementia, but still enjoy company.

We have a couple of ex-railway workers, an ex-lorry driver and a motorcycle enthusiast who would love the chance to reminisce with someone who shares their interests.

Sometimes we could do with extra help to take residents to a show or concert in an evening. Or sometimes we could just do with an extra pair of hands to help with an activity that has already been arranged.

Staff at the home do their best to give residents as rich and varied life as they can but, despite a dedicated activities team, it just isn't possible to do as much as we would like.

So if you feel you could help, please phone Ashgrove House on (01793) 771449 to find out more. Ask to speak to Hilary, or leave a message and someone will phone you back. And ... thank you!

Lorry Watch – Your Parish Needs You!!

Wiltshire Council Trading Standards have agreed to trial a Lorry Watch Scheme in Lydiard Millicent, Lydiard Tregozi and Purton parishes. Lorry Watch schemes have operated with considerable success in a number of counties and our scheme will be the first in Wiltshire.

The scheme is quite simple; parishioners who spot large lorries inside our 7½ tonne limited areas report the details to Parish Coordinators – me for Lydiard Millicent (01793 770031), Avril Roe (01793 853798) for Tregozi and Shirley Bevington (01793 771066) for Purton.

The details needed are:

- Vehicle registration
- Date and time of sighting
- Name or No. of road travelled on
- Direction of travel: From To.....
- Vehicle type
- Any other details on vehicle (e.g. name, phone number)



*Looks familiar?
An HGV stuck in a
narrow country lane.*

Coordinators then pass the details to Wiltshire Council Trading Standards Officers who check the vehicle details with DVLA and then contact the owners to ask if the vehicle was legitimately on business inside the restricted area. If the vehicle did not have a reason to be inside the restricted area then Trading Standards will decide appropriate action, which could involve Court proceedings.

The roads in our three parishes that are covered by Weight Restriction Orders are:

- The C28 road through Lydiard Millicent from the junction with the Washpool road to Greenhill crossroads.
- Stone Lane.
- The C70 from The Forester's through Common Platt and Washpool to Tewkesbury Way.
- Bagbury Lane.
- Manor Hill.
- The Fox.
- The C414 - the main road through Purton from the turning to the Household Waste Recycling Centre to Greenhill crossroads.
- Witts Lane.
- The C67 from Pavenhill down to the crossroads with the Ashton Keynes road.
- The C128 through Flaxlands
- Hook Street from the War Memorial to just after the turning to the Lydiard Residential site.

Parishioners who would like to volunteer as "Lorry Watchers" should contact the appropriate Parish Coordinator. However, you do not need to be a volunteer to report suspect vehicles. More information, including maps, can be obtained from the Parish Coordinators.

JOHN BENNETT, Lydiard Millicent Parish Council

Purton Age Concern

We were all sorry to hear of the death of Mrs May Paginton of Reid's Piece. She was the lady who had the immaculate garden and it was a complete garden with fruit, flowers and vegetables all nicely laid out. She was always immaculately turned out and she was very talented.



May came from Lydiard Green and I know that during the last war her father was a special constable along with the likes of Sid Spiller, who also used to do quite a bit of entertaining. Sid originated from London and one of the stories he used to tell was that he bought a pair of trousers from a spiv and, when he got home, they only had one leg! (Sorry, I'm getting carried away.)

May had two brothers and two sisters and she went to Lydiard School at the age of five. When she was eleven she went to Purton School – her means of transport was a Council issue bicycle. She left school at the age of fourteen and went to work for Mr and Mrs Rufus Webb and then moved on to work for Dr Brown at Holly Lodge in Church Street as a parlour maid. He was the doctor my mother took me to when she felt I was growing too quickly and his answer was 'What do you expect me to do Mrs Price, put a weight on his head?' Another well known lady who worked with May at Dr Brown's was Mary Staley. When the cook left, May was asked, or took the opportunity, to take the job on until they could get someone else but I reckon May knew, once she got into that kitchen and the Brown's tasted her cooking, the job would be hers and it certainly went that way as she stayed there for years. Apart from advice from her mother, she was self taught but must have had a gift for it, as anyone who has tasted her cooking would agree.

Another interesting point is that, during the war when Bristol got badly bombed, children were evacuated from there and sent to live in the old Cedars. May did the cooking for them and how comforting and reassuring it must have been for those children to have someone like her cooking for them. I bet they got really fond of her as she would have been like a mother to them.

It was while she was in service that she met her husband to be, Bert Paginton – he was the milkman. Bert happened to be our milkman as well when I was a little boy and he came from Restrop farm. The milkman then had the churns on his cart and he tipped the milk into a pail and measured it out with a ladle, always going back into his bucket and taking a little drop to top up to make sure you had a full measure. The milk cart he used was very handsome and had been purpose built by Howard Dixon at Bagbury Green Farm. What an amazing man he was – he made that and he only had one arm. (It's funny how you can remember things from seventy years ago and you cannot remember somebody's name from yesterday.)

As I have said, May and Bert met while Bert was delivering the milk. They must have done a bit of courting and I bet he had a sample of May's cooking when he dropped the milk off. They got married in Lydiard Church in 1945 and their first home was above Eric Webber's shop – what is now the Best One shop – and May did a lot of cooking for Eric, with plenty of laughs as well I would think. They moved to Reid's Piece over sixty years ago when the houses were first built. I can

remember the road being built up from the Peak and German prisoners of war were used for this work.

May and Bert were never separated and did everything together. There wasn't much chance for a holiday as the milk was delivered on six days a week. May did a lot of domestic work during her life and everywhere she worked she became part of the family – she was that type of person. After a few years, their daughter Thelma was born and I would like to say what a marvellous daughter she has been in the way she has cared for her mother. It is a credit to you Thelma and we all admire you for it.

May was a great supporter of Age Concern as well as many other organisations in the village. When we had a function on she would make us a cake to sell and she would always make and decorate a beautiful Christmas cake for our raffle in December, which was a really top prize. May also volunteered as a 'shotgun' on our minibuses for a number of years and the drivers said what an excellent job she did and, of course, she knew most of the people she was helping, which made them feel a lot more relaxed and at ease. She was also a strong WI member and, knowing May like I did, I feel sure they would have felt the benefit of her expertise.

We all have lovely memories of May and so much to thank her for and our thoughts are with her family and friends, especially Thelma, Roger and Joan Richardson, her sister.

On a brighter note could we offer belated congratulations to our minibus secretary, Joe Ricketts on his eightieth birthday. What a man he is, always ready to help anybody and so kind with it. Joe has been the secretary of our minibuses for more years than I can remember and anyone who knows how Joe works will endorse what I am going to say – how efficiently it is run and what a good service they give us. Don't ask me how long Joe has been driving our buses it must be almost since the service started but it is so nice for our co-ordinator to have someone like Joe who is always ready to step in at short notice. As I am writing this I know that Richard, the co-ordinator, is on holiday and Joe has stepped in to do the job while he's away. As I said earlier, if Joe does anything he does it well and it is all running like clockwork. So many thanks, Joe, for all you have done for us, it is greatly appreciated and we do hope you enjoyed your birthday.

I would like to thank all the very kind people who supported the coffee morning at the homes of John, Phil and Joyce Bryant at Bentham Lane. As you know, this is usually an Age Concern function but because Phil and Joyce had so sadly lost their daughter Janet, we all felt we would like to have this one in her memory with money going to the Prospect Hospice. My word, you certainly rallied behind the cause and also showed your love and respect of John, Phil and Joyce, as more money was raised than at any of the other coffee mornings. In fact, a cheque has gone off to Prospect for £1,010 so thanks to everyone who helped at and supported the occasion. I'm sure it brought some comfort to Phil, Joyce and John and it was such a pleasure to be involved.

Our next fundraising event is a jumble sale at the Village Hall on Saturday 4 September at 2 pm. Any good, clean jumble, bric a brac etc would be most welcome and can be left at the hall between 12 noon and 1 pm.

We have had two kind offers; one is an electric bed that will raise your head or legs at the touch of a switch. The other item is an electric wheel chair – with this we are trying to locate the key. These items are both free to someone who would make use of them so give me a ring on 770696 if you are interested.

