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From The Editors

"It takes more than a bit of rain to stop Purton enjoying itself." So say Tony and Sue Richardson and we have much more than usual to thank them for in relation to the Diamond Jubilee party that they masterminded. Their report on proceedings provides a glimpse of what it takes to organise and then re-arrange such an event, especially when it rains ... and rains ... and rains.

Many readers will be aware that the event was seamlessly transferred into the Village Hall when the weather finally drove everyone indoors. However not many people will know about what faced our intrepid event managers when they returned to the field late that night. When you have read their article on [page 12](#) you'll have a much better idea why we all should be extra grateful for all their efforts on our behalf. Thank you, Tony and Sue plus all your helpers.

This is being written before Carnival Week starts but still just in time to celebrate some late news about Pauline Ward's special award. The Queen of so many Purton Carnivals (and much more besides) has been rewarded in the Queen's Birthday Honours list with an MBE for services to the community of Purton! We are delighted to be able to squeeze in a short announcement on [page 23](#) about this wonderful news. We suspect that Pauline will be rather pleased inwardly, even if outwardly a little embarrassed at all the fuss. However there are not many people who do quite so much for our community and this royal recognition really is richly deserved.

Across the country, many children are joining Story Lab, a Summer Reading Challenge that is designed for children of all ages and reading abilities. It involves reading 6 books of any type between 14 July and 8 September to complete the challenge and receive a certificate and medal. It's all free through Purton Library with further details on [page 23](#) with more on-line at www.story-lab.org.uk.

That web site contains many interesting items for children, including the opportunity to set up their own reading profile, earn some stickers and unlock secret codes to get some special animations. There is also a 'book sorter' that sorts out what books could be next on different reading lists and a competition to finish stories started by six top authors to win a lap top computer. That sounds like a great challenge!

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Parish Council News



Diamond Jubilee Celebrations – The Parish Council would like to thank all those who helped with the Jubilee event at the Village Centre and with the Beacon at Upper Pavenhill. The Banner Parade was excellent and it was wonderful to see so many people taking part. The weather was unfortunate and eventually moved the event to the Village Hall where the party atmosphere continued and a good evening was enjoyed by all. Due to the weather the fireworks could not be lit which was disappointing, but hopefully there will be another occasion, perhaps later in the year, when they can be enjoyed. Thank you once again to all of those who made the event such a success regardless of the weather. Community spirit is clearly alive and well in Purton.

Dog Warden – Sebastian Williams will no longer hold drop-in surgeries in Purton following a review of the dog warden service. He will still be available to contact via email publicprotectionnorth@wiltshire.gov.uk or by phoning 01249 706425.

Wiltshire and Swindon Waste Site Allocations – There are 35 proposed site allocations for future waste management uses and facilities across Wiltshire and Swindon over the period up to 2026, this includes the site in Purton. There is now a further consultation period running to 19 July 2012 to enable people to comment on the following three schedules:

1. Bridging Schedule of Changes,
2. Schedule of Main Modifications, and
3. Schedule of Additional Changes under way.

If you would like to find out more about this then visit www.wiltshire.gov.uk or telephone 01225 713429 or email mineralsandwastepolicy@wiltshire.gov.uk

The following Planning Applications have been approved by Wiltshire Council the planning authority:

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| N12/00842/FUL | <i>25 Restrop Road</i> , extensions including demolition of existing conservatory |
| N12/00855/FUL | <i>70 (4) Pavenhill</i> , erect rear first floor balustrading |
| N12/00856/FUL | <i>70 (3) Pavenhill</i> , erect rear first floor balustrading |
| N12/00496/FUL | <i>1 Packhorse Lane</i> , garage conversion, porch and single storey side extensions |
| N12/00520/FUL | <i>30 Witts Lane</i> , single storey rear extension and conversion of existing rear outbuilding into habitable space |
| N12/00575/FUL | <i>Fox Mill Farm, The Fox</i> , entrance porch |

Wiltshire & Swindon Sport – Community Games – The ethos of the Community Games is to engage with local communities and encourage them to host events to provide opportunities for local people to celebrate sport and culture in a fun and safe environment. Community Games are delivered in local parks, schools, sports

clubs or even as street parties. Up to £400 funding is available for events along with a community games toolkit, training (running an event, marketing and engaging volunteers) and some marketing materials including posters, leaflets, stickers, bunting and t-shirts).

For more information and to register visit www.communitygames.org.uk. Once your games have been registered, please visit the web site www.wiltssport.org to download a grant application form and guidance notes. If you would like to talk to somebody about this then contact Ben Maxfield at ben@wiltssport.org, tel 07917 030947.

Energy monitors available from libraries – Energy monitors are available to borrow, free of charge from Purton library. The monitors could help you save money on your energy bills.

Flood Sacs – If you are concerned that your property might flood and you would like to purchase some compact, lightweight and easy to store flood sacs then please contact the Parish Council office.

