

Purton Magazine



Christian Aid Week
Montage by Lisa Johnson

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Services: PURTON See Diary Page in this magazine
 BRAYDON Sundays 6.00pm Evening Worship

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CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART, WOOTTON BASSETT

Parish Priest Father J Reville tel 852366
 Church of the Sacred Heart, High Street, Wootton Bassett

Services: Holy Days Vigil 7.00pm Holy day 9.30am
 Sundays 10.30am Mass
 For times of weekday services please see Church notice board

ST MARY'S CHURCH, CRICKLADE

Priest Father Philip Beisly tel 01285 712586
 St Mary's Church, High Street, Cricklade

Holy Days 7.00pm Mass
 Sundays 9.30am Mass

From The Editors

The generosity of Purtonians is well known within our village but reports in this issue suggest even more than usual. One dictionary includes the word *munificent* to describe the meaning of 'generous' and defines *munificent* as 'splendidly generous and bountiful'. We feel that all the donations and contributions mentioned in this issue can easily be described as munificent and, in turn, are such a huge credit to all those in our community who organise, take part, donate and contribute in many different ways to many different events.

As you might imagine from our colourful front cover, our Christian Aid Week this year involved many different events that were well organised and wonderfully supported – particularly by many of the shops and businesses in the village who donated food and drink, sold tickets and donated raffle prizes. On pages 37 and 38 you can read about all the main events – especially some new ones this year – and how much was raised by each event. The grand total for our village, including the house to house red envelope collection, was a wonderful £5,457.57.

Even that hugely impressive amount has been overtaken by the Back-to-Back tandem ride from John O' Groats to Lands End, including a one leg of 147 miles in a single day – slightly further than Purton to Okehampton in Devon – on a bicycle! At the time of writing, Neil Saunders and Dave Johnston have raised well over £9,000 for Help the Heroes.

There are many, many more reports about events that have raised more modest amounts of money but each has still needed to be organised, requiring many donations of time and effort simply to get started.

Just to produce and distribute each issue of Purton magazine regularly involves up to 100 volunteers who contribute their time and energies by submitting articles and reports as well as distributing copies each month.

As mentioned in last month's magazine, we have started an A to Z of Purton on pages 56 and 57 in this issue. The idea behind this new section is to encourage some slightly different contributions from among our readers in addition to the regular monthly reports. Each month we are hoping to publish a few sentences about interesting local historical events, places or organisations, perhaps with a photograph. Please be generous to all our readers and get your "B" pieces for the October magazine to us by 10 September.

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Parish Council News



Reducing Unnecessary Street Lighting in Wiltshire – Wiltshire Council is looking at ways to reduce its carbon footprint, reduce light pollution of the night sky and to reduce energy cost. Wiltshire Council has identified street lighting and illuminated signs as a major use of energy in a recent review.

A start has been made with an “invest to save” project to replace the lighting units in the county’s 1,600 illuminated bollards with new low energy units. Trials to dim and turn off unnecessary light have been successfully introduced in Urchfont and Tidworth.

£5,000 has been set aside for each Area Board to introduce schemes in their areas this year. Existing Photoelectric cells on street lighting can be replaced by new units to turn some lights off approximately midnight to 5.30am, or lighting can be dimmed for part of the night.

The Parish Council would be interested in your views on the options of turning off some lights for part of the night or dimming them.

Waste Collection – You may recall an article in the Magazine a while ago asking for views on the options being put forward by Wiltshire Council regarding refuse collection. That consultation was withdrawn due to the General Election.

The waste collection consultation is now underway again and this time it is now termed as *The Proposal – A first class service for Wiltshire Residents*. In order to bring a uniform service into operation across the County the proposal is to collect household rubbish one week, the recycling black box the next week, fortnightly plastic bottles and cardboard collections likewise the option for garden waste to be collected free of charge fortnightly.

The kerbside collection of food waste or tetra packaging is not included due to a mix of technology and capacity issues. However, this will be kept under review and may be considered in the future.

You can have your say on the proposal via Wiltshire Council’s web site where there is an online questionnaire www.wiltshire.gov.uk/rubbishandrecycling or email wasteconsultation@wiltshire.gov.uk or tel 0300 456 0102 or write to: The Director, Department of Neighbourhood and Planning, Wiltshire Council, County Hall, Trowbridge, BA14 8JN.

Dog Fouling – If you are a land owner and have a problem with dogs fouling on your land and would like the dog warden to help try to combat this problem, then contact Sebastian Williams at Public Protection Services, Wiltshire Council, Monkton Park, Chippenham, Wilts SN15 1ER or telephone 01249 706965 or email him at publicprotectionnorth@wiltshire.gov.uk and he will hopefully be able to help you.

Skate Park – we are delighted with the success of the new skate park. It is being used by a wide range of young people with different skills and equipment which is very pleasing to see. But as with most things there is a down side and in this case it is the amount of litter being left at the site. Additional bins have been installed so we are hopeful that the problem will not persist but urge everybody who visits the

site to use the bins provided so that we can continue to keep the site a pleasant place for all to enjoy.

Wiltshire Citizens Advice Bureau in Chippenham is recruiting new volunteers for a variety of roles. North Wiltshire Citizen's Advice Bureau is a charity, reliant on a team of volunteers and paid staff to provide information and advice to people in our local community. The work is interesting, challenging and rewarding if you are interested and can spare time on weekdays then contact Ali Hender on 01249 443054 or email ahender@northwitscab.org.uk

For advice on any problems you may have that you think Advice Bureau can help you with call 08443752775 or look at www.adviceguide.org.uk

Devices for people with disabilities – If you have a disability then, in addition to familiar supporting equipment, you may need a special device to meet your particular circumstances to improve the quality of your daily living. Remap is a national organisation of practical engineers specialising in designing, making and installing such devices to meet these specific needs. Examples are on their web site at www.remap.org.uk. The service is free, but as a charity they rely on donations. Ring John Gisby on 01722 322484 if you require any further information on what they can provide.

Wiltshire Council has approved the following planning application:

N09/01196/FUL 12 *The Fox*, replacement garage

How to contact the Parish Council:

Telephone number 01793 771066 Fax 772646

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

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

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

Church Floodlighting

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

17 August **Ann and Hamish Orr Ewing** requested that St Mary's Church was floodlit in Thanksgiving.

21 August St Mary's Church was floodlit to celebrate the marriage between **Sophie Dawn Rawlings and Paul Nicholas Trinder**.

24 August St Mary's Church was floodlit in memory of **Irene Maud Sheppard** on the occasion of her birthday. Always remembered by her daughter Tricia.

3 September The Church will be floodlit to celebrate the Golden Wedding of **Doreen and Brian Freegard**, who were married in Wroughton Church fifty years ago.

Floodlighting contact: Libbie, tel 771018



Purton Historical Society



I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer and is looking forward to our next session. As this meeting is the first in our new home, which I'm afraid I will miss, please acquaint yourselves with the fire exits of the building.

Something else that will be new at our meetings is that we will have a register or rather a signing-in ledger. This will have several purposes 1) it will be a record of our members and visitors, 2) for health and safety reasons we will know who is on the premises should there be an emergency and 3) it will end up as an historical artefact when it is complete. So when you sign in please write your name clearly then, if one of your descendants, years down the line is researching the family tree they will be able to read it.

So, our first meeting will be in Lydiard Millicent Parish Hall on Thursday 23 September at 7.30pm. Alan Kirton will be addressing us on "The Rochdale Pioneers" which was the founding of the Cooperative Movement. I've heard that several of you are arranging to give lifts to the meeting but if you require a lift or could perhaps take somebody please contact Anne Sweet on 770491.

A final note ... if you look at the blog on the www.wshc.eu site, you can find out about the six Wiltshire football players who played for England.

EVE BOOY, Secretary

Autumn Course: Ancient Rome and her Legacy

A six-week course produced by the Purton Historical Society.

Time: All meetings take place on Wednesdays and commence 7.30 pm.
Venue: Silver Threads Hall, Purton
Dates: 6 October to 17 November
Fee: £18 by prior booking £20 on the first night of attendance.
Speaker: Paul Booy B.ed. Hist. Hons.

Further Details: Inez Gale or Paul Booy

The course will deal with the political, military, religious and social History of Rome. Most of the great personalities such as Spartacus, Caesar, Cleopatra, and Hannibal, will come into our story.

As always art will feature largely in the proceedings, as will a serious consideration of the legacy of Rome that lasts to this day.

Swindon Choral Society's ...

... autumn concert features an exciting new work by the award-winning British composer Howard Goodall. *Eternal Light: A Requiem* was premiered in November 2008 and since then has won international acclaim. Its first performance in Swindon will take place on Saturday 2 October, 8pm in Holy Rood Church, Swindon. The concert programme also includes Goodall's setting of Psalm 98, another first for Swindon, and Tippett's Five Negro Spirituals from *A Child of Our Time*.

Tickets £12.50 (accompanied children under 18 free) are available from Swindon Information Centre (ticket hotline 01793 466454), Brian Taylor Music, Wootton Bassett (01793 840445) and Sound Knowledge, Marlborough (01672 511106).

Friends of St Mary's

What does St Mary's church mean to you?

Is it a quiet, tranquil place where you can pop in when you feel the need to recharge your spiritual batteries?

Is it a lovely old building with history and mystery in its very stones?

Is it a place that you value when you mark milestones in your life with family and friends?

To many in Purton it is all of those things and more. In 2009, fourteen children were brought to the church by their parents and godparents to be baptised, nine happy couples were joined together in Holy Matrimony and we sadly said goodbye to twelve of our friends.