Our day trip to Stratford-on-Avon was very successful and was enjoyed by those who went. It was one of those straight there and back trips and the weather was kind to us, not too hot. There was so much to see and do that one or two said, 'Why don't we come here again next year'. On the coach on the way home, I asked for some suggestions for next year and we have had a couple in already, so perhaps, with the evening mystery tour with a pub stop not being so popular, we could put two days out like this in our calendar.

There might still be room on our Weston trip on Wednesday 4 August, so give me a ring on 770696 if you are interested. This trip is open to anybody. Then on 1 September we have a mystery tour with tea provided, cost £10, £12.50 for pensioners not residing in the Purton district. Names to you street wardens by 23 August.

We have been very lucky this past month with kind people thinking of us. First we had a very generous donation given anonymously, then the late Ken Goodings left us a bequest in his will and we have also had several other donations given to us. I would like to thank you all most sincerely – it is greatly appreciated.

Could I end by repeating a warning about letting people into your home. They use several forms of excuse, like wanting to use your toilet, wanting a glass of water or saying "I've lost my money and can't get home". They may also say they are from one of the utilities and have misplaced their identity card. DO NOT LET THEM IN because this sort of thing does happen in Purton.

On a happier note, congratulations to all involved with Purton in Bloom – you gave us an excellent weekend.

TONY PRICE

We Record ...

Weddings

19 June	Nicholas Anthony Warr and Alexandra Dewi Coxen
26 June	Gary Jonathan Smith and Tara Marie Igoe



Funerals

1 July	Eileen Edwards (<i>at St Mary's Church</i>)
2 July	Arthur Tucker (<i>at St Mary's Church</i>)

In Memoriam

21 July	Peter Leatherbarrow (former landlord of the Royal George) who died 25 years ago on July 21 1985. Dearly loved and greatly missed. <i>Jimmy, Jane, Ian, Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren</i>
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Purton Village Centre Improvements

The Trustees of Purton Village Centre and War Memorial Charity are pleased to report that the programme of works to improve facilities at the Village Centre has been successfully completed. The public tennis court has been resurfaced and has new perimeter fencing, an old section of the Centre car park has been resurfaced and the perimeter fencing enclosing the Centre putting green and garden has been replaced. These improvements were generously funded by a Landfill Communities Fund grant of £23,075 from The Hills Group Limited through Community First, the Community Council for Wiltshire.

The Aims of the Project and further information, in more detail, are as follows:

- 1. Resurface the Centre public tennis court** – This work was undertaken because complaints had been received from court users that the court surface was breaking up in places and causing players to slip on loose grit. The court was deemed unplayable and had been closed for more than two years. Purton Tennis Club kindly agreed to make one of their courts available for limited and discretionary use by the general public during the closure period. The public tennis court re-opened at the beginning of April 2010.
- 2. Resurface an area of the Centre car park** – Village Centre users had complained about potholes in an old section of the car park. The car park areas provide parking as well as foot and wheelchair access to the Centre's recreational facilities and hall-based activities, including bowls, football, tennis, yoga, Scouts and Guides, a play area, youth shelter and basketball shooting zone. A new surface was needed to provide safe access. Resurfacing work was completed in December 2009.
- 3. Replace perimeter fencing enclosing Centre putting green and garden areas** – This was beyond repair and deteriorating. New fencing was needed to provide protection for children at play and help prevent golf balls from migrating onto the adjacent busy road. Welded mesh fencing was specified to match other fencing at the Centre and for visual enhancement. This work was completed in February 2010.

The resurfaced tennis court will greatly benefit the many keen tennis players in the village. This will, once again, provide an income for the charity from the hire of the court, which can be reinvested for future maintenance. The resurfaced car park has improved safe foot and wheelchair access to the Village Centre facilities. Public safety has also been improved by the new perimeter fencing, which has enhanced the appearance of the Centre grounds.

Purton Supper Club

Do you like good food and wine? We are interested in forming a Supper Club eating in members' homes on rotation, with occasional restaurant evenings.

Contact [Helen](#) and we will set up an inaugural meeting to discuss how we can set the Club up.

PURTON POSTBAG

The Editors reserve the right not to publish letters received where space and content dictate. No correspondence can be accepted for publication without the proper name and address of the correspondent being supplied. However those details may be withheld from being published if so requested.



■ HANGING BASKETS

On behalf of the whole village I would like to thank all those who are responsible for the fantastic hanging baskets down at the Library and Village Hall. The baskets are truly magnificent.

They must take so much time and effort. We are very grateful. They brighten up the village and make it look so attractive. Thank you.

Name & Address supplied

■ THEO MARCHANT'S THANKS

I would like to thank my neighbours, friends and family for all the visits, cards and flowers over the past couple of months. I'm pleased to say I am now making rapid progress, so thank you for all your support.

Theo

Silver Threads Club

We are holding an Open Day at the Silver Threads Hall on Friday 24 September, 10.00am to 4.00pm.

Coffee Morning – 10.00am to 12.00noon

Light Lunch – 12.15pm to 2.15 pm

Cream Tea – 2.30pm to 4.30pm

Tickets from Pauline Tel 01793 770251

Minibus available

Raffle, Tombola, Bric-a-Brac, Cakes

EVERYONE WELCOME

We are also holding a Jumble Sale at the Silver Threads hall on Saturday 7 August at 2.00pm. Admission is free. There will be a raffle and refreshments. Any donations for sale will be appreciated.

PAULINE WARD, Secretary

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For further information contact [John Creasey](#).

Exhibit of the Month: A Roller Skate

The front cover of this month's Magazine shows a scene from the newly opened Skate Park at the Village Centre. To commemorate this I thought I would show you a pair of roller skates from the early twentieth century. They are fairly basic and not a patch on modern roller skates, in-line skates or skateboards but they are interesting nonetheless.

The first picture shows one of the pair, rather rusty but made from stamped metal plate. The skate was designed to be fastened to your own shoes. The cord at the back for this seems to be an old leather shoelace but the three raised and pierced cleats at the back suggest there was once a sturdier fastening strap there. Similarly, there is nothing to secure it at the front, but there must have been a strap running through the front piercings and buckling over the front of your shoe.

We can see from the second picture that the wheels were made of metal and were fixed on with a clip or Cotter pin to an axle. It doesn't look as though there was ever a rubber tyre, and no apparent room for one so it was probably also quite a rough ride.



The third picture shows the underside just by the back wheels. To adjust for foot size, there was a sliding arrangement held in place by a single nut and bolt. I haven't shown a picture of the braking mechanism ... Because there wasn't one!

In the late 1950s, growing up in Forest Gate in east London, I had a pair of skates which, although brighter, sturdier and with rubber tyres on the wheels, were really made on exactly the same principles. There was a railway line running in a cutting at the back of our house (Liverpool Street to East Anglia main lines, steam hauled) and a steep road bridge over it in Balmoral Road that ran at right-angles to ours (Hampton Road).



If you got up to the top, walking crab fashion with your skates already on, you could set off at speed down the slope, whizzing across our road, jumping the kerb onto the next stretch possibly not stopping until you reached Osbourne Road or maybe even Claremont Road further down. Even without brakes there was little chance of meeting a car ... there weren't any in those days. But you might come a cropper with the horse-drawn mobile greengrocer's shop.

There will as always be clearer pictures on the website:

www.purtonmuseum.com.

RICK DIXON, Outreach Officer

Purton Museum is located above the Library, 1 Station Road and is open during Library hours:

Tues & Fri 2pm - 5pm and 6pm - 8pm

Weds 10am - 1pm and 2pm - 5pm

PURTON PLACARD

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

SILVER THREADS
JUMBLE SALE
on Saturday 7 August
at 2.00pm
Silver Threads Hall
Raffle and Refreshments
FREE ADMISSION

PURTON AGE CONCERN
JUMBLE SALE
at the Village Hall
on Saturday 4 September
at B2B
Lots of bargains, bric a brac,
nearly new, books, toys
raffle and refreshments
Jumble can be left at the hall
from 12 noon to 1 pm

Activity Week

2nd-6th 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

Purton & District Darts League

AGM

Thursday 19 August
at The Angel, High Street, Purton
Starting 8.30pm prompt

All welcome

Please can at least 1 member
from each team be present to register your team.