How to contact the Parish Council:

Telephone number 01793 771066 Fax 772646

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

News from The Trustees

Could I begin by saying what a pleasure it was to hold such a village occasion as the Diamond Jubilee at the Purton War Memorial and Village Centre. The weather was terrible but the spirits excellent and let's not forget the Village Hall, as this played it's part when the celebrations had to be transferred there at 6.30 pm because of the rain. So congratulations to all concerned.

Our thoughts are with the Bowls Club at the moment as they have lost one of their stalwarts, Pat Stephenson. Pat, during her term as secretary, was easy to deal with because you knew where you stood with her – she was fair but firm.

We, the Trustees would like to draw parents' attention to children skateboarding straight out of the Village Centre into Church Street, then down the road, straight over the halt sign. Parents, if you have children skateboarding at the centre, please warn them of the dangers. Also please ask them to use the litter bins for their rubbish as well – the mess round the skate park is dreadful.

One of the two beech trees at the Centre has to come down because of disease and the other one has to have some trimming done. We apologise for the problems with the Tennis Club lights not being quite what we expected but, knowing the Tennis Club, I am sure they will get it right in the end. Do not forget there is a public tennis court you can hire – call in at Best One to book it.

Cllr. TONY PRICE, Chair of Trustees

Purton & District Age Concern



Could I begin by thanking Mrs Brett and her family for money in lieu of flowers in memory of **Mr Brett** being shared between the Prospect Hospice and Purton Age Concern. It was very kind and much appreciated. When I wrote my tribute to this lovely man I did not know that this was the arrangement. Thank you. I heard a little interesting point about when Peter and Margaret met – she went into Peter's shop for a biscuit and came out with a husband!

Unfortunately the sadness continues this month, bearing in mind that I am writing this for 10 June. A lady that I have always had respect for is **Pat Stephenson** who has suffered a long illness bravely, but that was the sort of person she was – no fuss but straight to the point. I am not saying too much about her as someone much more qualified than me will be paying their tribute. She was an amazing lady, coming to the village as a district nurse and quickly becoming part of the community. Along with Joyce Berry she covered the Purton area for that very worthy cause the Prospect Foundation and also helped Joyce with the poppy appeal, helping to count and then banking the money. Her hobby, among other things, was bowls where she was captain, secretary, fixtures secretary and president in turn over the years. She was a national bowls umpire and played at the All England Championship at Leamington many times in the fours, trebles, pairs and singles, and let's not forget her involvement with the Purton Women's Institute, holding many offices.

Our thoughts are also with Richard and Hazel Woodbridge with the loss of Richard's father **Eric Woodbridge**, who was the landlord of the *Red Lion* at Highworth many years ago. We used to go there playing darts for the *Hope Inn* in the Wanborough League. It was quite fitting that the wake after the cremation was held in the room where he was born – it was a private house then but now is the *Saracens Hotel*.

Another lady we have sadly lost is **Beryl Scott** who lived at Hurstead Farm along the Cricklade Road at Purton Stoke. Beryl was Purton Stoke born and bred – she was born at Common Farm at the top of Spa Lane. I was thinking Spa Lane must be near enough a mile long. Beryl's father was butcher Orsborn who used to have his shop opposite the Angel. Did he sell it on to Arthur Giles when he retired? One of his old calendars for 1939 has been found – he used to give them out to his customers. Butcher Orsborn was part of a large family who lived in London and they were all butchers. It is wondered whether he was the black sheep of the family, moving down to the country to Common Farm. Did he buy this from Stan Willoughby I wonder? Later on the family moved into Ivy Cottage at Purton Stoke (some cottage now!). Beryl went to Purton Stoke School until she was about ten, then she was issued with a school bicycle and went to Purton School where she stayed until she was fourteen. After leaving school she worked at the Associated Dental Products for about two years. I wonder if she worked there because Donald Cakebread's mother and father lodged with her mother, as her father died quite early. Mr and Mrs Cakebread stayed with them for about twelve months after moving down from London.

Like a lot of young ladies who wanted to do their bit with the war on, Beryl joined

the Land Army, cycling to Ashton Keynes every day. She worked with the young offenders at the Cotswold Approved School. As you know, Beryl was a very kind person and she used to encourage them through kindness rather than discipline. I would think they had some fun because they had a goat that was quite fierce – the chickens were in one paddock and the goat in another – unbeknown to Beryl they let the goat into where the chickens were and Beryl was bent over feeding them. The goat thought it was a good target and Beryl finished up flying through the air. I expect she would discipline them for that and perhaps send them to Mr Joyce who was in charge of the Centre but I think she would see the funny side of it. Another thing they used to do was to shut her in the chicken houses, so you can see how easy going she was.

