

Purton Magazine



*Vasterne Close and Jubilee Estate Street Party
Winner (boys) of the Fancy Dress Competition, Casper Nadin as "The Italian Job"
photo: Maurice Card
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From The Editors

There are so many celebrations in our community this month that it's hard to know where to start. Our front cover photograph shows one of the youngest villagers clearly enjoying his street party on the Royal Wedding day and there is also a photograph on page 24 of the girls' fancy dress competition at the same party. In this issue you will find reports of 3 different wedding celebrations although we know that there were many more dotted around the community and at all events red, white and blue colours must have been prominent even, we understand, on such treats as lemonade and pickled onions.

At the Greenhill street party described on page 25, the ages ranged from 22 months to 98 years. While the oldest resident there has less than two years before receiving the Queen's card, we are very pleased to include photographs of Mrs Irene Jay's 100th birthday party at White Lodge.

By the time you read this issue of your magazine, preparations for the Purton Carnival will be in full swing with all the details on page 8. At the same time, the spread of activities for Christian Aid week and commemorating the Maskelyne Bicentenary will be drawing to a close – even though the Maskelyne exhibition continues in the Purton Museum until September.

As usual, the Christian Aid quiz has caused all manner of angst and confusion in this community and further afield. As the entries were handed in, one entrant cited the quiz as a key component of marital harmony shortly before their 62nd anniversary while another entrant said that this year's quiz was "great fun and really frustrating as usual; can't wait for the next one by which time my wife and I should be talking again!"

However, it is not only in times of celebration that our community comes together. Last month the tragic road accident that took a young life at Purton Stoke was reported. The point was well made that even if individuals did not know the person involved, in our community everyone would be thinking of his family and friends. This month we include a letter thanking "our amazing caring community of Purton" for the "truly awe-inspiring empathy and support" that will never be forgotten by his family and friends.

In good times and bad, it's the people of Purton that make it such a great place to live.

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Parish Council News



We are very pleased to welcome two new Councillors to the Parish Council namely Vicky McKerrow and Elizabeth Wilson. The following is a list of all of the Parish Councillors and their respective roles on the Council along with their contact details: These details are also available on the Parish Council's web site.

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If you are interested in joining the Parish Council there are still three vacancies to fill.

Superfast broadband in Wiltshire

Wiltshire Council is spearheading a drive to bring superfast broadband to communities across the county. The council is investing £16 million so more residents and businesses can have access to superfast broadband. The council is also bidding for a government grant and additional funding from the telecoms industry with the hope of generating more than £30m towards getting Wiltshire ahead in the digital revolution. The council has set a target of giving 85% of

premises access to super fast broadband by 2015 – and that target could possibly rise to 95%.

Supporting superfast broadband access is only one part of the council's wider plans to get the county online. Being online is becoming increasingly important and the council will invest in educating people and small businesses to help them get the most out of the Internet. The council will also help encourage more elderly people to use online services which will help give them greater independence. It will increase the number of its services that can be accessed online and look to develop its website so more people can pay bills and make enquiries online – increasing access and saving taxpayers' money.

To make sure the council targets its investment to the areas which need it most, people across the county are being asked to fill in a survey. All the information gathered will help the council as it works with the telecoms industry to improve access to broadband across Wiltshire.

Separate surveys aimed at businesses and residents are available online at: www.wiltshire.gov.uk/communityandliving/digitalinclusion/digitalinclusionbroadbandsurvey.htm. The survey can also be obtained by calling 0300 456 0100. The survey will run from 26 April to 3 June.

Inconsiderate Parking – of late the Parish Council has received several complaints about people who park on pavements and ignore the double yellow lines causing a danger to other user of the pavements and roads. Wiltshire Council's traffic wardens and the Police are aware of the problems and have been asked to visit Purton more frequently to issue parking tickets so be warned.

Dog Warden – the dog warden will be in Purton again on Wednesday 1 June 2011. If you would like to talk to him he will be in the small meeting room next to the public toilets in the Village Hall car park from 9 - 11 am.

The following Planning Applications have been approved by Wiltshire Council:

- N11/00529/FUL** *39 Ringsbury Close, single storey front and side extension.*
- N11/00505/LBC** *Restrop Farm, Bagbury Lane, Restrop, reinstatement of doorway on east elevation, structural repairs to part of east elevation, removal of internal cupboard and repositioning of internal meter boxes.*
- N11/00709/FUL** *20 Purton Stoke, demolish existing conservatory & replace with single storey rear extension.*
- N11/00884/FUL** *Rickyard Barn, Bentham Lane, single storey extension.*

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News from the Trustees

Purton War Memorial and Village Centre

Congratulations to the Football Club on reaching the final of the Hellenic Subsidiary Cup. They were beaten in the final – a bit slow out of the starting blocks apparently, but they gave a good account of themselves after. It was a nice end to their season although they didn't win.

The Trustees are concerned about children and young adults who use the skateboard park and, when they have finished, go out onto the road on their skate boards – a very dangerous practice. Would you be sensible and not skateboard on the road or pavement please.

Village Hall Complex

What excellent workmanship on the Institute clock to restore it to its former glory – could I say better than I have ever seen it. I would like to thank the Parish Council for funding this project and also the gentlemen involved who gave their services free of charge – Alan Bevington, Alan Woodward and Brian Broad. What a wealth of experience there – we are so lucky with people coming forward to do the job.

TONY PRICE, Chair of Trustees

Historical Society's Tour of a Local Village

This year we will be visiting Highworth and its environs on Saturday 23 July. We will see the 13th century Parish Church of St Michael and many other points of historical interest in this market town. The visit is made by car, but if you need transport or can offer a lift, please let me know. For more information contact me at mail@purtonquarry.fsnet.co.uk. There will be more details in next month's Magazine.

HELEN DIXON



St Michael' s, Highworth

Cricklade Country Market

The next Market is at *The Club at Cricklade* on Friday 24 June from 9.00am to 11.00am. We shall be at The Cricklade Town Festival on 19 June, so look out for us!

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).



3 - 11 June: Theme "Musicals"

By the time you read this it should be 'Go, Go, Go' and full of Carnival Spirit. Pray for fine weather and we can have a great week. Still waiting for Entry Forms – get writing and drop it through my letterbox.

If anyone has a Cup from last year, please let me have it back a.s.a.p.

Don't forget to get your Programme with Lucky Coupons and Children's Competition.

See you around and have a lovely week.

PAULINE WARD, Carnival Secretary

CARNIVAL EVENTS 2011

Friday 3 June

10am - 12 noon	Coffee Morning	35 High Street
7.30pm	Talent Contest	Village Hall

Saturday 4 June

9am - 12 noon	Mile of Coins	Through Village
6pm - 11pm	Pig Roast/BBQ	The Angel Car Park
8pm	Pride of Purton	The Angel Car Park

Sunday 5 June

10.30am	Carnival Church Service	St Mary's Church
11.00am - 1pm	Round the Houses Race	Village Hall Car Park
3pm - 5pm	Cycle Route/Race	Red House Car Park

Monday 6 June

8.00pm	Pool Competition	Purton Club
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Tuesday 7 June

1.30pm - 2.30pm	Teddy Bear's Picnic	Playclose if fine
(5 and under)	Purton Club if wet	
7.30pm	Carnival Quiz	Purton Club

Wednesday 8 June

7.30pm	Carnival Bingo	Silver Threads Hall
8pm	Carnival Cribbage	The Angel Pub

Thursday 9 June

8pm	Darts	Red House Club
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Friday 10 June

12 noon - 2pm	Carnival Lunch	Silver Threads Hall
7.30 for 8pm	Skittles	Purton Club

Saturday 11 June

12pm - 6pm	Carnival Fete	Bradon Forest School Field
1pm - 3pm	Carnival Procession	From Witts Lane

Sunday 19 June

10am	Golf Tournament	Bagbury Lane Golf Club
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Purton & District Age Concern



We continue to have sadness in Purton through illness and the loss of loved ones. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. It is very difficult to offer any words of comfort to the bereaved at times like these that will help them but we all sincerely hope you will see some sunshine at the end of the tunnel and that your memories will help you.

Janet Looker lived in Ringsbury Close along with husband Roy, who does not enjoy the best of health himself. They were a very devoted couple, in fact I would say they were inseparable. Janet was a very private person but don't get me wrong as she was sociable and very helpful, as I found out when we had problems with the Venture Play Area. As Janet wished, I will not be writing about her life, only to thank Roy and the family for money coming to Age Concern in lieu of flowers – it is a very kind gesture and greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Another lady who has left us is Iris Buxton, who lived in the bungalows by the old Scout Hall. This, I believe, was her third home in Purton, living first at Widham when she and Albert first got married, then in Reid's Piece before moving finally to the High Street. Iris was born in a thatched cottage where the water supply was a well in the garden, in a little village called Portmoor in the New Forest and she was the youngest of five children. Iris met her husband-to-be Albert during the last war when he was stationed at Barton on Sea. Was it at a dance I ask myself as she loved dancing? She was also very artistic and that was still shown in her home, especially with flowers. Her home was spotless even at the age of 90.

Albert was moved to the Isle of Wight before going off to Burma, I believe, through the war. While on the Isle of Wight, Albert would go to the top of Nelson's point at a certain time each evening and wave towards Barton on Sea and Iris would be looking through binoculars to see him. I think that sums up their love for one another which never faltered through their married life. As you know, Albert was the local barber, working in a little salon inside Webber's shop. He would get all the local news and loved telling stories inasmuch that he would get carried away and, when you got home, you found you only had one sideburn – he had cut the other off telling you the story. Sorry, I am getting carried away there. Iris worked at the Dental Factory at Pack Horse and they had one son David, who sadly died in 2002 but David and his wife Nina had two lovely children, Mark and Rachel and then there was Samuel David, a son for Mark and his wife Cathy and a great-grandson for Iris. Iris was very proud of all her family and they all loved her as indeed Sheila and I did.

How would you describe Iris – I would say pleasant but determined. She knew what she wanted and was a joy to talk to. Sheila and I used to do her shopping and if, on her lists, she had a particular brand which wasn't available so you brought something else, she wouldn't have it. We soon learnt our lesson there because we were made to take it back. It was like that when Pat, her niece, was looking after her. She fancied some scones and Pat made four lots before Iris was satisfied – they were either too sweet or not sweet enough. I thought they were all good as I had the job of finishing them off! It was the same with Pat's lemon sponge and I was certainly pleased to finish that off. I think it might have been a plan of Iris's as

she used to worry when Sheila said she had me on a diet.