Registration fee of £10 per team
payable on the night

Any propositions to be in writing
by 3 days before the meeting, to

Alison Evans (Secretary), 3 Hoggs Lane, Purton

Pram Service
Purton Methodist Church,
Play Close



A short Service with songs,
a story, friends and
refreshments
Thursdays at 2.30pm,
finishing in time for school.
For all pre-school children
and Mums and carers.

Celebrate the 10th Anniversary of our local

Berrimans Wood

Bring a Picnic

Along With The Parish Annual Walk

Meet in the Village Hall Car Park

On Sunday 22 August at 11.30am

Our community was one of 250 who planted trees with the Woodland Trust at the turn of the Millennium, creating new woods across the UK as part of the 'Woods on your Doorstep' project. Come and see how ours has grown in ten years!!

For more details contact 771066

Purton Open Gardens 2010

The Purton in Bloom Committee wish to thank all who were involved in the Open Gardens this year, whether as hosts, visitors or helpers in any other way. We were very fortunate with the weather.

The total profit from programme sales, donations and advertising less minimal expenses was £2377.90. The committee decided to distribute the profit as follows:

- Jubilee Gardens £800
- Village Hall Charity for new cooker £1000
- Toddler Group £500

It was felt this benefited a wide range of local residents and that, hopefully, more use would be made of the village hall if cooking facilities were available.

In addition, £818.25 was raised for other individual charities from refreshments, plant sales etc at the participating gardens.

Church Floodlighting

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

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| 30 July | In memory of Albert Parkinson
on the occasion of his birthday.
Dearly loved and sadly missed Husband, Dad and Grandad |
| 5 August | St Mary's Church will be lit up
in memory of Mabel Goodings on her birthday.
Lovingly remembered by Pete, Les, Rex and all the families. |
| 6, 7 and 8 August | St Mary's Church will be floodlit
to celebrate the Golden Wedding
of Maureen and Graham Quincey
With love and thankfulness for all the family,
including those no longer with us,
and for all the friends we have made over the past 50 years
together. |



Floodlighting contact: [Libbie](#)

NO to Ridgeway Farm or other mass housing projects

Explanation

In June 2010, a new duty on local authorities (which includes Wiltshire Council) came into force and now requires the Council to respond to petitions and to tell local people what action is going to be taken. It is part of a set of measures designed to reinvigorate local democracy. Hitherto, some of our local authorities have been very dismissive of “petitions”: being seen as just a product of a few maverick individuals rather than what they really were ~ a thoughtful contribution to a particular debate on issue. With a change in government thinking and the intention of the current administration to enable local councils to play a more important role in planning decisions it is important that local authorities do listen to their electorate.



Part of the duty is that the Council has to make an electronic facility available for e-petitions. Petitions with significant support trigger a debate of full council. The threshold for “significance” is nominally 5% but the Council has set it, admirably, at 2.5% (about 11 500 signatures). Anyone who works, lives, studies or uses the “services” of the Council may submit a petition. It has been suggested that Ps and Qs opens a petition on Ridgeway Farm and the general concept of mass housing projects between Swindon and the parish of Purton.

Residents’ lives are being affected by planning and the constant need to be on top of the latest application or consultation. The residents have a right to peaceful living and not have to worry about the next thing in the pipeline, at the whim and fancy of property speculators.

The Petition

We, the undersigned, do not agree that there is sufficient, verifiable need for more mass housing in the Parish of Purton which is within the Unitary Authority of Wiltshire Council. In particular we do not agree with proposals for houses to be built at Ridgeway Farm and adjacent land within the Parish of Purton for several reasons:

1. *The Regional Spatial Strategy under which these houses were allocated is being abolished due to its flawed nature*
2. *There is no substantiated local need*
3. There are limited employment opportunities within the Parish which creates a reliance on private car for access to Wiltshire’s main centres of employment. It also places a reliance on employment in the neighbouring Swindon Borough Council
4. The criteria used for housing need have changed since the initial numbers were allocated and therefore do not take into account climate change, lower levels of economic growth, migration patterns and other sustainability criteria
5. *Inadequate infrastructure related to provision of energy, water, solid waste, sewerage and roads*
6. *Known vulnerabilities such as the flooding of 2007/2008*
7. *Promotion of coalescence when large-scale development is placed in a rural parish*

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8. Inability of the parish to provide essential services needed for such a large addition creating a separate community bolted onto the boundary of Purton with SBC
 9. *The site, being divorced from the village settlement, adds nothing to the community of the Parish*

In addition, we believe that the concept of a rural buffer which was removed by the former Regional Spatial Strategy should be reinstated, and that the Community Plan which was widely consulted within north Wiltshire should be respected.

Supporting the Petition

To support the petition, simply go to www.ipetitions.com/petition/ridgewayfarm/

- a) Please read the Petition carefully to see if you agree
- b) Scroll down to *Sign Petition*
- c) Under **Name** type: *your first and last name (this is required)*
- d) Under **Email** type: *your email address (this is required)*
- e) Under **Comments** type: *this is not necessary if you have nothing to add*
- f) Under **Display Options** tick as you wish
- g) Then click *Sign!*

Within a few minutes you will receive an email acknowledgement which is designed to be forwarded to any of your friends and neighbours so they can sign up too – please share!

If you need access to a computer, there is one available in the Library or contact Ps and Qs 01793 772422

RICHARD PAGETT

Chiseldon Travel Club/Dixon Group Tours

Austria, Germany & Belgium Tour

The club has just made its sixth tour back to central Europe with one of the best tours we have ever made. Austria was so beautiful with the Alps all carpeted in spring flowers and we had beautiful clear blue skies for our visits to the Grossglockner and Kitzbühel Horn. We took very leisurely drives down, spending two days in historic Nuremberg and one in Regensburg, seven nights in the magnificent Tyrol Valley and coming home over five days, three in the Black Forest visiting Friburg and the Rhine Falls and two in Ghent. The group has visited Bruges and Ypres in the past but Ghent matches up admirably.

The travel club has never been about "coach tours" We use the coach to get from A to B and then are very focused on activities from a central base. Our highlight this year has to be a visit to the Salt mines in Berchtesgaden where we had over 80's riding the big slides down into the mines! We had a cable car ride, a boat cruise on Lake Tittersee, a road train to the Rhine Falls a steam train ride from Zell Am See and days out in Salzburg and the Krimmel Falls.

Anyone who loves to travel can join the Club. Our next trips are back to New Zealand for the 11th time in January 2011 for one month via Singapore and we are planning Switzerland for June 2011. Contact Sharon and Ian Dixon Tel: 01793 741210 Email sharian@clara.co.uk for more details

Purton Diary - August 2010

1	Su	8.00am 10.30am 10.30am 4.00pm	Morning Prayer at St Mary's Church Morning Worship at the Methodist Church. Family Service at St Mary's Church Cream Tea and Songs of Praise at the Methodist Church
2	M		<i>to 6 Aug: Activity Week for 7-11 year-olds, tel 772298</i>
4	W	9.30am	Age Concern Village Outing to Weston
5	Th	10.30am	Holy Communion at St Mary's Church
7	Sa	2.00pm	Silver Threads Jumble Sale at Silver Threads Hall
8	Su	8.00am 10.30am 10.30am 6.00pm	Holy Communion at St Mary's Church Morning Worship at the Methodist Church Parish Communion at St Mary's Church Evensong at St Mary's Church
10	Tu	10.00am 1.30pm 7.30pm	Holy Communion at Ashgrove House Silver Threads Outing Purton Yacht Club at The Angel
12	Th	10.30am	Songs of Praise at The Cedars
13	F	9.30am	Age Concern Minibus to Swindon for all areas of the village
15	Su	8.00am 10.30am 10.30am 6.00pm	Holy Communion at St Mary's Church Morning Worship at the Methodist Church Parish Communion at St Mary's Church Evensong at St Mary's Church
16	M	7.30pm	St Mary's Fellowship of Women: Skittles Evening, Cricklade Club
17	Tu	7.45pm	Royal British Legion at The Red House
18	W	2.00pm 7.30pm	Holy Communion at Ashgrove House Purton Evening Women's Institute at Village Hall
19	Th	8.30pm	Darts League AGM at The Angel
22	Su	8.00am 10.30am 10.30am 6.00pm	Holy Communion at St Mary's Church Morning Worship at the Methodist Church Parish Communion at St Mary's Church Evensong at St Mary's Church
24	Tu	2.00pm 7.30pm	Silver Threads Club Gardeners' Guild at Silver Threads Hall: Roger Umpelby - <i>Advice on Vegetable Growing</i>
25	W	6.30pm	Holy Communion at The Cedars
28	Sa	2.00pm	<i>to 7.30pm: Royal British Legion Horticultural Show, Red House</i>
29	Su	8.00am 10.30am 10.30am 6.00pm	Holy Communion at St Mary's Church Morning Worship at Methodist Church with Holy Communion Parish Communion at St Mary's Church Evensong at St Mary's Church
30	M		August Bank Holiday
September			
1	W	2.00pm	Age Concern Mystery Tour with tea included