Beryl and Mark got married in 1952 and she worked on the farm with Mark. She also helped the Pontings at Pond Farm who were making their own butter and cheese. It must have been a thriving business as they exported it. We talk about bad weather now but Mark and Beryl were going to live with Beryl's mum at Ivy Cottage. Mum was going to Wallace Ponting's for a couple of days to allow them a bit of time on their own. The two days turned into a week because the bad weather stopped her getting back, but what a lovely thing to do. Beryl was very enterprising as, to earn herself a little pin money she kept two hundred chickens. Beryl was a very home-loving person and, when she moved to the farm in 1957, she did all the decorating which she must have found very rewarding in such a lovely old house. She loved knitting and sewing and she also followed in her mother's footsteps being a governor of Purton Stoke School until it closed in 1977. Beryl was a very kind person with a placid nature who never complained although she must have been in a lot of pain during her last years. I know our minibus drivers found her a pleasure to pick up and wished all their passengers had her attitude. Mind, Brian saw the other side of his mum once. When he was about twelve the chicken numbers were down to about twenty-five. Beryl was at a meeting and asked Brian to shut the chickens up. The following morning, Joan Martin came along to Brian and said 'You had better come and see the carnage'. Brian knew what had happened and decided to go off to school, getting more and more worried as the day went on. He had to face the music when he came home from school and he certainly did get into trouble – all the chickens were dead but the biggest downfall was that Beryl had mixed up the meal for the chickens and it was all going to be wasted. Still I am sure Brian was forgiven.

Beryl received her Land Army Service Medal and another award she received was for her work with a charity very close to her heart – this was the poppy appeal and the award was for twenty-five years of service to this organisation. We, in Age Concern, feel very honoured and privileged to have been chosen to share donations in lieu of flowers with the British Legion Poppy Appeal.

A lady that I was very fond of – and so was everyone else in Age Concern and beyond – was **Barbara Wicks**. Unfortunately she hadn't enjoyed the best of health for the last six years. The last four and a half years had been spent in Ashgrove House Nursing Home where she has been lovingly cared for. It is so nice there where you are on a one-to-one with all the staff. I know the family greatly appreciated the attention and comfort she received and it was very fitting that, if she

could not die at home, she died there. Barbara was the daughter of a farm labourer who, in those days, moved around quite a bit. They were employed from year to year and some farmers, as in all walks of life, were very hard – cruel would be the right word, like the time Barbara's father, Grampy Hiscocks, was keeping an eye on a cow that was calving during the night and trying to keep the fire inside the house going. He walked back from seeing to the cow and picked up a log from the farmer's pile. Next day the farmer sacked him and threw his family – wife and six children – out on the streets with nowhere to go. They were taken in by family and friends – and we think we have it hard!

During wartime Barbara was working at Woolworth's in Swindon and she did fire watching from the roof there. Her father was working for Noel Wilkins at Sparcells – yes Sparcells where all the houses are. This used to be in the Lydiard and Purton Parishes, a bit like Moredon Bridge, although that is still in the Purton Parish. Barbara met husband Ted by accident. Ted was a lorry driver and, whilst it was VE day, he was still working. Noel Wilkins did quite a bit of wheeling and dealing in cattle and I expect Ted had to take a load to market somewhere. Well Barbara had fallen from a horse and broken her leg and she was quite poorly. How to get her to hospital was the question – a knight in shining overalls said 'I will take her up'. Ted put clean straw in the back of the lorry, they found a mattress and that was the beginning of a long and happy relationship – must be about sixty-seven years now. On their first date, when Ted took Barbara home, being Ted and full of fun, he asked Barbara for a kiss and a shilling. He got the kiss and not the shilling. The romance developed and Ted plucked up courage to ask Grampy Hiscocks for Barbara's hand in marriage – where? – of all places, *The Butchers Arms* at Greatfield. Ted need not have worried because, before Ted could ask, Gramp said 'Ted I bin thinking – thee about as well have our Barb work for thee as any other B' so it was decided. They were married on 2 August in 1947 and lived with Ted's parents at 4 Greenhill, then moved into a two-up, two-down, cottage where they had five children and how these children have supported their mum and dad over the years. Ted and Barbara moved to Brockhurst Farm but, with a large family, Ted went back to lorry driving to get some extra revenue coming in. This left Barbara to put her land army skills into operation as she ran the farm. They retired from farming in 1986.

What an asset Barbara has been to the Greenhill people and beyond, with her kindness, helping one and another, nursing people when they were poorly. If she could help anyone, she would be there doing things in a quiet way, never thinking about herself but always of others. When we started our street warden scheme, we were thinking of community-minded people to ask. I think Greenhill was one of the easiest places to select someone who would be kind enough to take on these duties and, starting a scheme like this you want reliable, kind people, and we got a real boost when Barbara said she would take it on. Another bonus was that we knew it would be a joint operation as Ted would be part of the team. If we had to hold anyone up as to how we would like our street wardens to be, Barbara and Ted would be amongst our examples. You can tell the type of people they are – I include Ted in this – rather than just saying they did not feel able to do the job any more – they found us a lady who was up to their standards to take over. Mind Sue has had

a hard act to follow but she is doing very well.