Iris had a very strong faith that really helped her and others, especially Nina, when David died. What a great ambassador she was for the Christian faith, teaching at Sunday School, Communion Steward at Purton Methodist Church in the Playclose and the leader of the Methodist Women's Fellowship. She had actually said to us a week before she died that she was hoping to be well enough to go on their trip to Marlborough for lunch but sadly this wasn't to be.

One thing we were all a bit wary of was Iris on her scooter. She only had one speed – fast – so it would be no good going for a walk with her – it had to be a run. She is the only lady I know who has gone out on a scooter with a heavy coat on, a blanket and a hot water bottle. She used to be a member of the Silver Threads when the Hall was the old black wooden hut and she would help out at their fundraising events, jumble sales, teas etc. Knowing Iris, I expect she took along some of her delicious cooking.

Could I congratulate the Methodist Minister, Steve Cullis, for the lovely funeral service he conducted. I am sure that 'lovely' is the right word as Iris had a marvellous faith and, of course, Steve knew her well, bringing her communion when she could no longer attend Chapel. I know it makes such a difference to the family and friends when the Minister knows the person who has died – you feel that the Minister is mourning the loved one the same as you are. Nina, Iris's daughter in law, said that a light had gone from their lives with Iris's passing and I sincerely hope that their memories will help to make that light shine again, although it will be very low power to start with.

Could I thank the family for money being shared in lieu of flowers between the Arthritis Research UK Charity and Purton Age Concern. I would also like to remember Iris for all her support to Purton Age Concern over many years, even up to the Easter Market Stall when she gave us a donation. She would often do this in later years when she couldn't attend our fundraising events. Iris was so lovingly cared for by all her family and friends which is what she deserved. As they say 'you reap what you sow', and Iris did plenty of sowing with her kind and caring nature.

Our Easter Market Stall at the Pavenhill shops was another great success so our thanks go to all concerned here, especially Andrew for supplying those delicious sausages for tasters and I hope it did him a bit of good, selling a few more than normal. People are very kind towards us, giving us raffle prizes, donations, cakes and produce and coming along to support us. Joyce and Phil Bryant are very kindly holding a coffee morning at their home at Bentham for us. As you will have read in my piece last year, Phil's brother John sadly died. John always made us so welcome when the coffee morning was held every year and this time it is in his memory but Joyce, Phil and Ann, John's daughter, insist that the money comes to Purton Age Concern. The coffee morning is on Saturday 2 July from 10am to 12 noon and there will be plants, homemade cakes, books, bric a brac and much more. It is a lovely sociable morning so do come and join us. We will have a break from fundraising then until our jumble sale on 3 September and we hope to see you there.

Our last mystery tour went very well, different from the last one. The journey took in Cirencester, Gloucester and Lydney, with a tour round the Forest of Dean

where we stopped for tea at Lydbrook and an excellent tea it was as well, with even better service if that was possible. The return trip took in Brierley, Little London, Gloucester, Cheltenham and Cirencester. What we can't understand is, when there is a trip like this for £10 with tea thrown in as well, that the numbers are dropping off, as only 39 people went on this last one. Still they all enjoyed it, which is the main thing. The next trip is on Wednesday 1 June to the garden centre at Evesham, picking up at 1pm, where there are other shops as well as the garden centre and also an excellent restaurant. The cost is £7 for this with no food provided. By the time you are reading this your names should have been in to your street wardens but you can always give me a ring on 770696 to see if there is room. After that, we have an all day trip to Windsor on Wednesday 6 July, leaving Purton at 9.30am. There is no food provided on this one either and the cost is £9. Names to your street wardens by 25 June.

Vicky and her friends, along with the befrienders, held a belated Easter party for the less able personnel at Battlelake Farm with Easter eggs, Easter cakes and even an Easter bunny. In fact, when I saw it in the minibus looking out of the window, I thought it was a cuddly toy – mind a cuddle from the person inside the suit would be quite nice! We are so lucky with people making such an effort to ensure these people enjoy themselves and that goes for our minibus personnel as well, who take them down to the farm. It is a great team effort.

The best news that I have heard for a long while was that one of the ladies, Audrey Griffin, who is very much involved with these parties, has been awarded the Bronze Medal of Merit *Pro Merito Melitensi* by his Most Eminent Highness the Prince and Grand Master and Sovereign Council of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta. She was proposed for this award by the Order of St John who run The Cedars. Audrey will receive her award in London on Friday 24 June. It is honours all the way for Audrey, as her colleagues at The Cedars put her up for the Carer of the Year Award for Wiltshire in which she came third. I think all of us who have any involvement with the work Audrey does feel that she should have come first. Audrey has been day care co-ordinator associated with The Cedars for thirty-two years. Some of this time was spent at Fessey House in Haydon Wick when The Cedars was knocked down and the residents were transferred there along with some of the staff. I think it is lovely when your colleagues do something like this. They know what you are like all the time as it is easy to put on a front when someone else is about but, as I said, when colleagues do something like this it shows what respect and admiration they have for the work Audrey does. Audrey has always been very helpful to Age Concern and her knowledge and advice has been greatly appreciated. Well done, Audrey, your awards are richly deserved and thank you for the way you have cared for the elderly over the last thirty-two years. Also let's not forget Pete, Audrey's husband, for the way he has supported her over these years. You will have to get your best bib and tucker on now, Pete, for the trip to London.

Sadly, as I write this good news about Audrey, the phone has just rung and my friend Geoff Simpkins tells me that Pauline Staley has sadly died. Pauline was a person I have known for a very long time. I am guessing but I reckon she was a

true Purtonian, born in the row of cottages that stands back off the road down on the Common. Her parents were Harry and Mary Staley, a good old Purton name, but now there is only one left – John, who lives in Swindon.

Pauline had a hard life and she lost a son. You wonder how people get over such tragedy or whether they ever do. Pauline was kindness itself, working at The Cedars for many years until quite recently when she had to give up through a bad back – maybe it was the dreaded illness causing that. When I have been at The Cedars, the number of people who have said to me how kind Pauline has been to them. In fact, the words usually used were 'I love Pauline, she is so thoughtful and considerate'. With all that she went through, Pauline always had a smile and a cheery word and she will be sadly missed by family, friends and all who knew her, and we offer you all our deepest sympathy.

TONY PRICE

Mrs Irene Jay at 100

Mrs Irene Jay's 100th birthday party was held at White Lodge on 11 May where over 40 Purton folk assembled to help her celebrate.



*Mrs Jay with her daughter,
Caroline and son, Chris*

*Below with Judith Wells,
George and Josie Young*



Staying Safe

April has been quite a busy month getting to know some of the groups which meet in Purton and with the warmer spring weather it's been lovely to come out and join with you at Luncheon Club and Social Club at Silver Threads. I've also met members of the Mothers' Union and others. Thank you for making me feel so welcome in this new role!

At the Social Club this month I gave a short talk on "Doorstep Safety" which thankfully many members seemed to be well clued up on already, however, others came to me to say that they were not so aware of the dangers of rogue traders operating locally. Trading Standards Department at Wiltshire Council warns us that there are many different types of "doorstep criminals" working in this way such as:



- The Doorstep Caller offering a home service, such as gardening, home maintenance etc.,
- The posted flyer advertising home services and giving a telephone number only for contact (only a mobile). Gangs legitimize themselves by producing cheap flyers and wait for the calls inviting them to quote for work.
- A doorstep caller acting as a bogus official – eg from a water or gas company etc. They persuade their way into your home and then take part in a "distraction burglary" with other accomplices.
- A doorstep caller claiming they need access to a garden to retrieve property, again distracting the homeowner whilst he or an accomplice gets into the house to steal property or gather information.
- A doorstep salesman offering goods such as duster, torches, clocks – often claiming to be working on a probation or unemployment scheme. Trading Standards advises that we should NOT buy from them. They will not be on any special scheme; they often work in gangs and vastly inflate the value of the goods they sell.

*Trading Standards general advice is **DON'T** do any business on the doorstep and report any such tradesmen to Consumer Direct on: 08454 040506 or the police: 08454 087000*

With the weather becoming so much better, we are likely see a rise in the number of such rogue traders knocking on doors offering to do jobs such as hedge or grass cutting, clearing gutters, outside paint jobs etc. Please bear in mind the above advice and don't give in to doorstep traders. In most cases these will be rogues and will be working as part of organised criminal gangs, passing on information about you to others who will try and visit you at a later date. Best advice is don't get involved in any discussion regarding such services on the doorstep. If you do feel someone may be genuine and you want them to work for you, ask for their landline number and trading address, say you want to check them out first and will

get back to them when you're satisfied. They may try to pressurise you into agreeing to their proposal, eg by saying "I'm only in the area today" etc, **but don't give in**. Ring Consumer Direct on: 08454 040506 and give them the info you have. They will be able to check on their database and tell you if the trader is genuine or not. You can also report any scam on that number or online at www.consumerdirect.gov.uk. The best way to find someone reliable and competent is to ask those you trust for a recommendation. Age Concern Wiltshire may be able to provide you with a list of registered tradespeople (tel 01380 727767). It is good to have at least three written quotes for any work and make sure the quote shows exactly what you want done and what it is going to cost. Do not pay any money up front unless it is a small deposit and get a receipt. If you are unhappy with the finished work, do not pay until you have had a chance to discuss it with someone who can advise you, eg ring Consumer Direct or Wilts Council Trading Standards on 01225 713248.

A distraction robbery occurred recently in Edington, Wiltshire, which another Good Neighbour Co-ordinator from that area has warned me about. In this case, a lady had evidently been followed into Tesco's and a gang had managed to obtain her PIN number when she paid for her shopping. Just as she got into her car, she was approached and asked to give advice about directions on a map. While she was distracted, someone else reached into her car and took her purse and credit cards. Although she immediately realised what had happened and enlisted the help of Tesco staff, who cancelled all her cards within minutes, a significant amount of cash had already been withdrawn from her account. It is understood that the gang carried out several similar attacks that day, targeting lady shoppers with kindly dispositions.