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

Moon Phases

● 3 August ● 10 August ● 17 August ○ 24 August

If your Club or Organization's Events are not included in the Diary Pages, contact:

Purton Magazine c/o In Touch Services, 115 Pavenhill

or email mail@purtonmagazine.co.uk

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

A to Z of Purton

In the next (September) issue, we will be starting an A to Z of Purton. Readers are invited – even requested – to submit contributions that relate to our village and that begin with “A”.

For example, we would like to include any unusual facts about Purton or a local historical happening that begin with an “A”, together with a descriptive sentence or two. Other contributions might include the name of a place or an organisation in our community that begins with an “A”. Appropriate photographs would also be appreciated.

Please submit your contributions by 10 August to In Touch Services, 115 Pavenhill, Purton, SN5 4DB, telephone 01793 772954 or email mail@purtonmagazine.co.uk. Contributions beginning with a “B” should be submitted in the month before September 10 for the October issue.

All contributions are welcome for consideration in this new feature on the understanding that the contributor’s name and address is supplied but does not have to be published in this new section of Purton Magazine. The editors continue to reserve the right to withhold contributions where space and content dictate.

Christian Aid Week 2010

The Purton Christian Aid Committee are collecting the final proceeds from the charity week and thank everyone who has been involved.



A full report will be in next month’s *Purton Magazine*.

Cautionary Tales: No 1 - The Case of the Plastic Step-Stool

On the night of Thursday 8 July, we were preparing to go to bed and while my wife, Helen, was upstairs, I decided to change a light bulb. I collected a plastic step-stool and new light bulb from the kitchen, used the step-stool to get onto the low cabinet next to the bulb and changed it. So far so good.



I then stepped back down onto the step-stool which shattered into dozens of sharp pieces as I fell through the space it had once occupied. My left foot hit the ground and I fell over. In the process I managed to lacerate my left leg in about ten places. The most severe of these was a slice in my shin with a flap of loose skin seeming like the size of the moon, but probably more like a two-pound coin. The other major one was a slice across the knuckle of my big toe.

I hobbled through two carpeted rooms, leaving bloody footprints behind, meanwhile calling, "Help!" until I reached the tiled kitchen and a supply of paper kitchen towels which I could clamp to the wound in my leg. Helen put cling-film round that plus swathes of bandages and bundled me into the car.

At A&E, fortunately the early hours of Friday morning are not a busy time and I was seen within an hour, wounds checked, properly dressed and with steri-strips. They said Helen had done exactly the right thing in preventing further bleeding.

Yes, we had both noticed the slight crack that had developed in the step-stool. No, we'd not done anything about it.

The moral of the tale is to be aware that plastic degrades with time. What may once have been strong can become very brittle and capable of shattering into shards as sharp as glass. I count myself lucky that the pieces went in sideways and not deeply.

If you see me walking round the village with a bandaged leg, remember that I am no longer the owner of a plastic step-stool ... nor ever likely to be!

RICK DIXON

If you have been attacked by a household or DIY object or have any other tips you would like to pass on, send them to Purton Magazine via the addresses on Page 4.



Wiltshire Blind Association Coffee Mornings

Blind or partially sighted? A monthly coffee morning in Cricklade at the United Reform Church Hall in Calcutt Street 10.30 - 12.00 on the third Tuesday of the month – 17 August, 21 September, 19 October, 16 November, 21 December – come along and have some fun!



If you are interested and require further details please contact Wiltshire Blind Association on 01380 723682.

After 8

At our June meeting members of Purton After 8 group asked of ourselves "Which event of the 20th century has had the most effect on women?"



We had chosen some topics beforehand, and there followed a lively and informative debate around Equal Pay, Votes for Women, The Contraceptive Pill and the plethora of Modern Domestic Appliances. Each of these different subjects helped to radically change the lives of women in the last century. For the most part the changes have been for the better, but disadvantages were also discussed.

The woman who has equal pay must of course do the same work as her male colleague, but should she be given more flexible hours if she is the main carer of young children or elderly parents, and is this fair to the man? Are women performing better than men simply to justify their equal pay? The vote has given women the same status as men, but why are there so few women MPs?

The Pill has given women control over when and whether they wish to conceive a child, but it has also made them more vulnerable to the advances of the predatory male. The Pill is only effective if used correctly, which may partly explain the increase in unwanted pregnancies.

Domestic appliances have certainly relieved women of much of the drudgery of housework, but they have also reduced the socialising aspect of visiting the wash-house, laundry, butcher, baker, and hastened the demise of domestic crafts such as needlework.

Generalizations are meaningless, so we cannot answer our question, but we did have a very enjoyable and thought provoking evening sharing our views on these subjects.

On 6 July thanks to our excellent guide, Mr David Tetlow, eleven members enjoyed a very informative guided walk.

Driving through Cricklade High Street it is easy to miss the very interesting buildings including the wonderful Queen Anne house at the 'Top End' and what is believed to be the oldest house in Cricklade, now under renovation. The town's links with river, rail and canal are now sadly just memories but we were able to see some evidence of their existence.

Cricklade was a very important Saxon Town and some of the houses on the High Street still retain their original plots. Members felt that as there is still so much history to explore, we may repeat this very enjoyable evening next year. Our thanks to Cricklade Historical Group for their help in arranging this evening and of course to David for making this event so interesting.

We cannot close this item without a mention of the wonderful job made of the flowers and shrubs lovingly tended by the Cricklade Bloomers.

JAN WALKER

For further information about Purton After 8 group, please contact Avril Ainscough, or Janet McCarthy.

Swindon & Cricklade Railway

6 August at 7.30pm Murder Mystery Evening

An evening of entertainment and fun, with the Higworth Amateur Dramatic Society and including a three course hot buffet. Excellent value at £18 per ticket, which must be booked in advance from Adrian Brodie Tel 01672 564547

14 & 15 August 10.30am to 5.00pm

Steam & Vintage Weekend

All kinds of vintage vehicles including cars, buses, motor bikes and traction engines plus children's entertainment and steam train rides. Trade stands and refreshments and free parking. £8 for adults, £5 for children £7 for seniors and £24 for a family ticket.

29/30 August 11am to 4pm Children's Treasure Hunt

This is much more interesting and fun for children on the safe parts of a working railway. Tickets include steam train rides and cost £6 for adults, £5 for seniors, £4 for children and £18 for a family ticket of two adults and two children. There is a cafeteria, shop, museum, picnic area and free parking.

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. Enquiries on 01793 750335 or 771615.

"A New Vicar for St Mary's" Survey

St Mary's church has been asked to think about the kind of person we would like to be our next vicar.

It is important to us that everyone in the village gets the chance to have their say, even if they don't regularly go to church, so we have created a survey for you to tell us what you think.

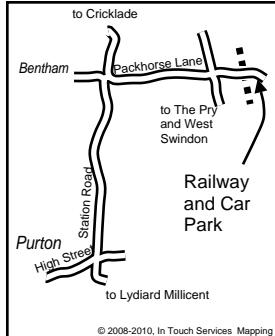
The survey can be taken online by navigating to the following web address:
www.surveymonkey.com/s/X27VRVV [Ed. That's two Vs at the end, not a W.]