The children of St Mary's school came to the church for their Christmas and Easter services and also a special 'leavers' service for those embarking on the next stage of their educational careers.

There were special services to mark Harvest Festival and Christian Aid week, to celebrate marriage, to give thanks for new children, to mark the 20th anniversary of the extension of the bells from six to eight, Parade Services for the uniformed organisations and for the village carnival, not to forget the popular Christingle service and Christmas carol concert.

On a lighter note, the church hosts a number of concerts and many village children come to the church for an activity day at Easter time.

We are proud of our church and our ability to provide for all these activities and more. However an historic building like this costs a great deal. We have fewer than 100 regular worshippers and in 2009 it cost us £61,936 to support it and all its functions. It is a huge burden for such a few and a continuing worry as to whether we will be able to balance our income with our day to day expenses.

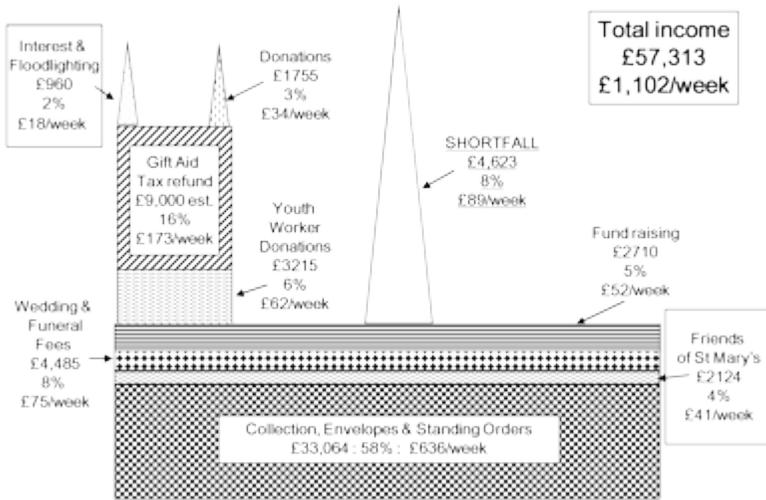
As shown in the following graphics, some of our income comes from fundraising, fees, floodlighting and special donations but mainly from regular giving by our small congregation.

But nearly the whole village benefits from the church in one way or another and it would be wonderful if everyone could help – just a little – to ease our financial load. If everyone in Purton were to give a small amount each month – say just £1 to £5 – the overall effect would be dramatic!

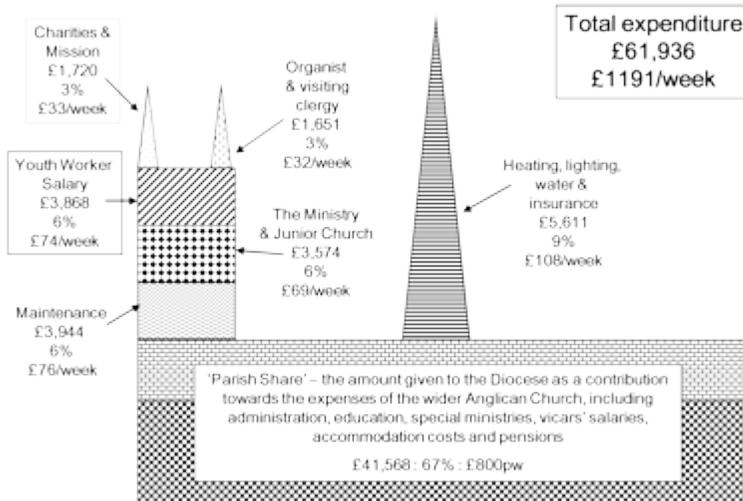
The *Friends of St Mary's* is a group of people that are not necessarily churchgoers but who recognise the value of the church by making regular donations. All subscriptions that are received are used to maintain and enhance our beautiful and historic building. Last year they gave a wonderful £2,124 (plus money recovered from Gift Aid) most of which was used for essential repairs to the electrics.

If you would like to help St Mary's and become a Friend, more details are available from our leaflet in the church, the library and the Parish Council Office or please contact either Christine Gill, Friends Membership Secretary at 15 The Hyde or David Nettleton, Church Treasurer at The Buthaye, Church End. Thank you very much for your interest.

Where our income came from in 2009



Where we spent our money in 2009



Prayer for Purton

This month the churches in Purton are praying for everyone who lives and works in Jubilee Estate, Vasterne Close, Hoggs Lane and Vasterne Hill. People in these streets will receive cards through their doors which will invite them to contact us if there is anything they would like us to pray for during our Sunday worship. You can give as much or little information as you wish. We don't even have to know a name.

Purton & District Age Concern



Could I begin my piece by saying how sorry I was to hear of the passing of Mrs Edith Lane, who lived in the last house in Blacklands. In fact, she lived all her life in Pavenhill and there are not many people who can say that. I wonder if Mrs Lane was the oldest Purtonian, and I mean Purtonian born and bred. She was 94 when she died and unfortunately, through illness, she had to go into hospital and was then unable to go back home. She went into The Cedars but was taken poorly again and had to go back into hospital where she died. She was a very determined lady who wanted to finish her days in her home where she had lived for more than sixty years and it is a pity things worked out like they did.

As I have said, Mrs Lane was born in Pavenhill in a house in that row that have the long gardens in front of them opposite the Pavenhill shops. Her maiden name was Telling and she was one of five – Jack, George, Frank and Rene (who went to Canada). Now here's a coincidence – when I started my first job in 2 Shop in the GWR, Mrs Lane's father Bill Telling was a charge hand in the same shop and if my memory serves me right, Bill lived in Blacklands either next door or two doors down from his daughter Edith. He was in charge of the machines but one thing that always fascinated me was that, if anyone wanted a clock or watch repaired, they took it to Bill.

Edith married John Lane in Purton Church in 1939 and they had three children – Iris, Jean and Roy. They were a very hard working couple, in fact they had two allotments in Poor Street. As I have said, Edith wanted to stay in her own home as she got older and I would think it was due to her family that she was able to do that. I know that Roy, sometimes with Carol, his wife, would visit her every day except Sundays. Mrs Lane did appreciate the Day Care at The Cedars, where she went daily, and also the care she had when she went in as a resident. Of course, going to day care was a good introduction and let's not forget our minibus personnel who transported her there. Once a week they took her down to the Post Office to get her pension and then dropped her back to the day centre. We offer our deepest sympathy to Mrs Lane's family and friends and say goodbye to a very determined lady.

In last month's Magazine I mentioned belated 80th birthday greetings to Joe Ricketts, our minibus secretary, not taking into account the efficiency of the delivery personnel as, like a lot more, our copy of the Magazine came on 22 July which was a few days before Joe's actual birthday on the 25th. The minibus personnel, along with the Age Concern Committee were invited to a surprise tea party in Lydiard Village Hall to be followed by a concert in the Church. As Joe does the bookings for the hall, they had to be careful so it was booked for a meeting from 5.30pm for three hours to discuss inspection and star ratings for the hall. Joe was asked to join in and immediately said 'I'm not stopping there for three hours as we've got the concert in the Church at 7.30pm.' However, he was told it would be nice for him to be there and that he could leave when he wanted to. Everyone assembled in the hall by 5.30pm and Neil, Joe's son, brought him in. He was taken aback when he saw everyone so, unless he's a good actor, it really was a surprise for him. So

congratulations to the Lydiard ladies (as we call them) for putting on such an excellent spread – it was a credit to you. I expect you were sweating a bit as to whether Joe would rumble it as he is quite a shrewd man. I am sure I speak for the eighty-plus people who were at the hall when I say what a lovely party it was – excellent food, plenty of cups of tea and a birthday cake as well! We all thank you most sincerely for inviting all of us from Purton – minibus personnel and committee as well. We all felt very privileged to be there.

That is not all because, following on from tea, we were all invited to cross the road for a concert given in Joe's honour at All Saints' Church and my word it was some concert! The artists who did the entertaining were Joe's family and friends and didn't they do Joe proud. The talent had to be heard to be appreciated and the instrumentalists and singers were superb with such a variety of music. We shall certainly be talking about this concert for a few years to come. I don't know whether Neil, Joe's son, put it all together but it was an excellent programme and I must give Neil a special mention. We have heard his organ playing before but he really showed us what a versatile musician he is with his keyboard playing, his conducting and singing as well. The icing on the cake (literally) was the birthday cake and wine we were given in the interval and this was the second birthday cake of the evening.

Joe, you must feel a very proud man knowing that your family and friends wanted to give you a day to remember and it was a day to remember for us as well. (I should think Lydiard Church was full of people the next day confessing about all the lies they told to organise that tea party). You deserved that day for all the kindness you show to others – we were proud to be part of it.

We were lucky with the weather on our day's outing to Weston, a little different to what you had here. There were two coaches that went and we had seven and a half hours at Weston. While there is still a lot of work going on and the pier was not open there was plenty to do and the tide came in as well! As I have said there is a lot of work going on but when it is finished it will be a lovely place. As they say you cannot have gain without pain.

Our next mystery trip is on Wednesday 1 September. If you get your Magazine as early as we do, there might still be room. This is an afternoon trip starting at 2.00pm with tea provided and the cost for locals is £10, £12.50 for anyone outside our area. After that we follow on with another mystery trip – this is a morning start at 10.00am with lunch provided and is on Wednesday 6 October, same cost as the September one. Names to your street wardens by 25 September.

On the fundraising side we have a jumble sale in the Village Hall on Saturday 4 September, starting at 2.00pm. Items for this sale can be left at the hall between 12 noon and 1 pm.