The lessons are clear:-

- Protect your PIN.
- Keep a close eye on handbags, purses and wallets.
- (regrettably) be suspicious of any stranger asking for help!
- More generally, NEVER give your bank details to anyone over the phone or Internet.

If any local groups would like more detailed information on this very important subject, I can arrange for a Trading Standards Officer from the Council to come and speak.

I look forward to meeting more of you in the months ahead at the WI and other groups. Don't forget, I am available as Purton & Braydon Good Neighbour Co-ordinator to visit older residents at home to discuss confidentially any concerns regarding safety, home improvement, transport, social needs, benefits or any other matters you think I could help with.

Stay safe!

CLAIRE CAMM
Purton & Braydon Good Neighbour Co-ordinator
Tel: 07557 110414
Email: gncarea06@communityfirst.org.uk

Purton & Cricklade Young Farmers Club

Are you ... aged between 10 and 16 ... interested in the countryside ... looking for fun and to make new friends ... ready to learn new skills?

If so, then come along to Purton & Cricklade Young Farmers Club.

We meet every couple of weeks at our Clubhouse in Purton Stoke and also travel to other Clubs in the county for competitions and sport.

You don't have to be a farmer!

If you are interested come along to one of our meetings or visit our website www.purton&crickladeyfc@ukcharity.com

We have recently held our Annual County Show where we competed against 8 other clubs in the County for various cups and the overall shield. Purton & Cricklade Juniors came a brilliant second place to everyone's rivals – Malmesbury, and with the seniors, managed 3rd place overall. A magnificent achievement and well done to everyone for their hard work!



*aAt the County Show - theme: Musicals.
Group Photo competition.*

We now plan to meet for fun activities throughout the summer until our year starts in earnest in September. For further details, please contact me.

*LINDSEY HALL,
Junior Leader*

Purton Historical Society

I am writing this after watching, no, enjoying the Royal Wedding. It reaffirms why history is so fascinating. Whether it is the architecture of the Abbey and its artefacts, the uniforms of the military and the Church, one can't help but be entranced. We had it all, the links to the past and the future, the good-humoured happiness of the crowds and at the centre of it a "Pre- Raphaelite stunner". At this time it was great to join with the x billion viewers around the world for a happy affair, after some of the terrible events that we have all watched together recently. With the links of television and the Internet the whole world can come together for these events.

No meeting this month but there are still seats left for our coach trip to the National Memorial Arboretum and Lichfield on Saturday 18 June, so if you haven't booked your coach seat contact [Helen](#) via [In Touch Services](#).

The Cricklade Historical Society will meet on Wednesday 15 June in the Town Hall at 7.30pm. Georgina Hiscock of the Corinium Museum will be talking on the Anglo-Saxon discoveries in Butler's field, Lechlade.

Wootton Bassett Historical Society will have a visit to a local church with Bob Clarke on 9 June. Contact Viv Sumner if you want more details.

EVE BOOY, Secretary



Vasterne Close & Jubilee Estate Street Party

I would like to say a big thank-you to everyone who made the Vasterne Close and Jubilee Estate Street Party such a success on Royal Wedding day.

A lot of backstage preparation went into making the day great, but everyone attending, both the adults and especially the children had a great day. People were generous with their time and money in making a fantastic day. Even the weather behaved, deciding to keep



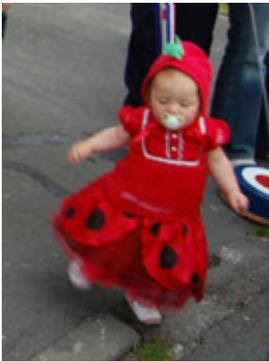
Brian Broad and friends entertain with a musical interlude

the rain at bay.

It was a great occasion to make friends with folk other than the immediate neighbours, especially those who have recently moved in. Roll on the Queen's Jubilee!

As a result of a successful day, with donations and a raffle for Royal Souvenirs, we were able to forward the sum of £79.50 to Purton and District Age Concern.

MAURICE CARD



Girls Fancy Dress Winner: Tillie John as a Strawberry

St Mary's CE Primary School Celebrates the Royal Wedding

The children and staff at St Mary's enjoyed a wonderful three days of preparing for the Royal Wedding Celebrations.

After returning from the Easter break on Tuesday 26 April, the staff and children set to work learning about the monarchy and taking part in many creative activities. These activities culminated in a street party on the Upper School Playground on Thursday 28 April. The weather was glorious and many of the children were dressed in bonnets they had made for the occasion.



The playground was decorated with bunting, made by the children during the week and a party tea was organised. The children had all decorated cakes which they then enjoyed eating, after Mr Tucker made a toast to the happy couple.

Music was an important feature of the afternoon with favourites such as *Land of Hope and Glory* and *Knees up Mother Brown* being played and enjoyed!

Inspired by the Royal Coat of Arms, each class created their own, in the form of a shield. The shields highlighted features of their class, these included the sense of community within class, helpfulness, kindness, enjoyment of learning and celebrating all individuals. The children spoke with confidence about their shields and what they represented. These shields are now displayed in the Lower School and remind us, of all the wonderful elements that make St Mary's such a tremendous school community.

The afternoon was rounded off with a rendition of *God Save the Queen*, accompanied by children waving their Union Flags.

A great afternoon was had by all and hopefully this will be an occasion that the children will remember for years to come. St Mary's would like to wish the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge many congratulations and best wishes for their future together.

Greenhill Royal Wedding Street Party

Folks from the top of the lane to the very bottom, took the opportunity to meet up on the grass verge opposite Neil & Jonathan's in the middle of the lane to share and celebrate together.

Around 3pm, an amazing array of red, white and blue head gear could be seen bobbing along the lane from both directions, arms below laden with homemade cakes, sandwiches and pastries. Catering of course would not have been complete without one of Paddy's famous fruit cakes and a sponge that nearly floated off the plate. We even had red, white and blue lemonade and red, white and blue pickled onions!

Extended families came too and ages ranged from Ted Wick's great-grandson at 22 months to our oldest resident who is a lady of 98.

There was a good old fashioned 3-legged race won by Lindsay Wakefield and Chris Ruming, and an egg-and-spoon race ... results inconclusive!

Jonathan burnt the boiled eggs (he's usually quite a good cook!) so they were painted blue in keeping with the theme and the kids had to fight the adults for a chance to take part.

Above all it was just a really good opportunity to spend time together, take note of how daughters and sons have grown, and share more than just a quick wave to each other as we go about our busy lives.

We finished up with teams competing in their rendition of *Land of Hope & Glory* – wigs, flags and bright blue top hats – by this time a little bit askew – but by then we were all in fine voice and, yes, it felt really good.

JO PHILLIPS

Above: all good fun!

Left: An inconclusive race in progress.



More (Royal) Wedding Photos



Top left: Mr Tucker holds up one of the 'shields'.

Top right: Vasterne and Jubilee Estate's party in full swing.

Left: Perhaps not all the wedding parties finished when it got dark?

Purton & Lydiard Charity Fund present - new for 2011

Summer Shopping Fair
Saturday 2 July 2011, 11am-4pm
Village Hall, Station Road, Purton
Free admission



Purton and Lydiard Charity Fund (Reg. Charity No. 1116986) has been set up to support local organisations and other causes through donations and human resources. In order to raise funds, we will be holding a Summer Shopping Fair on Saturday 2 July 2011, 11am to 4pm in Purton Village Hall. Please come along and support our work and have a look at the exciting items available for sale, appealing to both men and women. We will also be holding a raffle, and serving morning coffee and cakes, light lunches and afternoon cream teas.

A few tables are still available. If you are interested in booking a table to sell NEW crafts/products we would like to invite you to take a table at the Fair. A 6-foot exhibition or sales area costs £10 which must be booked and paid for in advance.

If you would like to know more please contact Lynda Warren, at email lynda.warren@hotmail.co.uk for an application form.

Date for your diary: Craft Fair, Saturday 5 November - more details later in the year.

Details of donations given to local organisations are also available on request so you can see exactly where the money goes!

LYNDA WARREN

Purton & District Gardeners' Guild



Frank Hardy, well-known to Gardeners' Guild, gave an interesting talk on establishing a cutting garden. He observed that when growing flowers for the house we should consider the time they tend to last when in water, the length of the season throughout which the chosen plant would continue to produce good blooms, their perfume and the desired length of stem.

He felt that *achillea* won hands down for the first requirement, especially as it was very easy to dry for winter arrangements. He recommended the old favourite, *Moonshine*, and the much newer *Red Velvet* as the most desirable cultivars. He poured scorn on *Achillea Paprika* because it quickly faded to an unappealing muddy pink.

For perfume he favoured sweet peas and roses, pointing out that sweet peas need copious amounts of manure to produce the best, longest-stemmed flowers. The *Gala* strain, if properly trained and fed, should produce five flower heads per stem with a strong, sweet perfume.

For long stems to arrange in a tall vase, *scabious* and *knautia* were his principal recommendations, as they were always happy in the alkaline soils that predominate in many areas of Purton. He warned that it was essential to remove the flowering heads of *knautia* before they ran to seed, as otherwise it would seed itself everywhere.

For a long season he favoured *anthemis*, particularly either the pale lemon *Sauce Hollandaise* or the stronger *Mrs Buxton*. Another favourite was *tiarella*, whose pink fluffy flowers dried very attractively. *Aquilegias* were recommended for their beautiful flower shapes and long stems, even though they did not last very well in water. *Foxgloves* made wonderful cut flowers, as did *brunnera*, especially the cultivar *Looking Glass*, whose flowers and foliage were excellent when cut. *Lavender* was another clear favourite, coming near the top of the list for each of his four requirements. *Pyrethrums*, *Shasta daisies* and *leucantherums* were also highly praised, especially *leucantherum Broadway Lights*.

Especially recommended annuals were *larkspur*, to be cut for a vase when two thirds of the flowers on a stem are in bloom, *clary*, *calendula* and *nigella*, all firm cottage garden favourites. He recommended that annuals should be sown in situ and not sown too thickly, using a drill of a maximum of half an inch deep.

We were reminded that perennials benefited from a high nitrogen fertiliser in February while annuals had fairly low nutritional requirements, providing that the soil was in reasonably good heart.

Again a most interesting and instructive talk, one that should see all of us with well-filled flower vases this summer.