I feel very lucky that I have had many memorable things happen in my life but, amongst the best was when the family asked me to present Barbara with her Land Army medal. These ladies have been fighting since 1946 to get recognition for the important part they played in the 1939-45 war. They were known as the forgotten army but we all know what an important part they played in maintaining our food supplies while the men went off to fight for their country. Being an island we were very dependent on homegrown food. We have so much to thank ladies like Barbara and Beryl for. At the end of this article is a poem that was written as a tribute to the Land Army girls, although I do not entirely agree with all of it as it was everyone's spirit of courage, determination and comradeship that helped to win the war and, as in all walks of life, some did more than others, like the Land Army girls. To all the family and friends of the people I have mentioned, our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Our last trip was a half day one to Milletts Farm and I think everyone enjoyed it, especially looking at all the plants etc. that were coming on to the coach. The next trip is on 4 July to Salisbury, picking up at 10 am and leaving the city at 4 pm, cost £9. There might still be room if you have not already booked. Give me a ring on 770696. Going on from there we have our annual trip to Weston, picking up at 9.30 am, going straight to Weston and returning at 6.30 pm, cost £13 for senior citizens and children, others £15. This is on Wednesday 1 August and is open to anyone. Names to street wardens or me on 770696 by 21 July.

We have taken over the running of the Tai' Chi classes at the Millennium Hall at the Village Centre on Thursdays from 2 pm to 3 pm, cost £3 a session. You can just turn up or, if you want more details, give Mick Hull a ring on 772453.

I am always talking about how kind people are to us, well what about *The Maharajah* restaurant. They had an open day where they were providing cream teas free of charge but were inviting people to give a donation for the Indian Disabled Children's Rehabilitation Charity and Purton Age Concern. What a lovely gesture it was. There was a little mix-up with dates after I put this in the magazine as the date had to be altered from Tuesday 5 June to Monday 4 June, so I am sorry about the confusion but what a success it was in all ways. We had real homemade scones and cakes – they were delicious and there was plenty of them, so our thanks go to all concerned at *The Maharajah* and the generosity of the people who went and supported the event. What about the total collected – amazingly £426 – £213 each. Life is full of nice surprises. Thank you very much everybody.

Yes it continues with a donation from that kind gentleman who says to Sheila 'Give it to him indoors – he knows what to do with it'. (Yes I do – we are going on holiday!) Only joking, of course we would not use it for that if anyone is worried. Then another kind couple, who haven't been in our village too long but have certainly become part of it, gave us a very generous donation, so many thanks to these kind people. Then Louise, our secretary, did a forty-mile walk along the Ridgeway and decided to get sponsorship to be shared between the cost of sending the shoe boxes for Samaritans' Purse and Purton Age Concern. Louise raised £430 so that will be £215 each. Congratulations Louise, I hope your blisters have healed – you are a star – one

of those people who set their mind on something and do it.

Our next fund raising event is a coffee morning kindly hosted for us by Dick and Jackie Scott at Bentham House Farm. This is on Saturday 7 July from 10 am to 12 noon. There will be a plant stall, tombola, cakes, bric a brac, books etc. and a raffle, as well as tea and coffee. Anything for these stalls would be greatly appreciated and we are greatly indebted to Dick and Jackie for hosting this event for us after the many happy years we had at the Bryants in Bentham. If anyone would like transport, please give Richard and Hazel a ring on 770862.

Would anyone care to join our team of befrienders? What it means basically is that you would visit someone who is lonely and have a chat for about an hour perhaps once a week. It would certainly give them a boost and I am sure you would enjoy it. We would find the people for you.

People are still getting letters about all sorts of scams, asking you to send bank and personal details. Don't ever give any details about yourself over the 'phone or by letter to anyone like this no matter what they promise you.

On behalf of us all at Age Concern, could I thank you for the messages of thanks after you received the Diamond Jubilee pens. We all thought it would be a good idea to mark this special occasion and sure enough, it was. If you have not received a pen and are in the age bracket we cover – i.e. married couple: lady 60, man 65; single people: man 65, lady 60 – give me a ring on 770696. Many thanks to our team of street wardens for distributing them, which was quite a mammoth task in some areas. What a marvellous occasion the Diamond Jubilee was – it seems to have lifted everyone's spirits. While the weather was not kind to us for the main day, it did not dampen people's spirits – everyone was still smiling and the atmosphere was electric. Another surprise was the bells ringing out on Tuesday 5 June. I am sure I could hear the two Lydiards and, of course, Purton. I think the two extra bells that were installed some years ago in Purton gave them a new dimension. Thank you everyone for making the Diamond Jubilee such a memorable time.

On a final note, could I thank everyone for their kind messages, cards and gifts on the occasion of my 80th birthday. I don't mind telling you, it was very emotional and touching to think so many of you would go to the trouble of ringing up or sending cards and presents. It was all very enjoyable and appreciated, but I still haven't got over the surprise of it all. Many thanks.

TONY PRICE

Who won the war?

It wasn't the WRENS who won the war
whatever the WRENS may say,
it was the Women's Land Army
they won it making hay.

It wasn't the ATS who won the war
they never fired a gun,
it was the Women's Land Army
spreading cow muck by the ton.

It wasn't the WAAFS who won the war
though they said they did and how
it was the Women's Land Army
they even went to plough.