If you prefer pen and paper, copies of the survey are available from St Mary's Church, and from shops around the village, which will also have boxes for your responses.

Please let us have your responses by 31 August and please do take this opportunity to take part in the process for selecting Purton's next vicar.

Prayer for Purton

This month the churches in Purton are praying for everyone who lives and works in Witts Lane, Jewels Ash, Waite Meads Close and Pear Tree Close. 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 & Lydiard Charity Fund



Future Events

For further details please contact Lynda Warren
email: lynda.warren@hotmail.co.uk

Summer Fete

Sun Inn, The Street, Lydiard Millicent
Saturday 4 September, 11am to 4pm
Charity stalls, Traders, Face Painting
Competitions, BBQ
Learn to jive with Just Jive

Craft Show

Village Hall, Station Road, Purton
Saturday 30 October, 10am to 4.30pm
Cards and gifts for Christmas
Christmas card making workshops

Christmas Shopping Day

Sun Inn, The Street, Lydiard Millicent
Saturday 20 November, 10am to 4pm
Come along and do your Christmas shopping
Grand Christmas raffle
(Spaces still available)

Royal British Legion Purton Branch

Annual Horticultural Show - Saturday 28 August 2010

The committee will welcome your entries at The Red House, Purton on the evening of Thursday 26 August from 7.45 to 9.00pm.



On the day of the show (**Saturday 28 August**) staging is from 9 - 11am. We are open to the public from **2 to 7.30pm**.

Don't forget THE AUCTION is at 7.30pm – time to buy some fresh veggies etc.

Schedules are still available from John Toomer at Lydiard Millicent and Best One Lower Square.

Any queries contact: David Herbert (Chair) or Heather Harris (Show Sec.)



Very Brief news this time – final result will be in the next issue,

GOOD NEWS: We have just received £143.87 from St Mary's School – money raised on their Mufti Day (red/white/blue) by the pupils. What a wonderful surprise – so nice to welcome the school into the Carnival activities – thank you children and staff of St Mary's from us all. Well done.

PAULINE WARD, Secretary

Purton Historical Society

Outing to Charlecote Park and Warwick



On a bright and fairly warm day in the middle of June a coach load of members and friends set off on the annual visit to destinations of historical significance and on this occasion Helen Dixon had selected Charlecote Park and Warwick. Very wise choices they proved to be as there was something of interest for everyone to explore during the day.

Charlecote is known for its association with the young William Shakespeare who was caught poaching deer from the parkland about 1583, according to legend. Fallow deer still crop the lush grass by the River Avon which flows past the house and they share the grounds with a large flock of Jacob sheep.

One's first glimpse of Charlecote Park is impressive as it can be seen at the end of a long drive beyond the Gatehouse.

(Fortunately a buggy is available if required.) The Lucy family has owned the estate since 1247 and the present building, started in 1551 by Sir Thomas Lucy, was the first great Elizabethan manor house in Warwickshire. It has imposing chimneys and mellow brickwork. At the Gatehouse (*left*), the only feature of the original building to remain intact, we listened to an entertaining introductory talk. All the room guides we encountered were friendly and informative.

Several rooms are magnificent and furnished ornately especially the Great Hall, the dining room, the library and the

drawing room which was once a bedroom where Queen Elizabeth I slept in 1572! Many fine pictures and family portraits adorn the walls.

The house has been extensively altered and extended over the centuries and visitors now view the Victorian setting. It remains the home of the Fairfax-Lucy family with the present baronet living in part of the house and consequently there is a warm, inhabited feel about the place.

In the afternoon there was insufficient time to do justice to a Castle visit but Warwick is full of buildings of outstanding quality from every period covering the last thousand years. The numerous attractions include the Market Place, the beautiful Collegiate Church of St Mary where some of our party listened to the choir practising, the many medieval buildings that can still be seen in Smith Street, the fine 17th century St John's House containing two museums, the elegant Georgian Court House and Lord Leycester Hospital dating from 14th century featuring timber framed buildings around the Norman gateway. For 200 years they were the home



of Warwick's ancient guilds before becoming a rest home for retired servicemen. A number of gardens and parks offer splendid displays and views.

Some members decided to relax and enjoy a good meal or look round the shops especially the two selling secondhand books.

By chance three of us looked for the hidden Hill Close Gardens used by Victorian business people to escape from the crowded town in order to enjoy some peace and quiet. The twelve gardens, including a number of attractive summerhouses, have been restored to their Victorian splendour. There was a WW2 theme that weekend and we ended the visit in the cafe singing wartime songs led by four volunteers dressed in 1940's costumes carrying their gasmasks! We are very grateful to Helen for organizing another enjoyable outing full of interest in so many ways.

Jean Belt

Historical Society Future Dates

Some dates to be put in your diaries. A very early announcement of the autumn Wiltshire Local History Forum day school on Saturday 2 October which will be on the subject of "Wiltshire in World War 1."



Another date is the Public Inquiry on Wednesday 8 September and possibly on the 9th, in the Village Hall. The Inquiry is concerning Wiltshire Council's wish to divert Purton's Public Footpath 104, in short Mud Lane. As this is one of the original roads of Purton, maybe the original, it would be a shame to lose our oldest historical artefact. Last month Marion Hobbs, Miriam & Ron Saunders and I walked part of Mud Lane, it was wonderful to think that we were following the tracks of the first Purtonians.

Some details of Thursday talks at the Historical Centre, Chippenham, all at 2.15pm at a cost of £3.50, £2.50 for pensioners. Places need to be booked on 01249 705500.

- 19 August Minding your (ancestors) business.
- 9 September Hints on dating old photographs.
- 23 September Discover the history of your house.
- 7 October Recent archaeological discoveries in Wiltshire.

I have been contacted by Alan Kirton who is coming to talk to us on 23 September, (remember it will be in Lydiard Millicent Parish Hall). He has found that Rochdale has so much history that he is going to call the talk "The Rochdale Pioneers" (*right*) and concentrate on the founding of the Cooperative Society.



The Committee are looking into the possibility of re-publishing "Purton's Past", this will be a massive project, in view of the changes in printing techniques, so we will need some help. Also we need to know if people are interested in buying a copy if we are to go ahead with this undertaking due to the finance involved.

Eve Booy, Secretary

Art Across the Generations

The Purton Community Artists' organisation *No Added Sugar* has 10 years' experience in delivering high quality arts activities in partnerships with people of all ages and abilities through on-going partnerships with several key organisations across the South West of England.

A current example is an intergenerational project in partnership with Swindon Borough Council where senior citizens in Penhill are working with young people from Sevenfields Primary and Kingsdown Secondary schools. As well as more than a mile of bunting that has been embroidered and painted by the participants for The Big Arts Day, several poems have also been written, including this by Bill, a senior citizen involved in the project.

Visit to Sevenfields School

Look at the old folk who come down here,
They lived through the war and have no fear,
All brave wonderful people, each one and all,
Who readily smile when they come to your school.

You give them a reason to forget their pain,
And working with you, they will come again,
They stitch, draw and paint and look so grand
As they all work so hard on the job in hand.

There is old saying from many years ago
That out of interest, you all ought to know
'Children should be seen and not heard'
This is not only silly but quite absurd.

Without you talking, we wouldn't learn a thing
Or understand you children and the pleasure you bring
But please understand, it's not all one way
For sometimes be quiet and hear what they say.

You will be surprised in what you all learn
And not only that, the respect you will earn
Your teachers each one should feel so proud
You should be singing their praises out loud.

Sometimes in life it's so easy to act the fool
But all of you are really so lucky at your school
So remember be kind and enjoy your play
And thanks to you all for a really wonderful day.

Helen Miah, Head of Culture at Swindon Borough Council says that "the Borough Council have been working in partnership with No Added Sugar artists on an intergeneration project. The artists are excellent communicators and consistently deliver over and above my expectations! We intend to continue our partnership with them on another project in the autumn this year."