Val Faulkner proposed a vote of thanks.

The speaker for our next meeting, on 28 June, will be Matt Adams, talking on Growing food for nutrition. Competition – A single favourite rose.

MOIRA WHITE (Secretary), DIANA THOMBS (Chair)

WHAT'S ON?

Wessex Male Choir Celebrates Ten Year Anniversary

- * Anniversary concert at STEAM
- * Saturday 25 June, 7.30pm



To celebrate its ten year anniversary Wessex Male Choir is hosting a Gala concert at STEAM in Swindon.

The choir was formed in 2001 by its musical director, Robert Elliott, and started with just 25 choristers. It now boasts over 60 members, 4 of whom are from Purton, and performs throughout the year all over the UK.

Over the past decade this popular choir has charmed audiences with its entertaining repertoire which ranges from Sinatra to Lloyd-Webber, Opera to Baroque, and Billy Joel to McFly!

The anniversary concert will take place in the magnificent new Event Hall at Swindon's STEAM Heritage Centre.

Robert Elliott said, 'We are extremely proud of what the choir has achieved in the past ten years and look forward to marking the occasion with the concert at STEAM, which is the pinnacle of our anniversary celebrations. The evening promises to be a terrific night with the choir singing some new pieces, as well as a selection of audience favourites from the past decade.'

Tickets costing £10 for adults and £5 for Under 16s are now on sale from the Choir on Tel 01793 812636, by email at tickets@wessexmalechoir.co.uk or through the website at www.wessexmalechoir.co.uk. Tickets can also be bought at STEAM and are also available from In Touch Services in Purton. Tickets have been selling fast and may not be available on the door.

Wessex Male Choir will be joined by a fabulous barbershop ensemble, *The White Rosettes*, who were finalists in the 'Choir of the World' competition at Llangollen International Music Eisteddfod and are the current European Barbershop Champions.

Warneford School Big Band from Highworth will also perform during the concert.

Marlborough Open Gardens

Make a note in your diary that Marlborough Open Gardens will take place on Sunday afternoon 5 June from 2 to 6pm. Starting from the 17th-century-style Merchant's House garden, 132 High Street, take a gentle stroll round a dozen or so gardens in the centre of Marlborough and enjoy tea at Ryecroft, Back Lane. Tickets, with route map of gardens: £4.50 (children under 14 free) available in advance from The Merchant's House, or £5 on the day only from The Merchant's House Garden.

Teas 3 - 6pm £3.50 at Ryecroft Back Lane.

In aid of The Merchant's house Appeal and kindly sponsored by Brewin Dolphin.

New Forest & Hampshire County Show

26 to 28 July at New Park, Brockenhurst

This amazing County Show is not to be missed, so get your tickets now before the 20% offer ends on 11 July. Entry for under-5s is free. There is something for everyone. You will enjoy an exciting packed programme of events, with country pursuits, woodland activities, livestock competitions and equestrian displays. Highlights include the return of Jamie Squibb's aerobatic motorcycle stunts, the Pony Club Mounted Games and the Dog Agility display to name just a few. Don't forget the Showjumping competitions for potential Olympic riders and some of the best selection of craftsmen in the UK.

Enjoy tasting the best in the Food Halls and New Forest Experience area, inhale the wonderful scents of the Flower Show and enter the competition to and name your very own new rose. Go back in time and see the working steam engines or watch the wonder at the terrier and ferret racing and the Heavy Horse Musical Drive. If you love finding a bargain, the Show has over 600 stands for you to browse through and there will be all day entertainment for children in the Heart fun Zone as well as a Treasure Trail around the Showground.

New this year a Discovery Zone for children, a poultry show and Longdown Dairy farm is providing the Show farm.

Whatever your interests, you are guaranteed to have a great time, so don't miss it. Look at www.newforestshow.co.uk for information, discounted tickets and the best way to travel to this popular event, by car or let the train take the strain. Tickets also available now by ringing 01590 622409.

*JACKIE NEYLON
Press Officer*

Purton Guide Dogs

We did our stall at the Helping Hand Table Top, in the Village Hall on 2 April. We made £9.60. I have been asked to do a stall at Drove Vets Open Day on 5 June, then we will be having a stall at the Purton Carnival Fete on 11 June. I have applied for a pitch at Bowood Dog Show and Country Fair on 12 June. Once again thanks for your continued support.

BRIAN DAVIES for the Purton Support Group



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

OFFERED: Sturdy toddler's trampoline 36"x36" - jumping surface 31"x31" - with handle. Tel: 770525.

OFFERED: Upright piano in fair condition. Needs tuning. Can discuss delivery. Tel: 770920.

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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.



■ DOM

Following the tragic accident which took from us our beautiful, treasured and irreplaceable son and brother, Dom.

It is with heartfelt gratitude that we would like to express our thanks for all the overwhelming acts of kindness we have been shown, for the tremendous support and comfort we have been given, for the beautiful words both said and written to us and for the immense depth of feeling and compassion we have been shown, which has touched our hearts at a time when our hearts are so heavy with the loss of our wonderful boy, who we miss each and every day.

We will never forget the truly awe-inspiring empathy and support that our amazing caring community of Purton has shown us through this time of great sorrow.

Thank you so much and bless you all for being there for us all.

Love Wendy, Tad and Leah xx

■ THE CEDARS

My family is most grateful for all the care and attention given to my mother (Jean Gale) during her four-and-a-half years in The Cedars until her death on 11 May. The kindness and quality of care shown to my mother by all the staff has been excellent. The Cedars is such a valuable asset to our community and the fact that its future seems to be at risk is to be much regretted.

Sheila Fowler

■ BEST ONE

Terry and Jenny would like to thank everyone for their kind thoughts and best wishes upon finishing at the *Best One* shop after 22 years. It certainly hasn't seemed that long! Wouldn't like to calculate how many customers we might have served in that time! We are happy to say we will be staying living in the village, so will hopefully still see a lot of customers around to chat to!

We would like to wish the new owner, Siva, good luck and all the best for his continued success.

Thank you.

Terry and Jenny Smith

■ UNDER 5'S PLAYGROUP

A big Thank-You from Purton Under 5's Community Playgroup.

After our successful refurbishment over the Easter break, Purton Under 5's Playgroup is back and better than ever! The essential work undertaken should hopefully see the Playgroup through for a good number of years ahead. Many thanks to everyone at the School and all the residents of College Road for their patience and understanding during the various comings and goings of the contractors. Big thanks also to all the staff and parents who very kindly gave up their time to both help prepare the Playgroup for the work and then to get everything moved back into place and set-up ready for the children's return. A big thumbs-up all round ... and plenty of smiles from the kiddies!

■ ST GEORGE'S DAY CONCERT
23 APRIL

Thank you everyone who attended the concert to make it such a memorable evening. As Easter Saturday fell on the same day we thought that funds might be low, but with a good attendance we were able to make good donations to Help for Heroes and to the Purton Royal British Legion.

Thank you again for the outstanding performance by the Chedworth Band and to our helpers on the night.

Brian and Sandra, Jenny and Doreen, Delia, Brian Davies. Also, to those who donated prizes for the raffle – Andrew Hiscock, Shear Success, Toomers and Sandra and friends. And to all who made it the success that it was.

Doreen Freegard, Sue Matthews

■ DEAR PURTONIAN

In a fit of Christmas holiday madness I responded to a request on the TV from the BBC to apply for a place on the West Regional Audience Council (part of the BBC Trust). That's what too much turkey and wine do for you! I then forgot all about it. To my amazement, I was invited to an interview in Bristol,

and even more amazed when I was offered a place. The whole point of the Audience Councils is to "take the views of the public to the BBC so that the BBC may better serve all audiences." We meet in Bristol 4 times a year and have 2 "outreach" events. At the time of writing, I haven't had my first meeting. I'll feed back what it was like later.

I am asking you to let me know your views of the BBC – generally and, more specifically, regionally. Is *BBC Wiltshire* fulfilling its remit to serve local communities? Is *Points West* keeping you up to date with local news? So if you are a regular (or even occasional) listener to *BBC Wiltshire*, or watch *Points West*, *Inside Out West*, or programmes made in Bristol, I want to know what you think.

Please let me know what you think about the good, the bad and the ugly of the BBC generally. What do you like? What don't you like?

I can be contacted by email – **bev@lde.co.uk** – or by traditional post, or accost me in the butcher's or Best One. A quick note will do.

Thank you,

*Bev Wildeboer,
Braydon Manor, Braydon, SN5 0AG*

We Record ...

Baptisms

1 May

Coby Zane Carson *at St Mary's Church*

8 May

Stanley Mark Pricor *at St Mary's Church*

Funerals

27 April

Dominic Tovey *at St Mary's Church*

4 May

Philip Tucker *at St Mary's Church*

9 May

Iris Buxton (90) *at Purton Methodist Church*

Special Birthday

11 May

Mrs Irene Jay's 100th birthday

To add your family announcements to this section contact Purton Magazine. Addresses on page 4.