At Age Concern Purton we are all on a big knit. This is in conjunction with Age UK and we get 25p for each of the little hats that are to go on bottles of Innocent fruit smoothie. If anyone would like to help with these, get in touch with Louise, our Secretary, on 772558 and she will let you have the pattern. Our aim is 800 hats. We have plans in place for how we will spend the money – it has to be used for something to do with the winter warmth campaign run by Age UK but you can rest

assured that every one of the elderly that comes under our umbrella will have a little something to warm them up.

Another fundraising event we have to come is our Antiques and Collectables Fair, which is on Sunday 17 October in the Village Hall. More details next month but if you would like to book a table or stall, please give Jenny Barnes a ring on 770339. Doesn't time move on – we shall soon be thinking about Christmas – well we have already in committee.

Our befriending parties at Battlelake Farm are still being enjoyed by all. Could I just thank all those people involved, like the minibus personnel, the befrienders, the people who help with preparing and serving the tea and, most importantly, Doug and Vicky Fowler, the hosts. It means so much to those that go, so thank you one and all.

Could I thank the carriage driving personnel for the cheque they sent us for the minibus fund, the result of their show at The Fox in the grounds of Purton House. This Show used to be part of our horse show but where we failed they have continued. It would be interesting to know how long they have been running this Show, but we greatly appreciate the donation. I wonder if Hazel Woodbridge being the Show Secretary has any influence as to where the money goes!

We have had other donations for the loan of a wheelchair, also from that kind gentleman who very often gives it to Sheila at Chapel and says 'Give it to him indoors, he knows what to do with it'. I have just had a thought, perhaps he means it for me as he feels sorry for me.

We have finally received the money kindly left to us in the will of the late Ken Goodings. He played inside left for Fred Comley's tanner boys who played down Collins Lane – great times that I have told you about before. What is nice is that Rex Goodings, Ken's brother, along with his wife Eileen, have joined our minibus team. We thank them for offering their services. It is greatly appreciated by us and I know all the minibus users will feel the benefit of their kindness, so very many thanks to them for offering to help out.

TONY PRICE

'Back to Back' Tandem Ride

John o' Groats to Lands End in aid of 'Help For Heroes'.

A final word to say a huge thank-you to all those who supported this event which started out on Thursday 27 May and was completed just 8 days later on Friday 4 June. We had expected the duration to be more like 10 days but due to the superb efforts of our 2 Purton riders, Neil Saunders and Dave Johnston they made short work of it with one day completing 147 miles. In fact they probably could have done it in even less time but had to slow up in the last 2 days in order for friends and family to meet and greet them at Lands End.

Initially we had hoped to raise at least £2,000 but to date the total raised for *Help For Heroes* stands at £9,244.43. The fundraising website will have closed by the end of August but you can still read about the ride and see the route at www.2men1bike.co.uk

Thank you all once again.

News from The Charities

Could I just enlighten those who do not know that the Charities of the Village Hall and Institute and the Purton War Memorial and Village Centre are completely independent from the Parish Council and have to be self-supporting, with audited accounts going to the Charity Commission. Also they are separate Charities and the Village Hall cannot support the Village Centre and vice versa – they are independent of one another.

Purton War Memorial and Village Centre: We sincerely hope that all major works on the Millennium Hall will be finished early in September. It has been a very costly job for the Charity putting right faulty building work. However we sincerely hope that is all behind us now. The work that will be completed shortly is the new flooring in the foyer, kitchen and all the toilets. We had the same firm that put the main hall floor right and that is a good job, so we are expecting the same here.

We are very pleased with the work we had done through the Landfill grant, resurfacing the public tennis courts and part of the car park plus some new fencing. We are very grateful to the people who have done the work and, of course, the Landfill money to fund this work through Hills and *Community First*.

On the down side there has been quite a bit of vandalism at the Centre, with groups being in the area late at night. If anyone feels this is causing a problem, please ring the police and report it.

The football season has started, so we wish all connected with the club a very successful and enjoyable season.

Village Hall and Institute: You might be wondering what is happening on the cooker/kitchen front. Well, the position is that we are getting prices in to completely revamp the kitchen, then we will see what money we have, or has been promised, to see what we can afford and take it from there. Here we are very lucky because the Purton Open Gardens, from what I can gather, are going to give us £1,000 towards a new cooker, so we thank all the people who were involved with this weekend. It was just the boost we needed and is greatly appreciated. You can rest assured that we will have a new cooker if nothing else, but I've got the feeling we will be doing more than that.

TONY PRICE, Chair of Trustees

After 8

Our August meeting was our Summer Social. We had planned a BBQ but unfortunately it rained so we ate indoors. The meat, provided by members, ranged from homemade burgers (made by a member's husband) through sausages, lamb and chicken all wonderfully cooked by Helen (indoors!) That was accompanied by a variety of salads and baked potatoes (arranged by Helen). A very enjoyable evening, arranged at the last minute but very successful, nevertheless.



AVRIL AINSCOUGH

Our next meeting, on Tuesday 21 September, is a Treasure Trail by Avril at Mary Smith's – contact Avril for further details.

The 10th Anniversary of Twinning with Héric



This year marks the 10th anniversary of our official Twinning with the French village of Héric. The purpose of any Twinning is to foster a better understanding of each other's culture and to promote contacts between as many shared organisations as possible as well as to cultivate friendships between individuals. Over the past ten years we have succeeded in achieving many of these aims. Not least in the lasting friendship department.

To celebrate this milestone in our relationship a party of 12 people from France visited Purton over the weekend of 16 to 18 July. They were treated to a barbecue on Friday night at Nick and Jackie Yerbury's house. On the Saturday, while some of our guests went to the Air Tattoo at Fairford, we had a walking tour of historic Purton. The first stop was College Farm House where Caroline and Hector McLean gave a talk in French about the history of the house and the Hyde family followed by a tour of the interior and gardens. Then on to the Cricket field where a match was in progress. Some time was spent in explaining the rules of the game to some bemused French people.

The next stop was the Church where Roger Lawrence made arrangements and we were met by Alan Woodward who was kind enough to allow our visitors to ascend to the bell ringing platform in the tower where he demonstrated the art of bell ringing and answered questions about the Church. We then moved on to the Museum which was opened specially for us by Brian Freegard who was on hand to field questions and to explain the exhibits. Special thanks must go to Miriam Saunders and Barbara Gosden for bringing the Twinning exhibit up to date. On the way to the Museum we visited the new bench next to The Court with its plaque (*right*) to commemorate the Twinning.



In the evening, a Murder Mystery play was performed at the Silver Threads Hall by members of PADS. It had been the intention to perform this in English and then in French but the cast found that they had not enough time to perfect their accents and pronunciation so we provided our visitors with a written translation which allowed them to follow the story more fully. The plot was complicated and involved peanut allergy and underhand business dealings. Following the questioning of the suspects, several tables were successful in arriving at the correct solution. During this period, we all had an excellent supper, with many remarking that it was the nicest lasagne that they had tasted in a long time. The success of the evening was



due to the hard work and dedicated organisation by our Twinning Association Committee and many other willing helpers.

After all too short a stay our French friends had to depart on Sunday morning which proved to be a damp British summer's day but

left: Members (English & French) by the Commemorative Plaque

in spite of the weather a good number turned out to see them off.

Purton Twinning would like to thank all those who provided accommodation for the visitors, those who gave up their time to enable us to show off historic Purton and those that attended our Murder night with a special mention to Nick and Jackie Yerbury for use of their house and garden and to Sara Brown for her organisational abilities and hard work also all the members of the Association who helped in so many ways.

It is at times like this that we remember the contribution of the founder members of the Twinning Association particularly that of the late Duncan Bamford without whose enthusiasm we might never have carried through with the Twinning.

In 2011 we have been invited to celebrate the Formal Twinning in Héric. The proposed date is the weekend of 7 and 8 May so put that in your diaries and we will keep you informed as we receive more information.

Hallowe'en Party: Saturday 30 October

Fundraising for Breakthrough and Walk The Walk

Julie Hennessy, Mandy Martin and Val Phillips are holding a Hallowe'en Party on Saturday 30 October at the Hilton Hotel, Lydiard Fields, Great Western Way, Swindon, SN5 8UZ.

The night will include live band *Locomotion*, buffet dinner, auction, raffle and prize for the best fancy dress costume. Tickets are priced at £25 per person.

Proceeds from the night will be split between *Breakthrough* (one third) and *Walk the Walk* (two thirds).

Many will know all three ladies through the Swindon Twin Peaks walking group and the Mad March Hare 5km and 10km running and walking event.

Julie was on the Committee for the Summer Ball at Pinewood School in 2008 which raised over £23,000 for *Breakthrough*. She was also on the committee for Ros Marsh's Ball last year which raised over £12,000 for that charity.

Mandy has completed seven marathons and Val four, raising money for *Walk the Walk* who support numerous Breast Cancer charities. Mandy and Val's goal for 2011 is to take part in the London Marathon and their fundraising on the night will be donated to that.

Following the success of the first Hallowe'en Party which allowed Mandy and Val to complete the New York Marathon in October 2009, the three ladies have decided to organise a second Hallowe'en Party for everyone to enjoy. At the first party everyone had lots of fun and many people came in Hallowe'en fancy dress!

If you would like to book tickets or find out more about the Hallowe'en Party, please contact them on:

- Julie Hennessy email: jhennessy19@googlemail.com tel: 01793 873209
- Mandy Martin email: m4ndym@btinternet.com tel: 01793 827672
- Val Phillips email: val.phillips4@btinternet.com tel: 01793 879661

If you are a business or enterprise and would like to donate a raffle prize or an auction item, please contact Julie, Mandy or Val.