In amongst all this local activity, No Added Sugar has also been spreading its

wings across the country in recent years. One of their projects was held up as an example of best practice in a presentation made to cultural leaders representing 50 cities across Europe at an intercultural dialogue conference held in Liverpool as part of their holding the European City of Culture in 2008.

This month they are repeating a project with the Wiltshire History Centre and Trowbridge Museum and have also been invited to exhibit at the Royal Horticultural Show at Tatton Park in Cheshire at the end of July.

More details about this exceptional local organisation can be found on their newly launched web site – www.noadded sugar.org. It has been supported by the Arts Council of England South West and contains lots of information about recent projects and client comments as well as details about the artists' profiles and experiences. Finally *No Added Sugar* is also holding their annual Open Studios at 87 Pavenhill over the weekend of 17-19 September and further information will be in the next issue of Purton Magazine.

Wootton Bassett Camera Club

The Club's new winter season starts with an Open Evening on Tuesday 7 September during which presentations will be made to winners of our recent competitions by the Mayor of Wootton Bassett, the Hon. Mrs Mary Champion. There will also be print and digitally projected image displays plus a chance to talk to officials and members of the Club regarding the Club and its facilities. All are invited.

The Camera Club meets at the United Reformed Church Hall, Wood Street, Wootton Bassett from 7.30 to 10pm. For further information please contact Bob Nuns (Chairman) 01249 890605, Geoff Woodhouse (Secretary) 01793 854143 or John Hill (Treasurer) 01793 771005.

Further details and the full programme can also be found on the club website which is www.woottonbassettcameraclub.org.uk

Our Village

How lucky we are to be living in Purton
No place quite like it, of that I am certain.

Our Age Concern cares without fuss
Providing us with a useful mini-bus.

The Helping Hand who are always ready
to help the sick and also the needy.

The British Legion men who do a great deal
Around the village and for the Poppy Day
Appeal.

The Women's Institute women with strong
views
of all things locally and nationally too.

The Silver Threads with their fortnightly meeting
Make you most welcome with a friendly
greeting.

Our Luncheon Club with a varied menu
All voluntarily done in a comfortable venue.

The Historical Society, people who are keen
To learn about past and present, and what it
should mean

The Gardener's Guild, talks and a show,
They really can tell us what we ought to grow.

Our varied sports clubs for young and for old,
If you like games you should get enrolled.

Other events happen, of that I am sure,
So if you are interested, find out more.

Our very busy village, kind people who care,
I don't think I'd want to live elsewhere.

Anon

Purton Rainbows, Brownies & Guides

So many activities to report on this month that it's hard to believe that it's only four weeks since the last report.



Holly was welcomed into Rainbows and at the other end of the scale a 'Pot of Gold' meeting was held for Annalise, Emma, Libbi, Katrina, Flo and Isla who will be leaving at the end of term. For Fathers Day the Rainbows made a gift card and sent home the pot of marigolds which each Rainbow had grown from seeds. They also planted an outdoor pot for the Millennium Hall. The Rainbows have been outside for part or all of every meeting this term, one highlight being a safari trail when they had to find the toy animals or pictures of animals which residents of the Church Path area had kindly put in their windows for the Rainbows to spot. (The first time in living memory a tiger has been seen on Church Path!)

1st Purton Brownies visited Drove Road Fire Station in Swindon to conclude the Fire Safety badge. White Watch were fantastic and the highlights of the visit were the rides in the fire engine with lights and siren going, going through the smoke filled house and Brown Owl being taken 30 feet up on a hydraulic platform with the Brownies down below shouting "Higher! Higher!" Another evening was "Ice Cool" which included experiments with ice cubes and indoor skiing. Finally Chloe, Grace, Rebecca and Natasha have also made their promise this month.

2nd Purton Brownies were very glad of good weather when they had an evening of water games involving lots of water and some quite heavy duty water guns.

More out-of-doors activities for the Guides as they've been canoeing (see Megan's report), been to Lydiard Park where they did a scavenger hunt and played soap netball (another very wet activity!).

Hot on the heels of Brownie Pack Holiday, the two Brownie units joined forces for another residential in June, this time taking part in the Giant Sleepover. 29 Brownies filled 24 hours with activities (and some sleep!) at Blunsdon Village Hall and were part of the 20,000 who set a new Guinness World Record for the largest sleepover over 24 hours. World Cup activities, 'I'm a Brownie Get me Out of Here', a disco, campfire singing and crafts all formed part of the programme.

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

Guide Canoeing

In Guides our leaders organise some REALLY thrilling activities! On Saturday 12 June 2010 we went canoeing at Coate Water I'm going to tell you all about our adventure!!!!

Firstly we waited for everyone to arrive, I carefully clambered into my wetsuit, the last person had arrived WE COULD START!!! Our instructors handed out life jackets to everyone then a helmet and eventually a paddle. One of the instructors told us what to do if our canoe capsized. After ALL the safety things, we chose our groups and I went with Alice and Eve! Finally we could all get in our canoes.



Slowly everyone in my group climbed into our canoe and then we started to paddle. Gaining speed our canoe turned towards the giant jumping platform. When we got there we waited for the other groups to arrive at the platform as well. When they did an instructor said we could play games!!! We were going to play ladders!!! So we got all our canoes lined up in a row and each canoe got a number because our canoe was at the end we were 5. He called a number and that canoe had to slowly and carefully pass through all the other canoes!!! I thought we would fall in but luckily no-one fell in.

Next we learnt some techniques on how to paddle backwards sideward and many other ways. Later on we had to bob that's where you stand on the edges and JUMP the perfect opportunity to make the canoe capsize my group really wanted to so we attempted but unfortunately it didn't work! Then when Eve was bobbing she fell in!! (I'm not sure if she fell or jumped) We then asked if we could jump in, we were allowed so we did, I jumped in then Alice then Eve, and why not jump in again?? Me and Eve were leaning to one side we hadn't realised Alice was jumping in so the canoe was unbalanced and we capsized!!!! It was so fun and exciting and Alice was sad she missed the experience but it didn't matter because we all still had loads of fun!

Well that was our fun adventure at Coate Water. Hope you enjoyed reading it.

MEGAN HARTLEY, 1st Purton Guides

Purton Guide Dogs



Bowood House

As I said in last month's magazine, I was preparing for the stall at the Carnival Fete. It was a good day both weather-wise and supporters. We took £126.34, and we were jolly glad we had the gazebo to shield us from the sun. Then Sunday morning it was off to Bowood House on the outskirts of Calne, for 'The Bowood Dog Show and Country Fair'. This was started by Lady Lansdowne in support of Macmillan. Other Charities such as ours can have a pitch for free and we took £106. Then on 4 July I did a stall at the St Andrews School Fete which was held in the grounds of Blunsdon House Hotel as part of their 50th anniversary. We took £78.80.

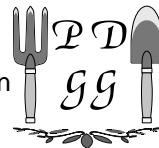


Once again thank you for your continued support.

BRIAN DAVIES for the Purton Support Group

Purton & District Gardeners' Guild

Over fifty members gathered on a hot June evening to hear Shane Missen and Jenny Tidman, from Nurden's Garden Centre in Malmesbury tell us about Gardening with Evergreens. They had brought with them a small forest of evergreens of various forms and colours, which Jenny used as the basis of her talk, while Shane later advised us on the best fertilisers and pesticides to use in different situations.



We looked first at conifers, from the neat *picea glauca Albertiniana conica*, whose name is so much bigger than the plant it represents, which might attain one metre in ten years, to juniper and *abies* varieties with a greater rate of growth which still retain a pleasing columnar shape or decorative cones.

Jenny showed us how *teucrium frutescens*, *photinia* Red Robin and *abelia* Frances Mason all provide structure, texture and colour throughout the year, with the *photinia* furnishing the garden with delightfully glossy red leaves provided the ends of the new shoots are regularly nipped out. She also showed us how to create satisfying planting partnerships, by combining the *abelia*, flowering at the end of summer, with a cordyline whose colour echoes that of the *abelia* while its form gives a pleasing contrast. Another successful combination used the small *eunonymus* Harlequin, whose young growing tips are pure cream, planted next to the golden leaved *iris pallida aurea* and *heuchera* Georgia Peach. These three plants offset each other most effectively in colour, form and structure. Evergreen *ceanothus*, from the low-growing and early *thyrsiflorus repens* Skylark to the tall Trewithen Blue, which blooms in August, should both be pruned immediately after flowering, as should all varieties of lavender and larger flowering evergreens such as the choisyas. Jenny also demonstrated how effective *viburnum burkwoodii*, *osmanthus tricolour* and *sarcococca*, better known as winter box, could be in providing rich scents and very welcome flowers and foliage in the depths of winter.