Purton Diary - June 2011

1	W	1.00pm	Age Concern half day outing to Evesham Garden Centre
2	Th	10.30am	Holy Communion at St Mary's Church
3	F		CARNIVAL WEEK 3 - 11 June - see Programme on page 8
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	8.00pm	After 8: <i>Moral Maze</i> led by Sandra at her house
8	W	2.30pm	Methodist Women's Fellowship at Hooks Hill: Anne Boddon - <i>The Adventures of a Pig Farmer</i>
9	Th	10.30am	Songs of Praise at The Cedars
11	Sa	11.00am	to 4pm: Kids go Free Weekend, Swindon & Cricklade Railway
12	Su	8.00am	Holy Communion at St Mary's Church
		10.30am	Pentecost Service at the Methodist Church
		10.30am	Parish Communion at St Mary's Church
		11.00am	to 4pm: Kids go Free Weekend, Swindon & Cricklade Railway
		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	10.00am	Purton Probus Club at the Red House: Michael Marshman - <i>History of Ale and Alehouses</i> - new members welcome
		11.00am	Songs of Praise at Ashgrove House
		2.00pm	Silver Threads Club: <i>WI Entertainers</i>
		7.30pm	Purton Yacht Club at The Angel
15	W	2.00pm	Holy Communion at Ashgrove House
		7.30pm	Purton Evening WI: <i>Healthy Eating</i> - Cookery demonstration with Peter Vaughan
18	Sa	8.30am	Historical Society outing to National Memorial Arboretum & Lichfield
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	7.30pm	St Mary's Fellowship of Women: Visit to Lydiard Park
21	Tu		Summer Solstice
21	Tu	7.45pm	Royal British Legion at The Red House
22	W	6.30pm	Holy Communion at The Cedars
25	Sa	7.30pm	Wessex Male Choir 10 th Anniversary Concert at STEAM
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
	11.00am	to 2pm: Car Boot Sale at Bradon Forest School (PTA)
	6.00pm	Evensong at St Mary's Church
28 Tu	10.00am	Purton Probus Club at the Red House - new members welcome
	2.00pm	Silver Threads Club: <i>St Mary's Handbell Ringers</i>
	7.30pm	Gardeners' Guild at Silver Threads Hall: <i>Growing Food for Nutrition</i> - Matt Adams

July

2 Sa	10.00am	to 12 noon: Age Concern Coffee morning at the Bryants' home at Bentham
6 W	9.30am	Age Concern day trip to Windsor

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	11.15am	to 1pm: New Beginnings at Purton Youth Centre
Th	2.30pm	Pram Service for pre-school children at Methodist Church

Moon Phases

● 1 June ● 9 June ○ 15 June ● 23 June

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.

Royal British Legion Purton Branch Horticultural Show

You don't have to be a professional to enter our 2011 show on **Saturday 27 August**.

Why not make some jam, or bake a cake, or show off your veggies??

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



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PURTON PLACARD

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

PURTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

50th Anniversary
Commemorating the bicentenary
of the death of Nevil Maskelyne
5th Astronomer Royal



May - September Exhibition at Purton Museum
20 August Family Activities Day at the
 Village Hall
 10am - 12.30pm and 1.30pm - 4pm

Cricklade Cricket Club

Relax, unwind and
start your summer with an

AFTERNOON OF LIVE JAZZ & BLUES

by "The Mighty Jukes"
complemented by a delicious

CREAM TEA

on Sunday 17 July from 3pm to 5pm
at Cricklade Cricket Ground
(Abingdon Court Lane)

TICKETS £5.00 with Under 5's Free

ON SALE IN ADVANCE ONLY

from 1 May from: Brenda Lilley (Purton) on
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Amanda Hazell on 07742 209506

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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.

Cricklade Coffee Club

for the visually impaired

Dates for your diary

21 June 19 July

All are from 10.30 to about 12.00 at
the United Church Hall, Calcut Street,
Cricklade. For further details please
contact Jess at the Wiltshire Blind
Association on 01380 723682.

Come and join us at the
COFFEE MORNING
at the home of the Bryants

in Bentham Lane,
PURTON STOKE

on Saturday 2 July
10am to 12 noon

to raise funds for
Purton Age Concern

Home made cakes, plants, books
and bric and bric on sale
with raffle and tombola

The Malford Players present:
The Merry Wives of Windsor

by William Shakespeare
22, 23, 24 & 25 June at 7.30pm
at 13 Lime Trees, Christian Malford
Bar Opens 7pm

Come early at 6pm for a picnic in the
garden on Saturday evening!
Tickets £8 and £6 concessions

Available from
Christian Malford Village Shop,
Chippenham Tourist Information Centre
or
www.malfordplayers.co.uk

Bradon Forest PTA & World
Challenge Team

**Bradon Forest
Car Boot Sale**

26 June
at Bradon Forest School
11am -2pm

Refreshments and BBQ
Face and Nail painting
Welly Wang Car Wash
Sweet shop and Cake stall
Raffle

To book a pitch
for the car boot sale
please contact 771645

Purton Luncheon Club

Warmly invites you to
Cream Tea and Entertainment

on Sunday 24 July at
College Farm House, Purton
from 2 - 5pm

Tickets: £4 or £3 for senior citizens
from Elizabeth Ward 770238
or Caroline McLean 770525

Raffle Plant & Produce Stall Cakes

* Please note new date and put in your diaries! *

Purton & District PROBUS Club

The club for retired **PRO**fessional **BUS**iness people meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 10am in the lounge of the Red House. At 10.30am we have a speaker to give a talk, finishing at noon. If you are retired, especially newly retired, we invite you to come along and meet with like-minded people for an entertaining morning. Coffee and biscuits are served at 10am allowing us time to socialise prior to the talk. We don't have any lady members but will be very happy if any retired professional or business ladies would like to join us. We frequently enjoy talks by lady speakers.

In April we had our AGM and now have a full programme of events for the year to April 2012. Our next meeting is on 14 June with a talk entitled, *The History of Ale and Alehouses*, by Michael Marshman.

If you would like further information, please contact me.

LEON SLEE, Hon. Sec.



Going Wild in Purton

Attracting Bees, Butterflies and Other Insects to your Garden

With careful planting you can nearly always have something in the garden that is in flower to attract species of bees, butterflies and other insects. Our effort helps to support the local ecosystem and the survival of these important species, as well as creating a spectacular showing in the garden as these varied animals and insects come and go.



Bees: Recently, bees have been having a difficult time and we are seeing their numbers dwindle significantly. This is a huge concern since bees are essential for the pollination of the food that we eat and the flowers that we enjoy. 25% of the native British species of bumblebees are endangered and every gardener should take steps to help their populations rebound. Having a selection of plants which will provide flower throughout the year is one way to help to increase the bee population.



Bees like white deadnettle, red clover, alliums, mints, beans and flowering herbs. They also like daisy-shaped flowers such as asters and sunflowers, and tall plants such as hollyhocks, larkspur and foxgloves. Cotoneaster is very attractive to bees. Having a small meadow area in the garden can help, as well as leaving an area of rough grass, preferably by a hedge, for mice or voles to nest in, as queen bumblebees like to take over their old nests.

More information on bee swarms can be found on our web site.

Butterflies: It is a pleasure to see brightly-coloured butterflies feeding on garden flowers during the summer. There are 56 species of native butterfly in the UK and some summer visitors. The most commonly seen are tortoiseshells and the cabbage whites. When planting for butterflies and bees think about the lifecycle. Overwintering species such as tortoiseshells wake up with the first warmth in spring and need ready sources of nectar (as do solitary and other bees which you see bumbling about on the first warm days). These overwintering species also require late sources of nectar in the autumn to prepare for the winter. Many of these overwintering species are attracted to buddleia bushes and bedding annuals alike. The top four plants that Butterfly Conservation would like to see planted are buddleia, perennial wallflowers, lavender and marjoram. All butterflies like flowers that provide plenty of nectar. Good nectar plants include hemp agrimony, sedum, marjoram, lavender, valerian, knapweed, scabius and cirsium thistles. Each species of butterfly needs a specific type of plant on which its caterpillars can grow. Many of the caterpillars actually feed on meadow grasses, but other favoured plants include sorrel (small copper), nettles (peacock, comma, small tortoiseshell), ladysmock and garlic mustard, plus honesty (orange tip), violets (various species), bird's foot trefoil (common blue).

More information on planting can be found on our web site.

Moths: Some of the night-flying moths are attracted to the flowers that start

to pump out their perfume as evening falls, these include honeysuckles, tobacco plants and the evening primrose. The campions are a great source of nectar for night-flying moths, as is rosebay willowherb. *Pyracantha* in flower also seems to come alive with moths just around sunset. The white umbels of hogweed, angelica and wild carrot attract hundreds of insects. Ivy and bramble are also excellent.

A Note on Hornets and Wasps: All insects and creepy crawlies have a purpose, especially in the garden. However, some are not always very welcome. In particular wasps and hornets can be a problem. They create nests in late April through early May and prey on other insects throughout the summer. In this way they are a gardener's friend; they help control many insects that are pests to fruits, vegetables, plants and shrubs. Although they are good for the garden, they can become very nasty as the summer continues. If you have an unwanted nest that cannot be tolerated, then do not tackle it yourself but contact the Wiltshire Council Pest officer on 0300 456 0100 for help.

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

[Ed: There are also Purton-based commercial Pest Control businesses which advertise in Purton Magazine.]

Swindon & Cricklade Railway

KIDS GO FREE WEEKEND: Saturday and Sunday 11/12 June

These special weekends are great for parents, every adult buying a ticket can bring a child at no extra cost. Tickets, to ride all day from 11am to 4pm on our two and a half miles of track, cost £7 for adults and £6 for seniors for steam on Sunday or £6 for adults and £5 for seniors for diesel train rides on Saturday.

There is a cafeteria, shop, museum and picnic area, so come and spend the day with us.

To reserve places for the Cream Tea on 5 June or the Fathers' Day Wine and Dine on 19 June, both in the Moonraker Dining Car, phone 01367 820623 or email kajim@talktalk.net

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 or www.swindon-cricklade-railway.org.

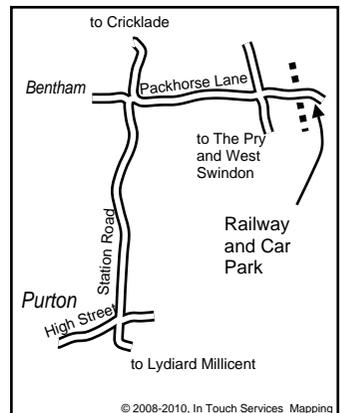


Exhibit of the Month: The Purton Show 1922

Last month I showed you the catalogue of the 1911 Braydon Show, incorporating the Purton Horticultural Show. This time I am looking at the 1922 Purton Show held on Wednesday 9 August in that year – obviously a day off for the village. 1911 was three years before the start of the Great War, while the 1922 Show was held just 4 agricultural years after its end.