PURTON PLACARD

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

St Mary's Church
will be holding a
CHRISTMAS MARKET

on Saturday 20 November
in the Village Hall
11am - 2pm

Lunches served – Hot meat baps
Mince pies, teas and coffees

Many attractions, including:
Home-made produce
Activities for the children

St Mary's School Choir will be singing

Purton HelpingHand
**EVENING OF
ENTERTAINMENT**

Wednesday 15 September
7.30pm

Silver Threads Hall

Entertainment, Finger Buffet
Free Glass of Wine, Raffle

Minibus available
tel: 01793 770251

PURTON AGE CONCERN
JUMBLE SALE

at the Village Hall
on Saturday 4 September
at 2.00pm

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

Purton Helping
Hand

Jumble Sale

Saturday 9 October
at 2pm

Silver Threads Hall

Raffle
Refreshments

St Mary's Church, Purton
Barn Dance
Saturday 9 October at 7.30pm
Village Hall, Purton

All welcome

Bring and Share Supper
Licensed Bar

Tickets Adults £6, children (under
11) £3

Tel: Sandra 770157, Alison
772896,

Sheila 770970, Val 771201,
Gladys 77037

Purton Silver Threads

Saturday Market

2 October at 2pm

Silver Threads Hall

Various stalls including
Cakes, Preserves, Veg
Raffle, Books etc

Schumann's Mass in C minor

part of the Celebration of the Mass in Latin according to the Extraordinary Form, will be sung in

St Mark's Church, Swindon SN1 5EH, on Saturday 25 September, at 5pm.

The choir of St Mark's Church conductor Sam Bayliss with choir members from St Barnabas in Oxford, All Saints Cheltenham, Wroughton Parish Church and Wroughton Choral Society.

Admission is free - all welcome

www.swindonnewtown.co.uk

www.stmarkschoir.org.uk

Purton Silver Threads OPEN DAY

Friday 24 September : 10 - 4pm
at Silver Threads Hall

Coffee Morning 10 - 12 noon
Light Lunch 12.15 - 2pm
Cream Tea 2.30 - 4pm

Display of
Members Competition Entries
OPEN TO EVERYONE

Tombola, Raffle, Cakes
Bric-a-brac

Minibus available
tel: 01793 770251



Open Day

Saturday 11th

September

11am-4pm

- Free entry
- Meet the animals
- Bouncy castle
- Mini farmers' market & green living products
- Butchery demonstration
- Farm & wood walks
- BBQ
- Organic tea, coffee & cakes



All events are based at the

Veg Shed & Farm Shop, just past the church

**Purton House Organics
Church End, Purton, Swindon**

Tel: 01793 772287

www.purtonhouseorganics.co.uk

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Exhibit of the Month: A Gladstone Tile

This month's exhibit is a glazed tile found at the former *Maltster's* at 7 High Street. It is about 6½ inches square, turquoise in colour and framed with wood. It depicts the face of William Ewart Gladstone a major player in politics through much of the 19th century. With today's coalition government and talk of voting reform, it represents some interesting history.



Born in December 1809, Gladstone was initially a right-wing Tory, elected to Parliament for the constituency of Newark, Nottinghamshire in 1832. This election was effectively in the gift of the Duke of Newcastle as it was a rotten borough where the Duke owned most of the votes. The Great Reform Act was passed the same year, and was framed to abolish rotten and pocket boroughs mainly small, rural areas under the control of the local nobility, allowing new towns to elect Members to Parliament on the basis of one-man, one-vote. This cut down some of the more obvious corruption in the electoral system, but it only gave the vote to men who owned property (not women) and did not introduce secret ballot. Its limitations in these regards led more or less directly to the Chartist and Suffragist/Suffragette movements for universal suffrage.

Gladstone's political position shifted in time and by 1853 he was Chancellor of the Exchequer in a Whig-Peelite coalition government. Over his years as Chancellor he put 13 budgets through Parliament including the reintroduction of Income Tax (originally introduced as an emergency measure during the Napoleonic Wars) and a war on waste and unnecessary extravagance. After the General Election of 1859, he was Chancellor under the Whig Prime Minister Lord Palmerston in a new coalition and again under Lord Russell in 1865.

The Liberal Party came into being in a more modern form during the brief Tory government under Lord Derby and Disraeli and in 1867 Gladstone became Liberal Party leader. In 1868 the Liberals won a significant poll victory and formed the new government. Gladstone however was defeated in his S.W. Lancashire constituency but won a by-election in December that year taking up the post as Prime Minister.

Some of the main problems facing his years in government were the status of Ireland within the United Kingdom, the Crimean War (1853-1856), trying to avoid becoming embroiled in the American Civil War (1861-1865) and further pressure for political reform.

When he died in 1898, he was seen as one of the greatest politicians of his century and there were many commemorative pieces produced on his death. I may be wrong but I think that this is what our exhibit is. If anyone is able to confirm this I would be interested to know.

There will as always be a clearer picture at 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

Green Tips - Transform Purton Parish



Towards a more local say in how things happen

Government now realises local people must have a much greater say on local planning and many other issues. There is also a growing consensus that the future is going to be more constrained with less economic growth with a reduced public sector. Consequently, we are expected to be more self-reliant, as a country and as communities.

The buzz word is *resilience*.

Transform Purton Parish held its first meeting at the end of July. We had a quick presentation on what the future may hold, drawing on government documents and our own research and then had a general discussion on the key issues that affect the parish and what we need to do; not just about climate change but also about potential resources: food, energy, water and so on. This is all about resilience; about withstanding the various lifestyle shocks; some that are here now (jobs crunch and weather extremes) some that are easily foreseeable (diminishing oil, increasing costs of food and travel) and some that are on their way (changed weather patterns and different landscapes).

We have formed a Working Group that is being led by Jacqui Lay. The first task will be to discuss with Wiltshire Council some of the support that we would like. They have indicated that they will support us in this venture, as has the Parish Council.

So far, each member of the working group has taken on a focal point role for some of the key issues: housing, flooding, wildlife, food *etc* that affect us all. We are intending to gather as much information as possible and bring it all together on a geographical information system (basically lots of mapped information held on a computer) so that we build up a detailed picture or evidence base of all the stresses and strains that affect the parish. From that we work on some solutions or options.

We will be issuing regular updates as we progress, and information will be put up on the Ps and Qs web site (www.purtoninfo.org.uk).

Anyone can join the working group at any time – if you are interested please contact Jacqui Lay (jacquilay@yahoo.co.uk) or 770704.

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 (772422) Jacqui Lay (770704)

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

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Melinda Messenger opens new Cricklade Children's Centre

Hundreds of families can enjoy an extra helping hand – thanks to the Cricklade Children's Centre, the latest project to be launched by Barnardo's S. W. in partnership with Wiltshire Council.

The charity's orphanages closed many years ago, but its purpose remains the same – to give children a better start in life. Staff provide free support to local families with children under the age of five years old, including parenting advice and support, plus links to local health services, training and employment.



The new project, at St Sampson's Infant School in Bath Road, was officially opened by Barnardo's Ambassador Melinda Messenger together with Barnardo's children's services manager Rachel Stewart. The single-storey building includes offices, meeting rooms, crèche, kitchen and toilets, together with disabled access.

Much of the support will be provided from the Centre, but staff will also work in the local community – not only around Cricklade but also further afield in Ashton Keynes, Latton, Leigh and Purton. The Centre is not just for families experiencing difficulties, but for the whole community – mums, dads, grandparents and carers. Working together, they can encourage children to reach their full potential.

For further information or to receive a newsletter of activities, call 01793 759187, or email: crickladechildrenscentre@barnardos.org.uk
web: www.barnardos.org.uk

Samaritan's Purse: Children's Christmas Shoebox Appeal

There will be a Fund Raising Day for this appeal on Saturday 9 October at 35 High Street, Purton, from 10am to 4pm. This will include light lunches from 12 noon. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available all day. Stalls will include books, bric-a-brac, tombola and cakes (yes the Bakewells will be back!).

We are having both a morning and afternoon raffle. Any items you might like to donate towards this event would be appreciated.

The money raised on this day will be sent direct to the Samaritan's Purse Charity towards the cost of the transportation of the shoeboxes. A suggested price by the Charity is £2.50 per box. We are hoping to send at least 250. So we have a challenge on our hands!

The actual Shoebox Filling Day will be Saturday 30 October. More details about this will be in next month's Magazine.

SYLVIA FREEMANTLE, Co-ordinator

Purton Silver Threads

We are holding an Open Day on Friday 24 September between 10am and 4pm (see posters). Come along and meet members and see what we have to offer you if you would like to become a member.

PAULINE WARD, Secretary

Purton & District Gardeners' Guild



The July meeting gave us all a very enjoyable trip down memory lane. Karen Johnstone presented an interesting and moving account of the life of one of Britain's best-loved gardeners, Geoff Hamilton, and the eventual creation of Barnsdale, both his home and the location of BBC Gardeners' World when Geoff presided over the programme from 1979 until his death in 1996.

Geoff and identical twin brother, Tony, were born as East Enders, but evacuated to Essex during the blitz. Eventually the family relocated permanently to Essex where both boys had Saturday jobs in a local nursery. Later the two twins made the most of this accident of birth while doing National Service: duty and punishment rosters could be subverted by two mischievous young men if one of them had an inconvenient drill or punishment to perform. In 1959 both went to Writtle College where Geoff and Tony gained diplomas in horticulture and agriculture respectively.