It really was the land girls
who won the war, you see,
they heeded all those posters
and they DUG FOR VICTORY.

Diamond Jubilee Weekend

Bit wet wasn't it? But what an amazing weekend!

We always knew that the weather might be a problem but if we worried about it all the time, we would never organise anything. Way back, months ago, when the idea of a celebration was conceived, we thought we might get away with avoiding bad weather. We didn't. But it certainly didn't put a damper (excuse the pun) on things.

We started setting everything up on the field at the Village Centre on Saturday. Although it wasn't sunny, it wasn't raining so things looked good. Sunday didn't look too good though but after all the hard work we'd put in we really wanted to go ahead with things. We still had more setting up to do and while we got on with that, the sound system turned up, bands were arriving for sound checks and so were cakes, loads of them. We couldn't believe the amount of cakes that were arriving.

Finally we were ready, the banner parade arrived on the field and so did the rain. I didn't see the parade as it passed down the village but we were all amazed by the amount of people who were arriving with it. The entertainment started and all the side stalls got under way. I didn't get much chance to see anything around the field but, when I went to the archery, there was a great long queue and I hear that they couldn't get people off the tennis court, even in the rain. The entertainment sounded good and was getting plenty of support and I think the whole crowd fell in love with St Mary's School choir. Weren't they great?

Umbrellas and tarpaulins were going up and down through the afternoon but finally it got a bit too much. Not only were people starting to leave the field but things were getting a bit dangerous. Water was trickling in through the marquee which served as a stage. The sound equipment, which was an exceedingly expensive piece of kit was in danger. The steps down onto the football field had turned into a waterfall. The decision was made. Time to move to the back-up plan. The Village Hall. The hall had already been pre-booked for just such a situation as this. We had hoped that we wouldn't need it but we're glad we planned for it.



Whilst I was down the hall setting up sound equipment, people were tidying up on the field. John and his crew from Hospitality Services were sorting themselves out to set up in the Village Hall kitchen. The only problem was, would we get enough people turn up at the hall after they'd gone home to get dried out? We needn't have worried. By the time Sue and I had got back to the hall after drying out ourselves, it was filling up nicely. As the evening



wore on, it was as packed as I had ever seen it and with all age groups which was even better.

The entertainment had got going on the stage, food was being served, picnics were being tucked into and we were back on track, if a little late. It takes more than a bit of rain to stop Purton enjoying itself. There was a terrific atmosphere that evening. I was up on stage as part of S-Hit 5, rocking with my mates, saxophonist Howerd Rigby was jamming along with us adding a whole new dimension to our sound, the hall and the dance area was packed, people were dancing that I'd never seen dancing before, and I thought, it doesn't get any better than this. We finished the evening with *Land of Hope and Glory* accompanied by much waving of flags. I don't know if anybody knew the words, but that didn't matter. After all that came the inevitable clearing up, but everybody pitched in and it got sorted very quickly.

As Sue and I walked back to our caravan at the Village Centre we were very pleased at the way the evening had turned out. No, it doesn't get any better than that – but it was about to get a whole lot worse. When we arrived on the field we were horrified to find the big carnival marquee, which we had been using as a stage was upside down on the tarmac. A freak gust of wind had caught it. We didn't know what to do. It was dark, it was too big to handle on our own. Sue managed to contact some mates and they turned out to help. Between us we lashed it down to stop it blowing anywhere else. We got to bed at 1.30, freezing cold, soaking wet and worried all night about the wind which was still blowing. I thought then, that would be the end of our organising any future events in the village. We couldn't take the stress any more.

Next morning, people arrived to help and we realised that the problem was not ours alone and everyone was pitching in to sort it out. A crew carefully and capably took the marquee apart and found that the canvas had not be damaged. The only damage was to eight poles. When Len Page of Pryton Engineering heard about it, he said that he had got some poles from the old marquee which could be worked on to sort out the problem. Len is not on the Jubilee Committee and has no obligation to fix the marquee but he is a mate and also, like many other people in this village, very community minded. Thanks Len all the others who helped with this. As to Sue and I not organising any more events, we're already planning the next two.

On the Monday, after all the clearing up we were both pretty shattered, but I did manage to get up to see the official beacon being lit and I was pleasantly surprised to see how many people were there. It was a great ending to an incredible weekend.

I would personally like to express my thanks to my colleagues on the Jubilee Committee. They were a great bunch to work with and everyone got stuck in and did what was necessary. On behalf of the committee, huge thanks go to everyone who supported us:



- To those who helped set it all up and take it down.
- To those who lent us things.
- To all you cake makers – fantastic!
- To Lawrence from Robert Lawrence Creative Solutions for the sound system on the field ... we only used it for a few hours but it was great until the weather turned nasty.
- To Build Center (correct spelling but soon to be Jewsons) of Royal Wootton Bassett for their support, Sainsbury's also of Royal Wootton Bassett.
- To all the entertainers, (all connected with Purton and all performing for free).
- To the organisations both on the field and in the banner parade.
- To Holland Handling and Wiltshire Waste Recycling for the recycling.
- To the Parish Council for sponsoring the event.
- To John Butcher of Upper Pavenhill Farm and his neighbour Adrian (who I called Adam all weekend, sorry Adrian) for building the beacon and for the use of their land,
- and, of course to all you people who turned up and took part in what turned out to be a marvellous way to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

If I've missed anyone, my apologies, thank you anyway, we couldn't have done it without all the help we received.