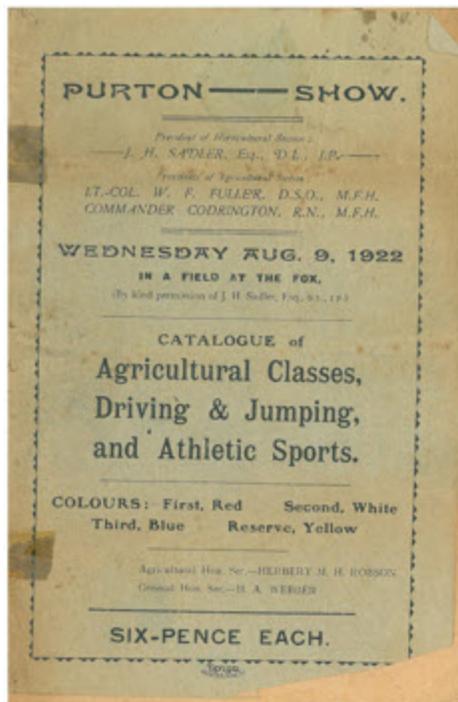
Because the 1911 Show had been run by the Earl of Bathurst, the list of nobility mentioned in that catalogue, as Presidents, Committee, Presenters of Prizes, etc, was quite long: apart from the Earl, there were the Duke of Beaufort, the Earl of Suffolk and Berkshire, the Marquis of Bath and Viscountess Bolingbroke. The 1922 Show only mentions the Viscountess. However, most of the other gentlemen who presented prizes in 1911 had the letters *Esq.* after their names, at least denoting that they owned their own properties. By 1922, there had become a preponderance of military ranks, not surprisingly since the war was not long over. Indeed the Presidents of the Agricultural Section for the Show were Lt-Col WF Fuller DSO MFH and Commander Codrington RN MFH. I'm sure the foxes were delighted that there were two Masters of Fox Hounds involved, especially since the event was held "in a field at The Fox".

The classes for horses were slightly reduced in number but not significantly – the horse was still the main power source on the farm and in transport. However a new class of children's ponies was added. Six classes of cattle had been reduced to 4 and the 9 live poultry classes cut back to 2. Two pig classes were added: a sow in farrow and a hilt (young sow) under 1 year.

The following classes had been removed entirely: dead poultry and eggs, honey and bread, butter and cheese, butter making. The Regimental Band had been cancelled and there was no dance to follow in the evening.

The Athletics side of the day was much increased. In 1911 it was an obstacle (Vaulting Course) race, hurdles and musical chairs. 1922 had a much more defined format: handicap flat races at 100 yds (open), 100 yds (boys), 300 yds, ½ mile and 1 mile. Also there were 1 mile and 2 mile cycle races.

The country, and especially the countryside, was tired after the Great War; so many of those who went to war were killed. This meant that workers on the land were severely reduced in number and the village could no longer support the size



of agricultural show it had managed 11 years earlier. To fill the gaps, new classes were introduced and it is interesting to note that the bicycle, which was recognisably modern in 1911 but which few could hope to own, was by 1922 much more accessible. A lot had gone into the development of the bicycle for use in the war and manufacturers were tooled up to make them in greater numbers.

The other difference between then and now, is that I listed the nobility in the second paragraph. I would probably have been shot or at least flogged for putting them in the wrong order of precedence!

Visit us on our web site at www.purtonmuseum.com. I have put a pdf of the full 1911 and 1922 Show Catalogues on the web site.

RICK DIXON, Outreach Officer

<p>The Museum is located above the library and open during library hours: Tues & Fri: 2-5pm & 6-8pm Wed: 10am-1pm & 2-5pm</p>
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Christian Aid Week

By the time you read this, Purton Christian Aid volunteers will have started counting up the money raised by the village during Christian Aid Week.



Envelopes will have been distributed and collected up; Breakfast in Church will have been devoured; Curries eaten; Mama Mia will have been sung full throttle; and cakes and plants will have been sold to all and sundry. Also that frustrating Quiz, which causes so much angst every year, will have been handed in and worthy winners announced!

We would like to thank the shops and businesses in Purton who have supported us so enthusiastically, selling quizzes, providing raffle prizes, welcoming us to *The Maharajah*, offering us support in so many ways. We are so grateful.

In next month's magazine we shall be able to give you the total raised so far.

Thank you all very much indeed, especially the many Purton volunteers, for your marvellous Christian Aid support.

LIBBIE & MARY

STOP PRESS... *Christian Aid Week: late news extra!*

We are delighted to report that Christian Aid has got off to a flying start!

The quiz was won by Mrs Neate of Swindon, who lost only half a mark by a miss-spelling! She was extremely generous and gave us back her prize money, so that Christian Aid could benefit by the extra £20. £285 was raised in all ... a fantastic effort. Thank you all so much. Answers can be obtained from Libbie.

On Saturday 14th we had the first of our events ... a Cakes & Plant stall at the Top Shops. Well over £300 was taken so thanks to all involved ... buying, selling, cooking and gardening.

And on Sunday 15th we had 'Breakfast for All' in St Mary's Church, just before the Christian Aid service. At least 48 people attended and £190 was added to the funds. Thank you to all who joined us.

It was a great way to start Christian Aid Week.

1st Purton & Lydiard Scouts



On an overcast Sunday morning in May at 9am, 60 Scouting members, both young people aged 6 to 16, and adult leaders set off for Avebury Manor from Purton by coach.

It was the long-awaited morning of our County Fun Day, aptly named 'Mayhem', when a special visitor was also promised to make a surprise visit! The journey was noisy with excited chatter from Beavers, Cubs and Scouts who held their rucksacks firmly containing packed lunch and all that any Scout needs to 'Be Prepared'!

After registration, all Scouting members renewed their 'Promise' as County Commissioner Olwyn Brockway, declared the day open at the flag break ceremony. Then the 'Mayhem' started!



Patiently waiting for 'Mayhem' to start

There were approximately 1,500 young people under the care of their leaders to occupy for the day. Each District from the County of Wiltshire provided bases on the theme which had been devised from the name of our Patron Saint – St George.

Our base was a 'T' – that is T for teamwork and we devised a team challenge of building a tower out of cardboard boxes, without entering the 'mined' area, and adding an England flag on the top in a bucket. There were some very interesting results, the task made slightly difficult by the windy day. There were numerous bases each fun and challenging. Water activities, assault courses, bouncy castles, climbing walls, archery, kite flying, circus skills, and orienteering – the list was endless!

At 2pm – the sound of an Augustus 109S Grand helicopter was heard above the sky, lights blazing – it circled a few times and landed. The mystery guest as hoped was none other than Chief Scout – Bear Grylls! It was a case of 32 hours, 15 events and thousands of Scouts, as Chief Scout, Bear Grylls took to the skies on the third stage of his UK tour, **'Bear in the Air'**.

The children went wild with excitement, and some were lucky enough to get 'neckers' signed. Bear spent about an hour with us, visiting bases and finally delivering a special message to the Scouts to have fun, fun, fun! For Bear, his main goal was to encourage new volunteers to take up the challenge. 'It's crucial that even more adults sign up as volunteers, to help the many young people on Scout joining



lists to have the opportunity to join in the adventure.' In Purton – we are no different to the rest of the Country – too many children wanting to join, but not enough adult help.

After more 'Mayhem', at 4pm, there was an attempt to break a world record, for the largest egg and spoon race. The record was achieved

The Bear finally arrives!

by 1,308 students in an event organised by Record Breaking Singapore at the Singapore Polytechnic, Singapore, on 27 July 2008. So we needed more than 1,300 people to complete the race without dropping their egg! Everyone was given a plastic spoon and a real egg (and no, not hard boiled). It took a great deal of organizing and patience to get us all ready. We were all counted over the line and were anxious to know – had we stolen the record? The answer is – we still don't know, but when we do, we will let you know!



Plate spinning circus skills from Cubs!

This marked the end of the Fun Day. All the Scouts collected up their treasures of the day and began the walk back to the coach. It had been a great day and remarkably not a drop of rain despite the very grey clouds at times! What was the highlight of the day – of course it had to be the **Bear in the Air!**

JAN FISHER, Assistant Group Scout Leader

If you would like to know more about being part of the Scouting Adventure as an adult leader or helper, please contact me.

Purton Rainbows, Brownies & Guides



Due to the Easter holidays and May Bank Holiday we have had few meetings since the last report, which is not to say that we have been resting!

The Rainbows held a combined Royal Wedding street party and Pot of Gold party for the girls who were leaving: Freya, Georgia, Katy-Erin and Maria. They made crowns decorated with jewels and ate a party tea at tables decorated with red, white and blue. Two new Rainbows – Layla and Rianna have since been welcomed into the unit.

Purton Brownies went on Pack Holiday on the day of the Royal Wedding, taking 22 girls to Thirtover Place, near Thatcham for a long weekend. They enjoyed archery, climbing and grass sledging as well as crafts, campfire, games and chores (cleaning the toilets being a perennial favourite!) We hope to have a report from a Brownie next month.

The same weekend, two of the Guides were also away: Eve and Megan went to the County *Wet'n'Wild* weekend where they enjoyed a variety of boating activities – again, more of that next month.

We've kicked off this term with a variety of activities. Guides had a visit from a Ranger and a Ranger Guider from Wootton Bassett who talked about a trip their group had made to Hong Kong last year. 2nd Purton Brownies made tea bag pockets for Girlguiding's World Conference delegates when they meet in Edinburgh in July. They put a unit contact on each pocket and hope to hear which country some of them went to. 1st Purton Brownies have welcomed several new members and started work on the *Adventure Out* challenge which as the name suggests, involves outdoor activities.

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

Bradon Forest School News - www.bradonforest.wilts.sch.uk



YEAR 11 2010/11: The Year 11 (2006 - 11) students have been a terrific year group and have been a real credit to the school and their families.

We would like to thank them for all that they have done for Bradon Forest over the last five years. We are looking forward to the *Past Year 11 Awards Evening* in November when we will be able to formally thank them for their many contributions to school life and also to celebrate the many varied achievements – including those from their forthcoming examinations. We would especially like to thank the Senior Prefect team for their fantastic help and support over the last year: Daniel Granville (Head Boy), Emily Dicks (Head Girl), Ben Borman (Deputy Head Boy) and Eilish Dickson (Deputy Head Girl) plus the Senior Prefects: Rebecca Chamberlain, Eiranjit Chahal, Molly Hall, Georgia Langridge, Charlotte Quinn, Olivia Stanton, Phoebe Toms, Bethan Williams, Jennifer Allan, Shannon Burt-Stratton, Joanne Cook, Eve Cornock, Joshua Duffy, Marianne Fish, Hannah Pettit, Kira Sawford, Billie-Jaye Dickinson, Hyun Seo Kim and Anna Meares. The year group has always been keen to support and help; this has been greatly appreciated by the teaching and support staff, and this partnership has ensured that Bradon Forest traditions and culture have flourished. The GCSE examinations finish on Tuesday 28 June 2011 and we will have our traditional annual Year 11 Prom on Friday 24 June 2011.