Geoff became a landscape gardener and then took on a run-down nursery in Kettering, developing it into what was virtually a garden centre, then a new concept. He was no businessman and lacked the financial skills necessary for long term success. By this time married with two children, he began writing for Practical Gardening magazine and moved to Barnsdale Cottage in Rutland. A regular Gardening Diary slot on Anglia TV led to an audition with the BBC Clack's Farm team. Karen told us that the audition tape was of legendary awfulness thanks to nerves, but that the producer invited him to coffee afterwards and deliberately kept the camera running unknown to Geoff. The tape then revealed a television natural – someone who could perform for the camera without it looking like a performance, relaxed, humorous, incredibly knowledgeable and willing to share his knowledge and his joy in gardening. He was always happiest when filming in his own garden but space was severely limited in his first Barnsdale property. Eventually his landlord rented him a five acre field and farmhouse and this became the Barnsdale known and loved by so many viewers every Friday evening.

Karen's slides showed us the many gardens there, all different in style but all sharing the same principles. Geoff held that water and somewhere to sit and enjoy the garden were essential. He encouraged gardening which promoted wildlife long before this became fashionable. He gardened on organic principles, with companion planting so not needing a fortune spent on chemicals. He promoted many money and resource saving tips ... who can forget his use of yoghurt pots as plant pots and margarine cartons as seed trays. We also saw slides of the Rock Garden, with homemade artificial rocks which yet looked completely natural.

After a heart attack in 1995, Geoff died in August 1996, while on a charity bike ride two weeks before his sixtieth birthday. His family continue to run the garden in aid of the Geoff Hamilton New Gardeners' Foundation Charity. The number of visitors it continues to enjoy testifies to the place he still holds in gardeners' affections.

Richard Woolfrey proposed a vote of thanks.

On 28 September, our annual Mini-Show will take place, giving Guild members a chance to show their successes of the season.

MOIRA WHITE (Secretary) and DIANA THOMBS (Chair)

Purton Diary - September 2010

1	W	2.00pm	Age Concern Mystery Tour with tea included
2	Th	10.30am	Holy Communion at St Mary's Church
		7.30pm	Carnival 2011: 1 st meeting at The Angel, High Street
4	Sa	11.00am	to 4pm: Summer Fete at Sun Inn, LM (P&L Charity Fund)
		2.00pm	Age Concern Jumble Sale at the Village Hall
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5	Su	8.00am	Holy Communion at St Mary's Church
		10.30am	Morning Worship at the Methodist Church
		10.30am	Family Service at St Mary's Church
		6.00pm	Evensong at St Mary's Church
7	Tu	2.00pm	Silver Threads Club
8	W	2.30pm	Methodist Women's Fellowship at Hooks Hills - <i>This is your life</i>
9	Th	10.30am	Songs of Praise at The Cedars
10	F	9.30pm	Age Concern Minibus to Swindon for all areas of the village
11	Sa	10.00am	to 5pm: Wartime Weekend at Swindon & Cricklade Railway
		11.00am	to 4pm: Purton House Organics Open Day
		2.00pm	Jumble Sale by Helping Hand at Silver Threads Hall
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12	Su	8.00am	Holy Communion at St Mary's Church
		10.00am	to 5pm: Wartime Weekend at Swindon & Cricklade Railway
		10.30am	Harvest Festival Service at the Methodist Church
		10.30am	Parish Communion at St Mary's Church
		6.00pm	Evensong at St Mary's Church
13	M	7.30pm	Purton Parish Council meeting at Village Hall - press and public welcome
14	Tu	11.00am	Songs of Praise at Ashgrove House
		7.30pm	Purton Yacht Club at The Angel
15	W	2.00pm	Holy Communion at Ashgrove House
		7.30pm	Purton Evening Women's Institute at Village Hall: Neil Griffiths - <i>Story Telling</i>
		7.30pm	Evening of Entertainment by Helping Hand, Silver Threads Hall
17	F	7.00pm	Murder Mystery Evening at Swindon & Cricklade Railway
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19	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
20	M	7.45pm	St Mary's Fellowship of Women at Methodist Church: Pam Clements - <i>Toys & Games of Yesteryear</i>
21	Tu	2.00pm	Silver Threads Club: Mr Penney
		7.45pm	Royal British Legion at The Red House
		8.00pm	After 8: <i>Treasure Trail</i> at Mary Smith's led by Avril
23	Th	7.30pm	Historical Society at Lydiard Millicent Parish Hall: Alan Kirton - <i>The Rochdale Pioneers</i>
24	F	10.00am	to 12noon: World's Biggest Coffee Morning, Lydiard Millicent Parish Hall

		10.00am	to 4pm: Silver Threads Open Day
25	Sa	5.00pm	Schumann's Mass in C Minor at St Mark's Church, Swindon
26	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	Tu	7.30pm	Gardeners' Guild at Silver Threads Hall: Mini-Show

October

2	Sa	2.00pm	Saturday Market at Silver Threads Hall (by Silver Threads)
6	W	10.00am	Age Concern Mystery Tour with lunch provided
9	Sa	2.00pm	Jumble Sale at Silver Threads Hall (by Silver Threads)

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

☾ 2 September ● 8 September ◐ 16 September ○ 23 September

If your Club or Organization's Events are not included in the Diary Pages, contact:
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or email mail@purtonmagazine.co.uk

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

We Record ...

Weddings

24 July	Ian James Smith and Andrea Gibbons
7 August	Christopher Paul Mills and Kate Elizabeth Hoskin-Cole

Funerals

13 July	Dorothy May Paginton
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To add your family announcements to this section contact Purton Magazine.
Addresses on page 4.

STOP PRESS . . . Cold Winter, Hot Summer

A book entitled *Wiltshire Weather and Beyond* may help you compare the weather in details and pictures over the past years. It is on sale at £12 with £2 going to a charitable cause, available at Andrew Hiscock Family Butcher's.

LINDA BRAZIER

Christian Aid



As you can see from the montage on the Magazine cover , Christian Aid Week was a very exciting and fun time in Purton. We tried to include all ages and all sorts of organisations within the village.

Two excellent coffee mornings kicked it off. One was organized by a wonderful lady, Kath Rawlings, in Braydon who somehow, with her family, friends and neighbours, raised over £720.

The youngest of our village children participated in 'Wash for Dosh', which is now part of the tradition of Purton's Christian Aid Week, when cars (and children) are washed with sponges and squirty hoses! A good time was had by all and £75 added to the funds.

The Cubs and Brownies joined in with a Beetle Drive and gave the proceeds to us to boost the funds.

There was a 'Cake and Plant Stall' at the Top Shops. Orders were taken for hanging bags with busy lizzies or begonias and these are now decorating many a house wall in Purton. Over £250 was raised at this event ... amazing!

A very successful and happy evening was spent at a Curry Night at The Maharajah. 90 people sat down for delicious food, with a quiz to complete at the same time. Question: Which famous lady was reputed to carry a baby owl around in her pocket? Answer: Florence Nightingale. So now you know! Over £300 was raised that night.

A new idea was launched this year, which proved to be a great hit and a happy way to launch the actual week of activities. It was 'Breakfast in the Pews'. It was a wow! 40 people came to church on the Sunday morning and enjoyed breakfast together ... porridge or cereal, bacon butties and hot croissants and delicious real coffee ... which made the Church smell wonderful! We were also so pleased to welcome the Christian Aid representative for the South West, Martin Parkes who spoke very movingly about his work. It was extra special for us as it was the last talk that Martin gave before leaving for a new part of his life in Devon. The breakfast made a profit of £146, so we think (and hope) it will be repeated another time. We are now pleased to welcome Anna Potts to the Christian Aid role in Martin's place and hope to see her in the village at next year's activities.

Every year we have a Quiz, which challenges minds for several weeks. People seem to like it or loathe it ... but they still do it! Once again, the winner sent back the prize money, to add to Christian Aid Funds. So over £280 was made on the quiz.

The most exciting and unusual event of all this year was the 'Clothes Swap', renamed by one enthusiast as 'Purton's Boutique'! People were asked to bring unwanted items of clothing and to 'swap' them ... as simple as that. At first we found it difficult to accept the concept, but it worked a treat and even Twiggy ... yes, Twiggy, the fashion icon ... sent us a letter of support and some items for the event. We made over £430 at the event and the whole Christian Aid team worked flat out to make it a success, with pink fairy cakes being cooked and decorated in many a Purton kitchen, ready for the event.

The total for all the events throughout the week now stands at £2688.69.

On top of all of this a team of 32 volunteers crisscrossed the village delivering and collecting up envelopes for the House to House collection; a chore of a job for most but, thanks to the generosity of Purton people, it was well worth the effort yet again.

The total for the House to House envelope collection is £2768.88.

So all in all, the GRAND TOTAL for the entire Christian Aid Week is £5457.57. What an achievement for a village of approximately 4,000 people!

All of this only happens with the enthusiasm of the team of volunteers, as well as the generosity and support of the many shop and businesses in the village, who sell the tickets, offer raffle prizes, provide cups of tea, bake hot croissants, cook cauldrons of curry, publicise the events and support in many, many ways. You know who you are and we are grateful to every one of you. Thank you all very, very much indeed. We have been amazed at the enthusiasm, generosity and commitment of Purton people throughout the week.

CHRISTIAN AID COMMITTEE

Purton & Lydiard Charity Fund

Future Events

For further details please contact Lynda Warren,
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

Prospect Home Boxes Scheme

Over the past 23 years a number of us from Purton have been involved in collecting the funds from the Prospect Home Box Scheme. During this time we have collected just under £90,000. This really is a great testament to the generosity of the people in this area.

Unfortunately for health reasons, I am no longer able to continue as a collector.

If anyone would be willing to take over my round please contact me or Prospect (01793 813355) for further details.

On behalf of Prospect may I thank everyone for all their contributions over the years, and my thanks also to all the other street collectors.