Obviously with the weather, we couldn't let off the fireworks. Geoff Greenaway, managed to get us a credit note with the manufacturers and we are planning an event in September, when the nights draw in, to let off the fireworks. Keep your eyes on the magazine and posters for future information. See you all there.

TONY RICHARDSON

P.S. We have some *LOST PROPERTY* :- Jumper, Towel, Brown T-shirt, hessian bag and flask. If any of these items belong to you, please contact Sue or Tony on 01793 772581.

We are making a commemorative Album of the Jubilee Day, so If anyone has some photos of either the Banner Parade, on the field or in the Village Hall, could you e-mail them to richardson907@btinternet.com

Purton Stoke Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

Purton Stoke kicked off its Diamond Jubilee celebrations on Sunday 3 June with judging of the best decorated house competition. A number of P.S. residents had donned their houses with copious amounts of R, W & B bunting and had really gone to town with such inventive ideas that our judges, Val Jackson and Steve Parkinson had real difficulty in making their decision. Many thanks go to Val and Steve who arrived in full



Subcommittee members from left to right, Trish Baker, Mary Read, Lynn Young, Tanya Cripps, Paula Fuller and Jackie Pritchett (also Carolyne Crawford not pictured)

*Ruth Scott and Verity Drewett with babies
Oliver and Holly with the Royal Carriage.*

wet weather gear and walked through the whole village dodging some very heavy showers, however they still managed to arrive back at *The Bell* full of smiles but with plenty of damp hair! They were very impressed with the effort made which included imaginative balloon decorations, R,W and B flower pots, a patriotic Peppa Pig and enough bunting to cover Buckingham Palace! A great display and a massive thank you to all residents for making such an effort. The overall winners were Carlyne and John Crawford.



So Jubilee celebration day arrived to Purton Stoke on Monday 4 June. A subcommittee of the P.S. village committee had been formed back in March when all residents were invited to join at the AGM meeting, and it was then down to a fantastic dedicated group of ladies who offered to join and who had met every single week since March to put together an agenda for the day and make sure everyone had a good time. The committee consisted of Paula Fuller, Lynn Young, Trish Baker, Mary Read, Carlyne Crawford, Tanya (Boo) Cripps and myself.

The festivities began with a fancy dress parade from Key Bridge up to *The Bell*. The parade was preceded with a procession of old vintage cars and bikes all gleaming in the midday sun, followed by adults and children all in fancy dress. Some had to be seen to be believed, the effort was astounding. We even had a royal carriage with footmen (actually foot women), with a baby king and queen too adorable for words and a Royal barge which was very impressive and even had the royal bells!

On arrival at *The Bell* we had the fancy dress judging and homemade crown and tiara competition. Purton Stoke's very own renowned children's author Neil Griffiths was judge and handed out rosettes and presents to all the winners. Neil very generously also donated many of his hardback and paperback books, all personally signed, which we sold out of on the day. Many, many thanks Neil.

We decided to have a dedicated children's marquee so there would be somewhere safe and contained for the children to run around and scream away as loud as their little lungs would allow – some must have had a lot bigger lungs than others! We had a tea party for the little darlings, all homemade food, made by the committee members, a bouncy castle, a face painter and a craft area where they painted, glued, stuck and made all sorts of wonderful nondescript items! Paula and Tanya did a fantastic job of organising numerous games of pass the parcel, piñata and musical statues to name just a few. From the laughter and smiles beaming from all the little faces I can honestly say the children's marquee was a resounding success and hopefully when they are all older they will be telling their grandchildren what a wonderful day they remember having on Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee in Purton Stoke.

We had many other stalls, including a fab Shoolah made by Geoff Ham, a book stall, games, human fruit machine, preserves, plants, bric-a-brac, a 50/50 bucket, teas, coffee, cakes coming out of our ears, a hog roast and Pimms and of course a raffle with 49 fantastic prizes, all donated and too many to mention, but thank you to all who gave so generously.



Wellington Smith

The afternoon was taken up by listening to the brilliant young Peanut Parade Jazz band, watching people take part in the yard of ale competition (ale kindly donated by Arkells), sipping tea, eating cake and indulging in a glass of Pimms. But the tug of war competition in the field, Purton Stoke vs Bentham, proved to be the highlight of the afternoon. Sixteen grown men all hell bent on not being beaten in a game of pure strength! Enough said! Much to the delight of the cheering crowd by the time they had finished they were all caked in mud and all laid flat out on the ground exhausted and totally spent! Bentham reigned victorious after a 2-1 win.