Advice on growing specimens in pots emphasised the importance of using both slow release fertiliser such as Miracle Gro and a good water retaining gel to reduce the need for feeding and watering. Box in pots is a particularly greedy feeder which will only do well in John Innes No 3 with repeated applications of fertiliser. We learnt the dangers of pruning any evergreen from the end of September to April, as frosts and wet could fatally weaken plants which put on new growth throughout the year. Jenny also encouraged feeding all flowering evergreens, such as *ceanothus* and lavender, with bonemeal immediately after flowering and pruning, for the potash in the bonemeal to promote good blooms the following year.

The question and answer session afterwards stressed the effectiveness of washing up liquid before using an insecticide such as Ultimate Provado when trying to destroy infestations of woolly aphid. Another useful tip was to wipe scale insects off with milk as its fatty acids weaken their protective coating.

Altogether a most rewarding meeting in which we learnt much.

The competition of a bunch of herbs: 1st Dionne Child, 2nd Val Evans, 3rd Jill Herbert. The next meeting is on 24 August, with Roger Umpelby giving advice on vegetable growing. The competition is: Selection of 4 vegetables.

DIANA THOMBS, Chairman

Purton F.C.

Purton's senior players started their pre-season training in July in readiness for the 2010/2011 season.

The first team under Chris Pethick will again be competing in the Uhlsport Hellenic League Div 1 West while Purton Reserves, who have now become Purton Redhouse due to new league changes on Reserve teams, will again compete in the Wilts Premier league under Stef Kuczynski.



At the AGM in late June President/Chairman Alan Eastwood, Hon Sec Janice Kuczynski and the Hon Treasurer Wendy Phillips were all re-elected in those posts.

At the end of last season the club held their Annual Presentation/Race Night at the Red House and also ran an excellent 6 a side competition at the Red House ground with 20 teams competing, won by a team from Oxford.

The Youth and Minor sides start their new season in September in the North Wilts Youth/Minors league and have a new Hon Sec Vanessa Plaistow.

The club would welcome any new sponsors who would like to support the club. They can do so by contacting Alan Eastwood on telephone number 729844 or email: alan.eastwood83@ntlworld.com for details.

The club looks forward to your support for the new season and hopefully this time round the club will gain some 'silverware'.

ALAN EASTWOOD, President/Chairman

Purton Bowls Club

The friendly games in June, with 6 being played away and Victoria Park and Fairford at home, ended with 5 wins and 3 lost. Pity about our annual away match with Ross-on-Wye – our Club Captain John Bartlett could not field a full team. May have been the football series!



In the Men's Section Wilts League we are doing quite well. At present we are third in the table with Wootton Bassett top and Westlecot second. In the Swindon and District league we are midway in the table, much better than last year.

We are not doing so well in the Monday afternoon Triples, with the B team midway and A,C and D at the bottom.

The Ladies Section two rink and triple rink have had moderate wins due to a number of ladies not being available for games. News from the County Wiltshire Ladies John's Trophy; after soundly beating Herefordshire, they lost in the second round to a strong Devon side, although Alison Fail and Chris Mitchell did have wins on their rinks. Alison has also been selected for the Walker Nationals.

One good thing for bowls, the weather has been great for playing our matches, but Graham our Greenkeeper looks to the skies and hopes it will rain during the night. I know we have an automatic watering system, but there's nothing like natural rain for the Green.

Well, that's all for now. Happy bowling, members!

RON SLADE

Purton Cricket Club

The results recorded by the senior teams have been disappointing but there was some encouragement recently when wins were recorded by the 1st XI against Malmesbury and the 2nd XI against Great Bedwyn.



The news from the junior teams is more encouraging with good progress being made and some outstanding individual performances. In an U13 match at Devizes, Bipinsuni Gattapur and Elijah Samuel added 145 for the first wicket, a new club record, and in the U11 competition the team is still unbeaten with Elijah Samuel scoring 293 runs without being dismissed. To complete a very successful early season Elijah scored 103 for Wiltshire U11s against Gwent.

Two county representative matches at U21 and U13 level have taken place recently at the ground with many complimentary remarks being made about the ground and the support given by Purton members and supporters.

Fixtures at Purton in August:-

1 st	U13 v Wootton Bassett	1.30pm
7 th	1 st XI v Calne	1.45pm
14 th	2 nd XI v Goatacre	1.15pm
15 th	U15 v Calne	1.30pm
21 st	1 st XI v Great Bedwyn	1.15pm
22 nd	U11 v Westbury	10.30am
22 nd	U13 v Trowbridge	1.30pm
28 th	2 nd XI v Marlborough	1.15pm

From the Archives – Taken from the North Wiltshire Herald 27 July 1928

'Sport. Purton were without any sporting interests on Saturday. The cricket team was to have entertained Christ Church but the latter cancelled the match through inability to raise a team while Cricklade Tennis Club scratched the home fixture with Purton. Cirencester Abbey are the visitors at the Purton Cricket field on Saturday and a good game should be seen.'

Perhaps the 'good old days' were not always quite so good!

JOE GARDNER

Lydiard Millicent School

With the rebuilding of Lydiard Millicent School, the staff are hoping to produce a record of the old Victorian school. So they want anyone with a connection to the old school to contact them with any stories, photos or documents, which they could use. They don't want people to contact them until the new term in September. So turn out the attic and see how you can help them by finding any records, newspaper cuttings or even old workbooks. Even things like rumours and incidents, as they also want to explore the more light-hearted side of the school's history. If you are an ex-pupil or know someone who is, or was like a long gone granny either write to Karen Conway-Wallace, History Project Manager, Lydiard Millicent Primary School or by email to historyproject@lydiardmillicentcofe.wilts.sch.uk



EVE BOOY, Purton Historical Society



Senior News

Purton Tennis Club teams taking part in this season's Swindon & District League are doing remarkably well at the half way stage. In the Men's event all 5 teams are in a top 4 position with the B, C and E teams all in second place and challenging for promotion. The A & B ladies teams are both 4th and second place is not yet beyond them.

In the Mixed league Purton now have 2 teams in Division 1 and the A team are 4th with the B team 5th and hoping to do enough in the remaining matches to avoid relegation back to Division 2. The Mixed D team is also having a good season in 3rd place in division 6.

The most encouraging aspect of all this is that it is being achieved with a fair sprinkling of youngsters coming through the ranks which certainly bodes well for the future.

CJ Ellis, turning 20 in a few days, has been the most improved player this season and is now up towards the top players at the club after coming through the junior ranks over the last 7 or 8 years and there are a whole fleet of young men beginning to make their mark in the adult teams including, Jamie Peppin, Chris Etheridge and Ethan Gunton. We are delighted at their progress and their enthusiasm for the game.

MALCOLM GAYFER, Chairman

Junior News

After the last round of scheduled matches in the Wiltshire league, which saw both the 18U and 16U matches disappointingly conceded by our opposition, Wootton Bassett and Highworth respectively, and a defeat for the 14U team the 18U boys were confirmed as winners of Division 2 (Group A). By the time you read this they will have played the play-off final against the winners of Group B, Pewsey. The 16U team came a creditable second in their division and the 14U team third.

NICOLA GARDNER

Wimbledon Sweepstake: The winners in the recent Sweepstake for the Men's Singles Final were:

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| 1 st Prize: | Fairford Opticians |
| 2 nd Prize: | H. Leech |
| 3 rd Prize: | M. Hayward |
| 4 th Prize: | Peter Chapman |

Congratulations to them!

Cricklade Country Market

The next Market is at *The Club at Cricklade* on Friday 27 August from 9 to 11am. We also at the Cricklade show on Bank Holiday Monday

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.