PAT STEPHENSON

Macmillan Cancer Support

World's Biggest Coffee Morning: Friday 24 September 2010

Be part of something Big and join us in Lydiard Millicent Parish Hall Friday 24 September from 10am to 12 noon. Raffle Cake Stall etc. Everyone welcome.

VILMA MUNRO



Purton Helping Hand

We are wanting new Committee Members. If you are interested, please contact Pauline to find out more.

PAULINE WARD, Chairman

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.



■ CHURCH ACTIVITY WEEK

I would like to say a big thank-you to the organisers and helpers at the Activity Week. My daughter was only going for 3 days but ended up attending all 5 because she enjoyed it so much. I did not fully appreciate all the hard work that goes in to this until I helped one day. It was so well organised and the quality of the crafts were excellent and to have Secret World come with some hedgehogs and, on another day, a man with birds of prey were enjoyed by the children. Dramas, bell ringing, treasure hunt, sports, cheerleading, cooking are a few activities to mention. Well done to each and every one involved for a fantastic week.

Alice & Julie Taylor

■ FOR DOG OWNERS

I live next to a field in Purton, and the field is used as a regular spot for dogs to go and do what they have to do.

However, a visitor to my house remarked on the amount of mess that was all along the path over the field ... and some had got onto her shoes.

Surely owners are obliged to clear up after their dogs even if the dogs are doing their business in a field ... aren't they?

It is the most public spirited thing to do, I would have thought.

All sorts of children play in the field and it is so horrid to see them smeared with smelly mess.

Please, dog owners, think of others.

Name & address supplied

■ WEDDING DAY

Ian and Andrea would like to thank family and friends for a wonderful day on the occasion of their wedding at St Mary's church on 24 July.

■ PLEA TO HORSE RIDERS

On several occasions recently I have been in a queue behind two horses being ridden abreast, the riders oblivious to the number of cars crawling behind them. The highway code says that you should never ride more than two abreast, and **ride in single file on narrow or busy roads and when riding round bends**. That applies to most of the roads around here.

Having been a horseman for over thirty years I know it is not always possible to move in to allow traffic past. It was always our practice to trot on and pull in wherever and as soon as possible and always acknowledge and thank drivers for their patience and consideration.

I believe the onus is upon the rider to do this as we are the ones slowing down and holding up the flow of traffic. Drivers of vehicles should slow down when approaching horses from either direction and pass with care as horses can be unpredictable and shy or react at the most innocuous thing.

The rule is that we should all be aware of each other, courteous and considerate at all times

Derek Lee

■ OF DOGS AND LEGS

May I say two thank-yous? Firstly to the people who found *Jasper*, a brown and white Jack Russell cross, wandering in the village and took him for safe keeping to the vet's. Also to the staff at Purton Vet's for looking after him. *Jasper* belongs to my stepson and his wife and was staying with us while they were on honeymoon. It was only day 1 of *Jasper's* stay and he escaped at the first opportunity! Thanks also to Sally and Josh at The Fox who found him on his 4th escape.

Secondly to everyone who has expressed their concern and best wishes following my domestic accident reported in last month's Magazine. I am now healed but expect to have a permanent scar on my leg as a memento. Thanks especially to Helping Hand for the chocs!

Rick Dixon

■ THANK YOU

I would like to say a big thank-you to all in this area of Purton for their cards, concern and help during my recent problems and hospitalisation. As well as friends, people from Purton have been so good in their thoughts and deeds that

I can't really thank them enough.

I would add that the voucher and card received from the Purton Helping Hand was a pleasant surprise and proved to me that local people do really care!

What a great spirit we have locally especially that shown to me from 'Best One', Harford House Stores, Jenny, Terry, Linda, Jean and all the girls who have shown concern and understanding. Special thanks to Sue and Tony Matthews as well for their concern.

Not to be forgotten, my thanks also to Dr Barron and to the Staff at the Purton Surgery, who were, to say the least, fantastic!

The kindness of all of you is really appreciated.

Chris Glead

■ MAY PAGINTON

I would like to thank everyone who sent their kind wishes and words of comfort after the death of my mother, May Paginton. Although her passing leaves a huge gap, to receive so many tributes goes to show how lucky I have been to have had such a mother.

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From Cricklade Fire Station

During June, Cricklade crews attended 20 emergency calls including:

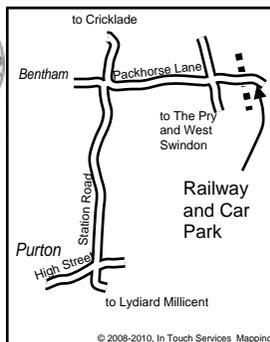
- 1 automatic fire alarm, flats, High Street, Purton
- 1 lighted road side fire, The Common, Minety
- 2 road traffic collisions with fuel spillage, Leigh and Blunsdon
- 4 road traffic collisions with person trapped, A419 (2), Chelworth X-roads and Church End, Purton
- 1 water rescue for man and dog in lake, Ashton Keynes
- 1 mobile home fire, Cross Lanes, Purton
- 1 workshop fire involving hazardous materials, farm, Braydon
- 2 bonfires out of control, Water Eaton and Seven Bridges
- 5 co-responder calls, Cricklade



Swindon & Cricklade Railway

Sat/Sun 11/12 September - Wartime Weekend

10am to 5.00pm Military vehicles, re-enactment of WW2 battle at 2.00pm daily, American Civil War camp, British bomb disposal demonstration, 1940 fashion, jazz and brass bands, trade stands and refreshments. Steam train rides included in the price of £8 for adults, £6 for seniors and £5 for children. Family tickets available. Free parking in field opposite the railway.



Fri 17 September at 7.00pm - Murder Mystery Evening

An exciting evening using the train to solve the murder.

Price £15 to include buffet. To reserve a place ring Adrian Brodie on 01672 564547.

Blunston 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.

Wiltshire Air Ambulance Appeal

The Police/Air Ambulance Helicopter has attended a total of 534 Air Ambulance Missions in the past year ... 80 fewer than 2008-09. From these incidents 396 people were flown to hospital which is about the same as last year. Although we have no detailed records it is felt that in the majority of these incidents the patients' chance of recovery was greatly enhanced. This, of course, is what the people of Wiltshire expect from their Air Ambulance for the generous support that they give and have given from the first years when we commenced in the early nineties.



We would like to say again that the Wiltshire Helicopter is one of the only two Air Ambulances in the country that carry out HEMS (Helicopter Emergency Medical Service) work at night. It should also be noted that one third of our Air Ambulance work is carried out at night.

We have opened a new Charity Shop in Devizes and it is now going from strength to strength due to the hard work of the Manager and her volunteers. At our Westbury shop, Dot and her volunteer assistants are still providing a regular income to our funds and as you know, last year, passed the £1m mark from the shop over the eleven years' trading and are now looking to the second million! A splendid effort!

Our recycling schemes for mobile phones, computer ink cartridges plus our textile banks which are now in nearly every town are providing a good source of revenue. Our aim is to have these textile banks in all of our large villages. Melanie Gee founded our WAAA Monthly Lottery which is going great guns with many of you joining. The prize is a £1,000 each month. Unfortunately Melanie has left us and the Trust is advertising for a replacement Fund Raiser.

We need to raise £500,000 each year and we are entirely dependant on public support of the people of Wiltshire to keep our Helicopter flying. To date you have met our requirements year after year and for this you all have our heartfelt thanks.

Contact telephone: 0845 122 1423 email: Wiltshireairambulance@gwas.nhs.uk

Visit to the Tythertons

At 10am on Saturday 24 July, eleven members of the Historical Society gathered at St Giles' Church at Kellaways prior to making a tour of villages in the East and West Tytherton areas. Helen Dixon was our tour guide, having observed that there are many villages whose names are familiar to us and are no great distance away but of which we know very little and rarely visit.

So there we were at Kellaways at the end of Maud Heath's Causeway, a raised walkway, originally just over 4 miles long, financed in the 15th century by one Maud Heath who lived at Langley Burrell, so that she and other country folk could walk dry-shod when carrying goods to and from market over the low-lying Avon meadows which became water-logged and muddy in bad weather. She also left £8 per annum for the upkeep of the Causeway, and what remains of it is still in good condition today.

St Giles' Church was originally situated near a mill and the river, but the depredations of rats and flooding caused it to be rebuilt in the early 19th century on its present site. Outside it is plain and somewhat austere but the polished woodwork within give it an air of warmth and welcome. Stones from the former church were used to build a surrounding wall.

We drove then to West Tytherton, or Tytherton Lucas as it is known locally, there having been a Lucas family connection in the distant past. We visited St Nicholas' Church and were greeted by the churchwarden/organist who gave us an enthusiastic and entertaining short history of the church, showing great pride in the Norman font, the 13th century pillars and the church bell, believed to be 12th or 13th century and one of the oldest in the country.

We headed via beautiful countryside for Wick Hill, where across a field was a monument to Maud Heath commissioned in 1838 by the Marquess of Lansdowne. There she sat atop a lofty column gazing out over the vale and hamlets which had benefited from her generosity. An inscription on the column reads:

Thou who dost pause on this aerial height
Where Maud Heath's pathway wends in shade and light,
Christian wayfarer in a world of strife
Be still and ponder on the path of life.

Pevsner makes the acerbic comment 'The quality of the poetry matches that of the statue.'

On then to East Tytherton and again the church was the focus of our attention. the Moravian Chapel this time, late 18th century, red brick, neat and uncluttered, and inside, white walls and blue paintwork giving it a fresh and airy appearance. The nearby village hall Pevsner describes as 'aesthetically disastrous'.

By now it was 1pm, we were ready for lunch and we made our way to Langley Burrell where we enjoyed a lunch together at the *Langley Tap*.