Following this we had the dog competitions judged by Paul and Stacey Reay, who had to decide on the waggiest tail, the dog the judges would most like to take home, the dog that looks most like its owner and the best party trick, which was won outright by Oscar Drewitt for his superb footballing skills.

All in all the Gods were extremely kind to us and blessed us with fine weather. The day was an absolute resounding success raising over £1000.

This day could not have gone ahead without so many people's help and support. Too many to mention by name but a huge Thank-You to all the men for helping erect and dismantle marquees, tables and chairs. To everyone who did a 1-hour stint on a stall, for all the people who made cakes, to everyone who donated raffle prizes, tombola, bric-a-brac and teddy bears. To the vintage car drivers, to P.S. village committee for loaning us funds to get started, to everyone who helped on the day, and to everyone who turned up to support us on the day. But most of all to the ladies of the subcommittee for their dedication, hard work, determination, and hours of help, for making beautiful homemade bunting and 100s of fairy cakes, for cooking all the children's food, for all the little touches that go unnoticed and for all the big ones that are! Be very proud of yourselves ladies. Because I am.

Happy Diamond Jubilee Your Majesty from everyone in Purton Stoke

JACKIE PRITCHETT, The Bell Inn, Purton Stoke

Cricklade Country Market

The next Market is at *The Club at Cricklade* on Friday 27 July from 9 am to 11 am. 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).

Following the retirement of several of our members we are desperately in need of some new producers and helpers to continue this longstanding and valuable local asset.

Pat Stephenson 1932 -2012

Pat was born in Oldbury on Severn in 1932. She had three brothers and her parents ran a grocery shop as well as her father working in the Wills Cigarette Factory in Bristol. In 1933 the family moved to Bristol and in 1939 her father died of TB. Her mother couldn't cope with bringing up four children on her own so Pat was taken in by a former neighbour in Oldbury. She attended local schools but left at the age of 15 without taking any formal qualifications as she needed to supplement the family income.

She had a variety of jobs before applying to be a nurse in 1951. She trained for three years in Bristol, becoming a State Registered Nurse, before undertaking further training in Edinburgh to qualify as a Midwife. She then worked as a midwife, first in Gloucestershire, and then in Reading where she met Don, and they were married in 1958. The newly married couple moved to Surrey where their first child, Peter was born in 1962. Pat took a break from nursing and worked for a national car dealership, delivering new cars up and down the country.

By 1965 the family had moved back to Reading and in May of that year John was born. Pat went back to nursing and in 1969 she answered an advert for a District Nurse post in Purton. This was to take over the role from Nurses Lambert and Gower, who had been District Nurses for Purton for many years. The family moved into 1 Waite Meads Close where they lived happily for the next 30 years. Both Don and Pat said that it was the best move they ever made. Pat went into Nursing Management, and by the time of her early retirement in 1987 she was the Director of Nursing for Community Services in Wiltshire.

She was active in Village life, being a Committee Member of the WI for many years, and playing skittles and bridge. She also took up bowls in the early 1980s and this became a key part of her life until her illness prevented her from continuing. As well as being an active member of Purton Bowls Club, she played for the County and also qualified for the English National Championships on several occasions. She was also a qualified National Umpire, and as well as officiating at County Matches, she umpired at two World Cups.

Following Don's death in 2000, Pat moved to Norbury Court. She was diagnosed with cancer in 2008 and despite a valiant fight the cancer progressed necessitating a move to Ashgrove House, where she died peacefully.

Church Floodlighting

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

16 July St Mary's Church will be floodlit in memory of
Jim Young, on the anniversary of his passing: 16 July 2011.
His memory will always remain.
Loving memories: Peggy and family.

Floodlighting contact: [Libbie](#)



PURTON POSTBAG

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■ KINDNESS

Betty Fimmers would like to thank everyone for their kindness of cards, flowers and messages during her recent illness.

■ DIRECTIONS

A huge thank-you to the very kind gentleman who helped us with directions to the De Vere Hotel on Sunday 3 June. He may well have helped our marriage to its 30th anniversary – it had been a stressful journey.

Maria and Bryan Carter

■ HOOKS HILL

The residents of Hooks Hill arranged a luncheon to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee planting a tree to commemorate this special occasion. A Toast to Her Majesty was proposed by Sid Walker. The party ended with a glass of Pimms and singing the National Anthem.

Barbara Woolford

■ JUBILEE TEA PARTY

We had a fantastic response to our Queen's Jubilee Tea Party held on Monday 4 June 2012 at *The Maharajah* restaurant in Purton.

We managed to raise £426.00 which was split equally between our two charities: Age Concern, Purton and The Disabled Children's Rehabilitation Centre in Udaipur, Rajasthan, India. (We have been advised that the money sent to Udaipur is going to purchase a wheelchair for one of the children).

We would like to thank all of those who attended and donated to these

admirable charities. We all had a very enjoyable time.

Thanks also to those who donated cakes, scones etc, and of course, to Khalique's staff.