YEAR 11 EXAMINATIONS 2011: Students have already taken a number of examination papers in Art, Drama, Business Studies, Computing, English, Maths, Languages and Science. Study leave starts much later this year. After the Whitsun break some students will be travelling into school or leaving school at different times of the day. Parents have been requested to pick up students from the school grounds and, where possible, the students will be using the bus stop on the High Street. The school is running a comprehensive revision programme during this period which has been posted to parents so that it is shared with them and the students. We are sure you will join with us in wishing our current Year 11 students well, as all their work culminates with the final run of GCSE written examinations.

CONNECTING CLASSROOMS: INDIA TRIP APRIL 2011. During the



Easter break, eleven Year 11 students from Bradon Forest and fifteen students from our partner school, St Laurence, travelled to India as part of our Connecting Classrooms project. The students have been working together for the last 18 months to build relationships with the schools, to share work and to raise all of the funds for the trip.





The trip was much more than a holiday; we visited three of our link JNV schools in northern India, one in Mandi (hill station) Karnal and Chandigarh. We were lucky enough to really experience school life. The students stayed in dormitories, shared meals and visited a variety of lessons, often giving presentations about school life at Bradon Forest. We attended assemblies, which were fascinating, as

they were all led by the students themselves, and the students spent time socialising, learning about each other's backgrounds, culture and aspirations. Our hosts laid on cultural events, during which we performed two songs to the entire school, one in Hindi and one in English. Our hosts were overwhelmed by our ability to sing badly in Hindi!

Our students had the trip of a lifetime and are busy preparing an assembly so fellow students can learn from their experiences. It was an incredible journey which began after Mrs Shelley's visit in October 2009. On her return, she was determined to literally connect classrooms. For our students it has given them a thirst for travel in the future and has inspired them to reflect upon the value of education here and their own aspirations. Many hope to return to JNV schools in their gap years. They particularly enjoyed learning about a very different culture, meeting the other students, and appreciating and respecting differences. They rose to the many challenges we faced on the journey and were an absolute pleasure to travel with and a credit to the school.

BASKETBALL NEWS

Boys: Following the excellent results in the Swindon Schools competition, the boys' basketball teams have once again done well in the National competition. The Year 11s were placed in the Elite competition on the back of last year's success which pitted them against the best teams in the South of England. After playing in a tightly contested group they unfortunately narrowly missed out on joining the last 16 in the country on points difference. A huge well-done to the Year 11s who in their time with Bradon Forest have never lost in the Swindon Schools competition – being crowned winners four times, county winners three times, South West Champions three times, and reaching the last 16 in the National competition.

The Year 10 team have also had a successful year in the National Cup. They progressed from their group with ease, went on to beat the Castle School in Taunton 58-40 before finally going out to Bristol Metropolitan Academy 67-55. This placed them in the last 32 nationally.

Having won the county championship, the Year 9 team have had their first foray into the National Cup. They beat Bath's Beechen Cliff 73-23 and Bristol Metropolitan 60-42 which placed them in the last 16 nationally. Unfortunately they were overcome in their next game against Plymstock School 55-81. They have had a fantastic first season in the National Cup, which should serve as excellent experience for next year's competition. A huge well-done to all involved.

Girls: In the South West of England regional final the U16 girls travelled to Maynard School in Exeter. After a poor start the girls found themselves 15-1 down at the end of the first quarter and in danger of a heavy defeat. However, at the beginning of the second quarter, the girls began to find their form and an impressive whole team performance led to a 45-27 victory.

As a result, the girls had to play Princess Risborough in the last 16 in the country. This game was going to be a tough ask as Angela Luchembe was still out with a long term injury. With five minutes remaining in the game, the girls were 10 points down but with a change in tactics the team fought back to be level with 16 seconds to go. However, with the last play of the game, Princess Risborough scored to win by two points. Considering the injuries the team members have suffered this year, reaching the last 16 in the country was a great achievement! Very well done to all.

MEDIA MAKEUP WORKSHOP: Mrs Carson reports: As part of Bradon Forest's ongoing investment into vocational learning and preparation for working life, Mrs Carson and Swindon College invited a group of Year 9, 10 and 11 students to take part in a Media Makeup and Beauty Therapy workshop.

The workshops were designed for both parents and students to work alongside each other to build ongoing relationships through the medium of Art and Design and Production Arts. Students and parents learnt some of the makeup techniques used on the cast of the BBC one drama *Casualty*. Thank you to all those parents who came in to support the events. An enjoyable time was had by all.

L SPIERS, Headteacher

Church Floodlighting

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

20 and 21 May St Mary's Church was floodlit to celebrate and commemorate the life of **Nevil Maskelyne**, Astronomer Royal, on his bi-centenary.

11 June The Church will be floodlit to celebrate the 62nd Wedding Anniversary of **Peggy (Margaret) and Harold Matthews**. Both of them were born and bred in Purton!
Best Wishes to them both.



Floodlighting contact: Libbie

Prayer for Purton

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

Purton and Green Gables Surgery: Group for Patients - G4P

Group for Patients



We had some positive feedback from our meeting on 10 March, and among the questions asked on the night were ...

- The new NHS plans – the Practice has expressed an interest in the Swindon Consortium. The timescale for GP commissioning is that we must be signed up by 2013. Specific details of any changes are not yet known.
- Concern was expressed about who G4P is representing – the aim of the Group will be to fully represent all patients. We have been, and are still, trying to attract a wider demographic group. We are hoping to attract a younger age group.
- We were asked whether we would be in contact with other groups – we have already been contacted by other groups and will be liaising as we feel necessary. There has recently been a new Direct Enhanced Service initiative from the Department of Health giving GP practices an incentive to have a Patient Participation Group, so more are likely to be formed.
- Various surgery improvements were raised: (i) electronic doors – these would be nice, but money is better spent on patients, (ii) hand gel – clinical staff are being consulted on this, (iii) baby changing facilities – cost about £200, we will investigate, (iv) pram/pushchair space/shelter – normally there is room in the existing shelter (which was provided for this reason) at the entrance to surgery. Please do not leave dogs here, (v) area for breastfeeding – a room can be used if necessary. Ask at reception.
- Contacting the surgery: (i) it takes time to get through in the mornings because it's a busy time. An additional problem at Cricklade is that there is only one receptionist (and only room for one) who has to manage both phone lines, (ii) not having a computer will make no difference to booking appointments – online booking currently only gives access to a maximum of one clinic per doctor per week.
- Missed appointments are a real concern as they deny an appointment for other patients. Please inform the surgery with reasonable notice if you are unable to make your appointment. The possibility of text reminders will be investigated, although it is appreciated that this only applies to those with mobile phones or landlines able to receive texts.
- Concern was expressed regarding patients with hearing loss – there is already a loop system in place, there are notices in the surgery informing patients about this.
- Health promotion events – yes, we plan to only cover one subject at a time
- Newsletter – we plan a regular newsletter, to put this on the surgery noticeboard and to send by email as appropriate. It will also be in the village magazines. If you wish to have a newsletter by post then please leave SAEs at the surgery 'for the attention of Kim'. If you would like a newsletter by email then please leave your email address (clearly written!) at the surgery also 'for the attention of Kim'.

- Staff training is carried out monthly. All staff receive cardio-pulmonary resuscitation training. There is an appraisal system in place which looks at the training needs of staff, new reception staff receive a training/induction programme.
- The lunchtime closure was seen to be a concern, however the phones are still on during the lunchtime closure which is used for paperwork, staff handover and training.

SHEILA FOWLER, Secretary G4P

New Waste & Recycling Collection Service coming to Wiltshire

Changes to Wiltshire's waste and recycling collection service, which will improve the county's recycling rate, will be going ahead during 2011/12.

During October and November 2011 all households in Wiltshire will start to receive a fortnightly recycling collection of plastic bottles and cardboard in addition to the existing fortnightly black box recycling collection for paper, cans, glass, foil, clothes and shoes.

The new blue-lidded bins for cardboard and plastic bottles collections will be delivered to every property from September.

All residents can also opt in to get a new non-chargeable fortnightly collection of garden waste. These new collections will start in February and March 2012 however you will need to sign up to get your new green lidded bin by 30 September 2011.

Those residents who currently have a garden waste bin do not need to sign up for the new garden waste service.

All households will receive a leaflet this summer about the new service.

For more information visit www.wiltshire.gov.uk/waste where you will find details about the new service, frequently asked questions and summer roadshow dates.

Sign up for your new garden waste collection service

This is your chance to sign up to the new non-chargeable garden waste collection service. You can be one of the first to get your bin and start recycling your garden waste from spring 2012. **If you already have a garden waste bin you do not have to sign up again.**

What bin will I get?

If you have a bin which is brown, green or grey with a green lid that you currently use for garden waste collections (and not for any other type of waste), this will remain your garden waste bin and you do not need to sign up again.

If you do not currently receive this service and would like to sign up, you will be given a new bin. This will be collected fortnightly.



Yes please, I would like to sign up to the new garden waste collection service.

Please complete and return to: Freepost RSKC-CGTT-JXRR, New Waste and Recycling Services, Wiltshire Council, PO Box 2281, Salisbury, SP2 2HX by 30 September 2012 (If you already have a garden waste bin you do not have to apply)

First name:

Last name:

Full address:

Postcode:

Daytime telephone number:

Do you currently have an assisted collection?
 Yes No

Do you currently have a wheeled bin at your property?
 Yes No

Personal details will only be used in relation to this scheme and will not be passed to third parties. By providing your contact details you are agreeing that you are happy for us to contact you if the need arises.



Tel: 0300 456 0102 • www.wiltshire.gov.uk/waste



Purton Cricket Club



A sunny start to the season resulted in some encouraging performances by the team and individuals in the pre-season friendly matches. The arrival of more players augurs well for the coming season.

As a result of recent courses we now have ten coaches and the coaching sessions are well attended on Friday evenings.

Recent Purton players have started the season well. Tom Bowler has made successful appearances for Corsham and Wiltshire and Craig Miles, in the first season of a three year contract with Gloucestershire County Cricket Club, has made his first appearance against Cardiff MCCU at Bristol taking three wickets in the second innings.