Most grateful thanks to Helen for having researched the itinerary and guiding us on a delightful morning's excursion. Though not having been planned as a tour of churches, it seems almost to have turned out that way. Force of habit perhaps and most pleasurable in every way.

MARGARET GREGORY

Purton Rainbows, Brownies & Guides

The units all finished a little earlier than usual for the summer break due to St Mary's breaking up early for their building works and the work going on in the Millennium Hall which means a short report this month.



The units all had end of term celebrations which included swimming, a trip to Lydiard Park and a talent show. A group from Purton Guides also participated in the Division Guide Challenge which this year was based on campfire cooking. Their challenge was to prepare and serve a three course meal, with the marking based not just on the end result but also on their team work, hygiene and independence amongst other things. They were very narrowly beaten to first place by just one point but should be very proud of their achievements.

Just before the end of term we held a District Campfire Challenge event at our County Campsite near Wroughton. Rainbows, Brownies and Guides from Purton, Lydiard Millicent and Minety joined forces for a very enjoyable sunny afternoon and evening. Fire building, campfire cooking, games, crafts, biscuit decorating, campfire singing were all on the agenda and those who took part gained a challenge badge.

At the time of writing some members of Purton Guides are away on camp with Melksham Guides – more of this in next month's Magazine.

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

Giant Sleepover (19/20 June) – Purton Brownies

I was very nervous on my first Brownie sleepover but it was great fun. We had lots to eat but not much sleep. I enjoyed making my Father's Day card best although I enjoyed all of it and we had a goodie bag and a certificate for the Giant Sleepover at the end.

By Molly Hamilton-Farey, 1st Purton Brownies

1st Purton & Lydiard Cub Camp

The 1st Purton and Lydiard cub camp was fantastic. It was held at the beginning of July at the Pennwood Scout Camp Site near Stroud. The main theme for the camp was the Alps in Switzerland and our Sixes' names were Jungfrau, Eiger and Matterhorn.

On Friday night we had to put our tents up and then we went for a little walk. The next day we made kites out of big black bags, wooden sticks and string and we went up on the hills to fly them. After that we came back to camp and had a camp fire where we did our sketches and then went to bed.

We had lots of lovely meals but on Sunday the gas was not working in the kitchen so we had to cook our own breakfast on a campfire. We cooked bacon and egg bread – a camp favourite! Then we did a few activities where we had to get over a glacier and we had to find out the language they speak. Soon after that we went 'skiing' and then 'ice skating'! Finally we got picked up by our mums and dads and went home exhausted!

Cub Scouts EDWARD and ALEXANDER

Protecting the Vulnerable

The Wiltshire
Bobby Van Trust



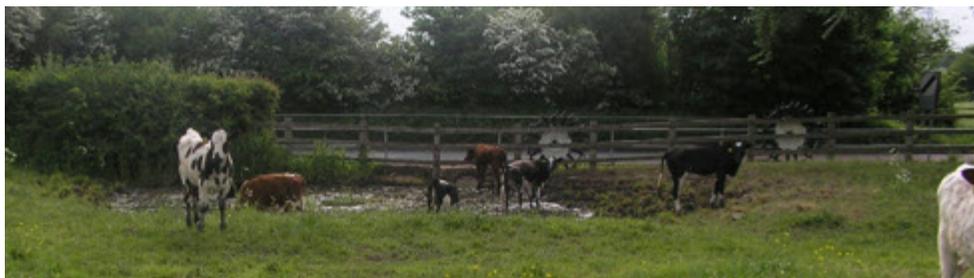
The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust is a registered charity that has been supporting our communities for over 12 years. The charity offers a free security and fire risk assessment to elderly and vulnerable folk living in Wiltshire. We secure 1,300 homes a year. The Operator will upgrade your locks, add window locks, door viewers etc to your property free of charge plus give you advice on how to remain safe at home.

Do you know anyone over 60 or in a vulnerable position who would benefit from this support?

If so, please call our office on 01225 794652.

Calves at Harvest Water

Marion Hobbs has sent us this picture taken at Harvest Water. Most of us will probably know the washpool from the Wootton Bassett road, but it seems the calves ... and Marion ... have found it from the field side!



Purton Guide Dogs

The month following on from last month's Magazine, was a fairly quiet one – our only activity was our trip to the Guide Dogs Gala Day held in Stoneleigh Park, Warwick. We had a most enjoyable day with good weather. There were not as many stalls as in previous years, but still plenty of things to see and do. Plus a fair few guide dogs and 'oooh aaah' puppies. Our trip was further enhanced by a good journey both ways, thanks to Ellison's Coaches and a very congenial driver.



BRIAN DAVIES for the Purton Support Group

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 on 01793 770648 or mail@purtonquarry.fsnet.co.uk and we will set up an inaugural meeting to discuss how we can set the Club up.

Cricklade Country Market

The next Market is at *The Club at Cricklade* on Friday 24 September from 9 to 11am. Please call Nikki on 01793 751845 or Anne on 01793 750125 for more details, to place an order or to become a market producer (baking or growing).

A HUGE 'well done' to the Ladies B who after having won their match against Wootton Bassett A gained promotion to the 1st Division next year where they will no doubt enjoy the challenge of playing against Ladies A! The team this year was made up of: Ann, Sass, Angie, Stacy and CJ, their Captain. Some of them had to put up with intermittent injury so it was a particularly good effort to gain promotion.

Further to the success of the Ladies B we would also like to congratulate the Men's E Team who following their win against Lechlade also gained promotion. Shane, who captained the team, said, 'I have thoroughly enjoyed playing in the team and I'm sure you will join me in congratulating Dave, Tim, Daniel, Jordan, Neil and Robbie in playing consistently well all season to ensure Purton E has risen from bottom place last year (with 1 point) to promotion this year. Well done all.'

As I write the final results from the Summer League are not yet compiled because of a few outstanding replays. But all teams have fought well and have been a credit to the club. With the end of the matches the ladies are now using Tuesday evenings for social practice and the Friday night mixed session is increasingly popular. Looking ahead to the autumn, (oh dear!) plans are in place for a Hallowe'en fancy dress tournament when we hope for a bumper attendance from members complete with broomsticks, cats and suitably sinister headgear. We are hoping for a bright moonlit night!

CAROLINE MCLEAN

Purton Bowls Club

As I write, we are entering August and the weeks seem to have gone by so quickly since we opened the green in April. With the Friendly games, the Club has enjoyed some good fixtures both home and away. I'm sure Captain John Bartlett is pleased with the way members have supported him.



In the Wilts League we are still holding our own against strong opposition and the S&D League has improved with some good wins. In the Monday afternoon Triples League, Mike Robson's C Team are now top of the table, the B Team are midway in the table but the A and D Teams are in the bottom half.

In the Ladies' Section they have had some good wins with the 2 Rinks and Triples matches.

We now look forward to the August games, President v Vice-President, our annual trip to Windsor Park (already the coach is fully booked), the Men v Ladies, Wilts County Gala, the Fish and Chip Night and the Andy Rudden Trophy. Sadly August will see the end of our League games. At the moment most members are concentrating on the inter-club competitions. The finals will be held on Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 September ... note for your diaries, members!

Finally a big thank-you to Graham Price and his band of greenkeepers for the excellent way they have kept the green in top condition.

All for now, members, and happy bowling.

RON SLADE

Purton Cricket Club



The junior section of the club continues to play well with recent victories for the U13 and U11 teams with the U11 squad maintaining its unbeaten record. The senior elevens are continuing to find it difficult to win and the holiday period and the start of the football season has made raising teams a problem.

The club raffle will be drawn at the Red House on Saturday 4 September and tickets are available from 'Best One' and from players and committee players.

From the Archives

PURTON V SHRIVENHAM Sept 9th 1938

PURTON 158 for 5 dec Shrivenham 148 for 5

For Purton F. Leach scored 62 and Glyn Lloyd (*now aged 99*) scored 64.

Morse Shield Final Winners 1948

Team: R. Richards, P. Hegarty, Harry Barnfield, Alfie Tutt, Gordon Garrett, Sid Walker, A. Richards, Bill Benham, Tony Smith, Charlie Garrett, Frank Rudler.

JOE GARDNER

Purton Evening WI – purtonevevi.org.uk

President Barbara Compton took the meeting of 15 July and led us in a minute's silence in memory of member Mrs Paginton, who had recently passed away.



Arrangements for Christmas were discussed. Basically, there will be snacks to eat and also entertainment by a harpist, who will be asked to judge the table decoration competition. The plans will be capable of variation and great care will be taken to ensure that everyone has a good time, and no one will be left out.

The speaker for the meeting was Geraldine O'Driscoll, who demonstrated complementary therapies; in this particular it was Indian head massage. The fortunate member who was the subject for the demonstration had a most restful evening! The different qualities of various oils was explained, and the whole evening aroused great interest.

After the raffle, a photographic quiz arranged by Jane concluded a full evening.

The Carnival Whist Drive will be held on Monday 13 September, 7.30pm at Silver Threads Hall. Tickets £1.50, to include tea and biscuits.

The speaker for 15 September will be Neil Griffiths, on "Story Telling". the competition will be "A Favourite Toy".

Do please check the boards on the Information Table for details of events, their costs and closing dates. We should hate you to miss anything interesting and/or good fun!

CONSTANCE REED

St Mary's Church Summer Concert

As a result of the St Mary's Church Summer Concert on 16 July, a donation of £135 each has been made to St Mary's Church and the Prospect Hospice, with a further donation of £30 to Cricklade Town Band in thanks for their support of the evening. The organisers would like to thank the audience for their kind generosity.