President Mrs Barbara Compton took the meeting of 16 June and relevant business was discussed.

However, do note that much of interest and importance is also available on the Information table; please refer to it and allow yourself time to read the variety of interesting material there.

For example, members who would like to visit Highgrove should put their names on the relevant board. The tour is for groups of 25 people at the moment but Jane will organise an additional visit if there is demand.

Jane Smith read the Report from the Link Delegate to the NFWI AGM in Cardiff on 2 June. Points of particular interest were:

The subscription for 2011 will be £30, half of which will be retained by each institute.

Since January 2010 there had been 11,000 new members and 41 new institutes started; there are also 129 WI members in women's prisons ...

The Honey Bee resolution/mandate and the follow-up work from last year has been successful, and the Farm Gate milk prices campaign is still on-going.

Branded WI goods are being produced by a small independent baker using AWI recipes and methods. These goods will be on sale in the Autumn, in branches of the Co-op and Tesco.

John Bercow, speaker of the House of Commons, spoke and praised the WI movement and recognised that if it were a political party we would be running the country!

Denman College reported that 7000 member had booked courses up to September 2010 and this was the best take-up in 60 years. All the rooms are now en suite and a two-night stay plus tuition costs £210.

This year's Resolution was for clear labelling showing the country of origin for meat, poultry and fish. The Food Standards Agency are against the resolution and withdrew from attending the AGM, on the grounds that the new government supported the idea of having the country of origin clearly stated. The vote was taken and the result was announced as a resounding "For", with 58 against.

Back to our own June meeting: because the booked speaker had had to cancel, some of our members sportingly stepped into the breach and entertained us under the title "Midsummer Madness" and what a jolly event it was!

Fresh fruit cup and strawberries on each table was an excellent beginning. There were two quizzes, and a competition to identify the contents of four non-alcoholic (?) cocktails that were circulated during the evening.

Each table was given a bag of "bits" such as decorative paper, straws, cut-offs, with which to make a cocktail umbrella – quite difficult but produced some imaginative results.

The choir gave a short concert to wind up a most enjoyable evening. Many thanks to all participants, and for a programme that must have taken hours of planning and organising – cheers to Sue, Sylvie, Trish and all their helpers!

A date for your diary: the Carnival Whist Drive will be held on Monday

13 September, commencing at 7.30pm at Silver Threads Hall. Tickets at £1.50 each will cover tea and biscuits.

The subject of the 18 August meeting will be "Cheese Tasting" with Richard Parsons. Don't eat too well before you come to the meeting!

CONSTANCE REED

On The Lighter Side

Pants!

Always wear clean underwear in public, especially when working under your vehicle. From the Daily News comes this story of a Leicester couple who drove their car to ASDA, only to have their car break down in the car park.

The man told his wife to carry on with the shopping while he fixed the car.

The wife returned later to see a small group of people near the car. On closer inspection, she saw a pair of hairy legs protruding from under the chassis. Unfortunately, although the man was in shorts, his lack of underpants turned his private parts into glaringly public ones.

Unable to stand the embarrassment, she dutifully stepped forward, quickly put her hand UP his shorts, and tucked everything back into place. On regaining her feet, she looked across the bonnet and found herself staring at her husband who was standing idly by watching.

The AA mechanic, however, had to have three stitches in his forehead.

Quotes

"Your memory is a monster; you forget – it doesn't. It simply files things away. It keeps things for you, or hides things from you – and summons them to your recall with a will of its own. You think you have a memory; but it has you."

JOHN IRVING, quoted in the Times



A "Sign of the Times"
Just in from Cornwall



End of Year Report –

2009/2010 has been another successful, enjoyable and very busy school year for Bradon Forest. An incredible range of achievements and activities has certainly been in evidence this year and I would like to pay tribute to the Bradon Forest staff team, both teaching and support, whose hard work, enthusiasm and dedication make all these opportunities possible. On behalf of students, parents, friends and governors I would like to thank all colleagues for their support and valuable contribution that makes Bradon Forest such a happy, challenging, vibrant and successful school.



Our specialist Arts provision continues to go from strength to strength as the article on

the re-award of *Arts Mark Gold* in the last issue testifies: only 146 other schools nationally currently match this impressive achievement. We heard last week about our *ICT Mark* re-assessment success which was followed by the news that our *Investors in Careers* (IIC) award assessment visit had already placed us at the Intermediate award stage! The IIC assessment has recommended that we put forward our submission for the full award in the autumn – if successful we will be the first school in Wiltshire to gain IIC and will be asked to support other schools.

Staffing

This term, we say farewell to a number of staff. Mr Ian Kirtland (ICT/Business Studies) is retiring having taught at Bradon Forest for nearly 37 years. Mr Kirtland will be fondly remembered by generations of students and staff. Ian has been a valued, hardworking and loyal colleague who has always put students at the centre of all he has done – Ian is part of the fabric of ‘Bradon’ and we are delighted that he will still be helping out with projects and trips in the future. Mrs Gill Woodward (Head of Food Technology) is relocating to the USA with her family as her husband embarks on his new job – we did try to discuss commuting but to no avail! Gill has been with us for eight years and has built up a very successful Food Department with fantastic success in examinations and local, regional and national cookery competitions. We also say farewell to Mrs Helen Rayner (Science) who is moving to a school nearer to home and Mr Gordon Hayward (ICT Technician) who is retiring. I would like thank Ian, Gill, Helen and Gordon for all their hard work and support during their time at Bradon Forest and wish them well for the future.

St Mary's Primary School – New Build

We are delighted for St Mary’s Primary School pupils, parents, staff, governors and the Purton community that a new single site primary school is being built next door. The process of preparing the site in readiness for the build of the new school has started. I have been working closely with Ian Tucker (Headteacher of St Mary’s), Roselyn Unegbu (Wiltshire Local Authority Project Manager) and Cowlins (the contractors) to

help plan the access and support for the build. The majority of deliveries will be via The Peak and onto the build site across the boundary with our site.

We are working together to ensure a minimum of disruption to the education of students in both schools. St Mary's will be using our field for their after school clubs and we will be hosting activities from time to time while they are in their temporary set-up.

Year 11 Prom

The Year 11 'Prom' took place on 25 June at the Hilton Hotel in Swindon. 185 students attended along with many members of staff and everyone had a superb evening. As is traditional the 'Prom' was organised by our Prefect team with the help of the Key Stage 4 team and support staff. This year there were more parents, friends and relatives to see the arrival of our Year 11s in a phenomenal range of transport and 'means of conveyances'! Every year the students look so grown up, elegant and fantastic: the girls in a superb array of beautiful dresses and the boys in their tuxedos – with normal waists! There was a sit-down three-course meal which was followed by speeches from Neil Ash (Head Boy) and Clare Haney (Head Girl) and a very original comedy 'rap' about the year group performed by Harley Viveash (Deputy Head Boy) and Alex Lee (Deputy Head Girl). After the 'formal' proceedings, the disco took over and at 11.45pm the students collected their year books (hot off the press) before getting their transport home at midnight. It was another very successful and enjoyable 'Prom' – they were a terrific year group and will be missed!



World Challenge

The Year 9 World Challenge Group has been raising money to enable them to travel to Romania to help with a Romania Orphanage. Their inventive and successful fundraising activities have been featured several times in the school newsletters, Purton Magazine and 'The Link' Magazine. At 3 am on Saturday 10 July, Mr Winward kindly drove a school mini-bus to transport the group, along with the group leaders (Mr Lemin and Mr Stiles) and the World Challenge leader, to Heathrow for the flight to Romania. We hope they have a safe, fantastic and life changing trip and we look forward to providing a report and photographs in a future newsletter. The group is yet another example of some excellent work done by our young people and we are grateful to Purton Magazine and 'The Link' for continuing to publicise their activities.

It is a pleasure compiling our Parents' Newsletters and Purton Magazine articles, which enable me to share the numerous successes of our students. This is particularly important when the national media continues to devote so little coverage to the success of the vast majority of young people in our communities.

I hope that all students and their families have a safe and enjoyable summer break and that our students return fully refreshed, recharged and ready in September for another full, busy and successful year at 'Bradon'!

L SPIERS, Headteacher

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