Craig Miles was also awarded his county cap when he made his First Class Cricket debut against Northamptonshire on 11 May at the age of 16.

We wish them well for the coming season.

Fixtures in June at the ground are:-

4 th	1 st XI v Beanacre	2.00pm
5 th	Wilts U15 v Oxford	2.00pm
11 th	2 nd XI v Potterne	2.00pm
18 th	1 st XI v Westinghouse	2.00pm
25 th	2 nd XI v Collingbourne	2.00pm
26 th	U11 v Trowbridge	10.30am
26 th	Glos Gipsies v Midnight XI	2.00pm

On 8 June in support of Carnival Week there will be a 20-20 match starting at 6.15pm. A barbecue and refreshments will be available so why not come and support the event at Wiltshire's oldest cricket ground. It is, after all, one of Purton's most attractive areas.

From the Archives

'Saturday was a right merry day for a great number of young, and some of the old of Purton. Captain and Mrs Prower had invited the schools of Purton, Braydon and the Union School and the old men to a Tea Party.

'Stumps were pitched ... and the Purton Cricket Bowler [a professional cricketer employed by the club] did not disdain to give his assistance to the youthful players. Racing began, and some young gentlemen of the neighbourhood made up matches and were pleased themselves to join in the race and in the cricket.'

JOE GARDNER

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Purton Tennis Club

The summer season started at the end of April and after our long dry spell we are now looking skyward and wondering whether the longed-for rain is going to dump itself just as we are getting ready to play! It's too early to assess how we are all getting on but its fun to be out and playing competitively. Meanwhile our coach, Rob Negus, is inspiring the lucky youngsters who come his way and we are planning an Open Day on Sunday 10 July where Rob will be coaching both Juniors and Adults in the morning and everyone will be welcome to come along right through the day to 'have a go'. And we haven't been idle. The report of the Elaine Miller Tournament follows. Don't forget our website www.purtontennis.net for further information.

CAROLINE McLEAN

On Sunday 1 May, Purton Tennis Club held the annual Elaine Miller Memorial tournament. Amid suggestions of a more wintry feel to the weather the sun shone brightly to complement the quality of tennis played by 16 pairs, consisting of Purton Tennis members and members from the other Swindon and District tennis clubs wanting to support the event. At the end of a successful day that raised £512 for the Prospect Hospice, Ray Miller presented the trophy to Hilary Coates and Jason Stevens of Purton Tennis Club. We would like to say a big thank-you not only to those who participated in the event, but to everyone that came to support us throughout the day to help raise the invaluable donation to the Prospect Hospice.

C J ELLIS

Purton Bowls Club

The season opened on 16 April when Roy Wheeler, President, bowled the first wood up the green. 40 members then played 10 ends. On the 17th a friendly match against Pineholt, Gloucestershire, ended in an honourable draw.



On Easter Sunday a game against our local rivals Wootton Bassett saw Purton win. The men's first three matches against Westlecott, Marlborough and Town Gardens were all won by Purton. The ladies were given points as West End could not get a team together.

County and league competitions are now in full swing with friendly games at weekends. Our bowling coach, Victor Austin, will be holding sessions for anyone interested on Friday evenings at 6.30pm from 6 May.

We have had a donation from Mid Counties Cooperative membership committees fund towards bowling equipment for young people. Any youth organisations, or schools interested in finding out more should contact Victor Austin.

BARBARA WOOLFORD

Zen Teachings

- Good judgment comes from bad experience ... and most of that comes from bad judgment.
- If you think nobody cares whether you're alive or dead, try missing a couple of mortgage payments.

The April meeting went well under its new President, Trisha Baker, ably assisted by her Committee – Vice President is Gladys Legg, and the following Committee members will be on hand if members have queries: Susan Pagett, Joan Garlick, Stella Grimes, Sue Berry, Sylvie Kimber, Chris Sheppard and Jane Smith. New programmes for 2011-12 were issued and



a wonderfully mixed list it is – and allowing plenty of time to consider your entry for the September competition; a decorated bra! WI may be worthy but we know how to laugh (chuckle? giggle? enjoy ourselves?) too!

The main item for 20 April was a delight: Dorothy taught us the rudiments of Bollywood Dancing. Everyone was issued with a pretty scarf and even if they weren't physically able to join in the actual dancing, they

could do the arm movements using the scarves. So it was total participation, making for a delightful and colourful spectacle, accompanied by tapes of Eastern music, and rewarded afterwards with the appropriate tasty nibbles (though not forgetting our customary tea/coffee and biscuit, of course).

The Group Meeting at Ashton Keynes on 3 May should be reported next month, as well as our own May meeting and our part in helping with the Maskelyne celebrations.

The speaker for our meeting of 15 June will be Peter Vaughan, who will give a cookery demonstration on *Healthy Eating*. The competition will be *The Oldest Cookbook*, and most of us can surely find some well-thumbed and probably sticky reminder of Grandma or Auntie, possibly handwritten in parts. An interesting challenge that should make a decorative competition table, and a good talking point. There will also be a quiz in social time.



New members are always welcome – we meet at Purton Village Hall on the third Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm.

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L is for ... Luncheon Club

Since it was started by Elizabeth Ward and helpers in the early 1960s, Purton & District's Luncheon Club for the over 60s, based at the Silver Threads Hall and open every Tuesday and Thursday, has gone from strength to strength. With Pat Suddaby as catering manager for the last four years, the different kitchen teams of six cooks and nearly thirty helpers, produce two course meals with tea or coffee for over thirty people, amounting to nearly 2,950 meals last year. This is a truly wonderful community effort and one in which the participants always seem to be having a great deal of fun while working hard. Extra help is always needed in the kitchens so if you have two hours to spare at lunch time once a month please come along and join in. You can be sure of a very warm welcome and a lot of laughs.

The Purton minibuses transport everyone who needs a lift on Tuesdays, while Bradie's Taxis and local volunteer drivers do the same on Thursdays. Last winter's snow and ice made it unsafe to bring people to the hall so Tony Price (who else?) led volunteers to deliver the meals to people's homes while cooks living near the hall produced the meals.

L is for ... Lent Lunches

This year's Lunches raised £1,014.76 for *Tear Fund* and *Mission Aviation Fellowship*. Many, many thanks to all our supporters, helpers and cake makers.

L is for ... Library

Recently libraries have been very much in the public focus due to reductions in government funding and many of the Purton community will be aware that the village library will be seeing some changes as a result. We have been encouraged by the response from the Purton community and the willingness to get involved and from September the library will be operated in partnership with volunteers. The library will remain open with the council providing the building, library stock and five hours of paid support staff time per week with volunteers assisting the public during the library opening times. Currently the opening times have not been agreed but we would hope to maintain the same number of core hours as at present. The new hours will be advertised locally as soon as they have been confirmed.

In June you will notice some changes to the library with the installation of self-service kiosks which are very user friendly but staff will be on hand to help customers issue and discharge their books. As always there will be a friendly face to welcome you to the library, assist you with information enquiries and suggest a new title to read.

As usual primary school children can take part in the Summer Reading

A to Z of Purton: *The purpose of this 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. We're coming up to some letters that might not be too common, so please send your contributions "M is for ..." to Purton Magazine, before 10 June, via the addresses shown on page 4.*

Challenge which this year is called Circus Stars. It starts on 19th July at Purton Library with children collecting stickers and rewards for each book they read with a medal for every child who reads 6 books to complete the challenge. Get reading.... it is great fun!

Looking forward to seeing you in the library soon.

L is for ... Litter

There are lots of kind people in our community who pick up litter to help keep our lovely village looking tidy and this is a very public "thank-you" to all of you – you know who you are!

Meantime, litter still has a nasty habit of collecting outside shops, particularly the top shops at the end of Pavenhill. At the time of writing, that area is looking relatively tidy; perhaps the Council has been round, perhaps villagers have again been helping – perhaps both.

However, experience suggests that more litter will soon magically appear and frequently flying from the fingers of the younger generation. If you have any of those absent-minded younger people still living in your house, please would you point out that they might be asked, politely, to pick up any litter they are seen to drop. Then the rest of us might not be shouted or sworn at when we point out any little slippages – and all of us will benefit.

As always, other ideas to minimise litter in Purton would be most welcome and could published in future issues of your magazine, if you would like.

Bowood Charity Dog Show & Summer Fair

Over the last 6 years we have raised over £120,000 for local charities.

The dog show has classes for family dogs through to pedigrees. There are also a shopping village, cookery demonstrations by Tom Parker Bowles, and kids attractions; the top European Essex Dog Display team and much more including licensed bars and a variety of food stands. Please visit the website for full details.

Bowood Charity Dog Show and Summer Fair

Sunday 12 June from 10am

At Bowood House Calne SN11 0LZ

The BEST day out for you and your dog!

www.bowood.org/dogshow

Contact: Mike Weston 07710 444029

Bowood Charity Dog Show & Summer Fair raises funds for Macmillan Cancer Support and other local charities.

On The Lighter Side

How to be Safe this Year

1. Avoid riding in cars, because they are responsible for 20% of all fatal accidents.
2. Do not stay at home, because 17% of all accidents occur in the house.
3. Avoid walking on streets or pavements, because 14% of all accidents occur to pedestrians.
4. Avoid travelling by air*, rail or water, because 16% of all accidents involve these forms of transportation. **But more people around the world are killed each year by donkeys than die in air crashes.*
5. Of the remaining 33%, 32% of all deaths occur in Hospitals. So above all else, avoid hospitals.

You will be pleased to learn that only 0.001% of all deaths occur in worship services in church and these are usually related to previous physical disorders. Logic tells us that the safest place for you to be at any point in time is at church!

Understanding Engineers

Two engineering students were walking across a university campus when one said, 'Where did you get such a magnificent bicycle?' His friend explained: 'Well, I was walking along yesterday, minding my own business, when a beautiful woman rode up on this bike, threw it to the ground, took off all her clothes and murmured sweetly "Take whatever you want."' The first engineer nodded approvingly and said, 'An excellent choice; the clothes probably wouldn't have fitted you anyway.'

To the optimist, the glass is half-full.

To the pessimist, the glass is half-empty.

To the engineer, the glass is twice as big as it needs to be.

Curious Photo Angles