A to Z OF PURTON

A is for ... Apples

In our tiny garden we have an apple tree, given to us when we first moved into Purton in 1977, 33 years ago.

It's a 'family' tree. Every branch grafted on bears different types of apples. All are eaters and all are delicious. There are large green apples, Cox's red/green ones and tiny little bright shiny red apples with juicy white flesh ...

Every year this little tree is smothered with fruit and we have to remove some of the apples to prevent the branches from breaking.

The children in our street know that, if they leave our tree alone to grow and flourish, they will be allowed one of the special red apples each, when they are ripe for picking!

A is for ... Age Concern (Purton & District)

Our motto is to try and make life a little easier for the elderly. We try to do that by having 38 street wardens covering all areas of the district. They are the elderly's first point of contact.

During the course of the year we organise various functions for the elderly who know about the events through the Christmas newsletter that everyone gets along with the Christmas vouchers to be spent in the village. The Age Concern committee run fundraising events during the year to pay for these concessions.

Another vital part of our organisation along with the street wardens and committee are the mini-bus personnel.

We have 2 mini-buses. These are run by a separate committee. The mini-buses do various trips like taking people to the doctor, dentist, lunch club, Silver Threads, etc. There is not much they will not do.

All the work done with Age Concern Purton is voluntary. Like any organisation, we are always looking for people to join us. Please call 770696 if you would like to know more.

A is for ... Angel Hotel

The Angel Hotel has long been a focal point in our village. Although the current building dates back to 1704, it is quite probable that an inn had stood on the same spot even before then. Apparently one of the previous landlords brewed his own beer. It must have been on a grand scale if the local legend can be believed that 6,000 gallons were sold during one Purton Fair in the 18th century.

However, it is certain that past Purtonians considered the Angel to be far more than just a pub. Throughout the 18th and 19th centuries, the local magistrates met there every month and the Purton Friendly Society was founded there in 1787.



A to Z of Purton: *The purpose of this new section is to publish contributions about the culture and content of our community such as any unusual facts about local historical events, places or organisations in a few descriptive sentences, perhaps with a photograph.*

The Angel changed hands several times during that period and Arkell's purchased it in 1884 for the princely sum of £1,200. Records at the start of the last century indicate that, in 1910, the Angel Hotel was being advertised as "good accommodation for hunting gentlemen".

The building has retained much of its character, although the front steps that we recognise today had to be changed during the



early part of the last century. Previously, the steps used to point at right angles to the High Street but were turned around to the current position because they proved to be something of a hazard after the birth of the motor car – quite possibly not helped by the strength of the beer sold in those days.

Facilities today include a function room that holds up to 80 people is available for hire. There is a large car park for patrons and an attractive patio has recently been built along with a fine range of food and drink.

A is for ... After 8

After 8 is a group of women who meet in each other's homes to exchange views on a wide variety of topics. Subjects are suggested by any member and can be both serious and light-hearted but with a broad purpose of informing ourselves and enjoying each other's company at the same time.

We originated in 1981 as the National Housewives' Register (later to become the National Women's Register) but broke away after several years feeling that we could better organise ourselves. We renamed ourselves After 8 as the meetings start at 8.00 in the evenings. In 2002 we held a 21st birthday party celebration where many of our past and original members joined us for a meal at the Bolingbroke Arms.

We meet about once a month and there is a formal programme sent out to members periodically. We often discuss books, visit the theatre, hold quizzes and have meals out. There is no compulsion or expectation to attend any of the meetings – we just meet when we can. Our meetings are usually listed in the village diary in this Magazine and new members are always welcome. Further details can be obtained from Avril Ainscough on 771542.

Next Month ... B

Please send your suggestions or contributions for Letter "B" by 10 September to Purton Magazine c/o In Touch Services, 115 Pavenhill, Purton SN5 4DB, tel 01793 7723954 or by email to mail@purtonmagazine.co.uk



'Sweet Charity' and School v Village Cricket/Rounders Matches:

Our musical production of 'Sweet Charity' was performed to six virtually full audiences and was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

The cast, crew, musicians, all students and colleagues should be very proud of the production – it was great! Mrs Stimson (Director), Miss Groom (Musical Director), Mr Calder and the Drama and Music teams who were supported by a number of other colleagues, certainly did a fantastic job.



The whole cast was terrific. The energy, teamwork and sheer enjoyment exhibited by all the students involved created a production they can all be proud of.

The matinee on Saturday was followed by the annual cricket/rounders matches featuring Bradon Forest School v Purton Village. Local butchers (Andrew Hiscocks) provided fantastic burgers and hot dogs for the PTA Barbecue. The performance by the Bradon Forest rounders team did match the excellent quality of the earlier musical but sadly the Bradon Forest cricket team was defeated by Purton Village! The PE staff did proclaim it is now 'one-all' and a great excuse for a repeat performance next year! Thank you to the PTA, staff, parents, students and village friends who helped make the afternoon such a success – and good fun!

Year 8 Outdoor Activities/Camp at Keynes Park:

The traditional Year 8 camp was held over four days (two tutor groups per day) at the Outdoor Activities Centre at Keynes Park in the Cotswold Water Park. The weather was kind again this year and the students all enjoyed undertaking a fantastic range of outdoor activities, both sporting and cooking.

The Link Magazine ran an article and photos on the 'Bradon' camp experience which can be accessed at:



www.swindonlink.com/news/bradon-forest-year-8-get-out-of-the-classroom

Bradon Forest India Link In The Global And Local Community

Last term, Bradon Forest hosted students from St Laurence School, Bradford on Avon, as part of our Connecting Classrooms India Link Project. The students have been working together on a project on British Culture and presented their work to each other. These presentations will be forwarded to our link schools in the Chandigarh region of India and will give their students a taste of life in Britain.



After the presentations, the students were treated to a veritable feast of Indian snacks at The Maharajah restaurant, Purton, kindly donated by Mr Ali, whose

Right: outside The Maharajah

generosity and hospitality was much appreciated by all. It gave Bradon Forest and St Laurence students an excellent opportunity to develop their ongoing relationship and for those travelling to India in Year 11, a small taster of India culture. This also provided an invaluable experience in teambuilding to further enrich this working relationship. A joint visit to Neasden Temple and Southall took place in July to introduce the students to cultural diversity in the United Kingdom and prepare them for their cross cultural experience in India.



Sports Day:

The Key Stage 3 and Year 10 Sports Days were held last term.

The weather was lovely ensuring ideal conditions for both sports days. The full range of traditional inter-form athletics events were held as well as the inter-form 'Bradon special tug-of-war competition'.

The organisation was first-rate and ensured a really good day for everyone. Many thanks to the PE staff team and numerous other colleagues for all their hard work and support for both sports days. A gallery of photographs of Sports Day is available on the School Home Page of our website:

www.school-portal.co.uk/GroupHomepage.asp?GroupID=800717

Royal Bath and West Show:

Ten students attended the Royal Bath and West Show. The students had entered their ideas for the new eco-garden in a competition across the South West run by FACE and HSBC to gain funding for their project. At the show they were awarded the prize for Wiltshire schools of £250.00 and presented with a very impressive trophy by the Countess of Wessex. A great day was had by all and, although we didn't win the inter-county competition, the students really enjoyed the day out. Many thanks to all members of the Bradon Forest Eco-Council for planning the garden and to Polly Whinfrey and Lauren Draper (both in 8P) for creating the model for our display. Attendees at the Royal Bath and West were: Thomas Hawkins 9R, Samantha Evans 7Z, Lisa Tweddle 9S, George Griffin 8P, Polly Whinfrey 8P, Gus Gardner 7Y, Michaela Penfield 9Z, Oliver Webb 9Y and Michael Carey 9S.

L SPIERS, Headteacher



Climate Friendly Purton Group

Food Waste Digesters available at bargain prices in Wiltshire



With autumn approaching you may be thinking about tidying up the garden which will mean finding a way of disposing of garden waste. It's a good time to set up a composting system if you don't already have one and there is a special offer to Wiltshire residents that is too good to miss.

A company called *Great Green Systems* is working with Wiltshire Council to provide Food Waste Digesters at greatly reduced prices. Two products are available:

Green Johanna (*right*) – like a normal 'dalek' composter but with a double skin to allow composting all year round and it's designed to be rodent proof. Takes all kinds of food waste mixed with garden waste and cardboard.
RRP £108.90 - **Wiltshire Council price £25 delivered to your home. SAVE £83.90**



Green Cone (*left*) – works like a soak away. It needs full sunshine and good drainage and you need to dig a big hole for the collection basket which sits under ground. Takes all kinds of food waste.

RRP £79.50 - **Wiltshire Council price £20 delivered to your home. SAVE £59.50**

Great Green Systems are now also offering an extra £2.50 for every unit sold to go to a local group in the village. The Climate Friendly Purton group have signed up to this scheme and wish to pass the money raised on to a worthy cause. If your group is in need of cash and is prepared to promote the products to your members, please contact me – it will be 'first come, first served'.

Composting food waste at home really does make a difference – for every 100 Green Johannas used, the amount of waste saved from going to landfill per year is a staggering 18 tonnes – the size of a double decker bus!

To order your Food Waste Digester using a credit/debit card, please call **0800 019 2064** or go to www.greatgreensystems.com/community1.asp?lang=1

Please quote Reference No. CBCWILT210

If you'd like any further information about composting please call Kate on 01793 772930 and I will be happy to advise you.

KATE ROBINSON

Carnival 2011

Our 1st Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday 2 September at *The Angel*, High Street at 7.30pm to decide on date and events for next year. Anyone interested in committing themselves as a working Committee Member is very welcome.

For any further information, contact Pauline.

PAULINE WARD, Secretary