Kind regards,

*Wendy Johnson, Khalique Ali
and Tina Grant*

■ JUBILEE PARTY

I am sure we speak for the people of Purton when we say a very big "thank you" to Tony and Sue Richardson (not forgetting all the people who helped them) for the hard work they put in to the Diamond Jubilee Party on Sunday 3 June.

It was a pity the weather was not better, but I am sure everyone enjoyed themselves. I have never seen such a wonderful selection of lovely cakes.

Thank you very much Tony, Sue and all your helpers for a great day. You are a credit to Purton.

Mary & Barry Jones

■ No. 53 Bus

I am delighted to see that the No. 53 bus now connects Purton with Cirencester. I hope that people will use the service and that the route will therefore continue.

Name & address supplied

■ PAT STEPHENSON

The family of the late Pat Stephenson would like to pass on their thanks for all the kind messages and cards that they have received since Pat's death. We

would also like to thank the staff at Ashgrove House for looking after her so well in the final months of her life.

The Stephenson family

After 8

Our May meeting was held at Christine's the subject of the evening was 'Aspects of Religions'. Our group met to discuss the many religions of the world, each of us chose a religion to study and we each gave a short five minute talk. We covered Christianity, the world's largest religion and moved on to some of the more obscure.



Islam the world's second largest religion with its five pillars of Islam to the gentle religions of Sikhism and Buddhism with their many followers in China, Japan and India. Shinto is a traditional folk religion of Japan and many Japanese have a shrine alter in their homes. Zoroastrianism like Judaism, Christianity and Islam is a monotheistic religion that still survives to day it was the chief faith of Persia before the arrival of Islam. We covered Hinduism with its Dwali the festival of lights and Judaism originating in the Middle East over 3500 years ago whose holy day starts from sunset Friday to sunset Saturday. Spanning thousands of years many religions have common beliefs.

Two of the newest religions covered were The Baha'I faith and the Church of the Latter Day Saints. In the Roman era Pagans worshiped idols; spreading across Europe they began to worship nature. Atheists believe there is no God ... they are Humanist but Atheism is perhaps surprisingly generally regarded as a religion as it does comply with the seven dimensions required of a religion.

Jain Dharma, generally known simply as vegetarianism originates from eastern India. I wonder what they actually eat. Food that contains even the smallest particles of bodies of dead creatures or dairy products is forbidden and strict Jain's will not eat root vegetables.

One of the newest religions is Scientology created by L. Ron Hubbard in 1952 in America. We clearly did not understand this religion but it seems that actors Tom Cruse and John Travolta do as they are amongst its newest converts.

Our thanks go to Christine for hosting the evening it was most interesting and enlightening.

EILEEN COE

Contact [Avril](#) for more information on After 8. Our next meeting is our Summer BBQ at Helen's.

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

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Just a Thought

Judge a man by his questions rather than by his answers.

Voltaire

Purton Diary - July 2012

1	Su	8.00am	Holy Communion at St Mary's Church
		10.30am	Morning Worship at the Methodist Church
		11.00am	<i>onwards</i> : Cream Teas at Swindon & Cricklade Railway
		3.30pm	Ordination Service for Rev Judith Wells at Bristol Cathedral
4	W	10.00am	Age Concern outing to Salisbury
7	Sa	10.00am	<i>to 12 noon</i> : Age Concern coffee morning at the home of Dick and Jackie Scott at Bentham
		11.00am	<i>to 4pm</i> : Open Day at Swindon & Cricklade Railway
		3.00pm	W.I. Cream Tea at 44 Witts Lane
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8	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	<i>to 4pm</i> : Open Day at Swindon & Cricklade Railway
		6.00pm	Evensong at St Mary's Church
9	M	7.30pm	Purton Parish Council meeting at Village Hall - press and public welcome
10	Tu	10.30am	Songs of Praise at Ashgrove House
		7.30pm	Purton Yacht Club at The Angel
11	W	2.30pm	Methodist Women's Fellowship at Hooks Hill with tea and entertainment.
12	Th	10.30am	Songs of Praise at The Cedars
13	F	9.30am	Age Concern Minibus to Swindon
14	Sa	10.00am	<i>to 4.30pm</i> : Purton Open Gardens
		11.00am	<i>to 4pm</i> : Open Day at Swindon & Cricklade Railway
		6.30pm	St Mary's Church Barbecue at The Buthaye, 4 Church End
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15	Su	8.00am	Holy Communion at St Mary's Church
		10.00am	<i>to 4.30pm</i> : Purton Open Gardens
		10.30am	Morning Worship at the Methodist Church
		10.30am	Parish Communion at St Mary's Church
		11.00am	<i>to 4pm</i> : Open Day & Cream Teas at Swindon & Cricklade Rly
		6.00pm	Evensong at St Mary's Church
17	Tu	7.45pm	Royal British Legion at The Red House
18	W	2.00pm	Holy Communion at Ashgrove House
		7.30pm	Purton Evening Women's Institute at Village Hall: Sharon Smith – <i>Olympic Equestrian Sports and Dressage Training</i>
19	Th	2.00pm	Silver Threads: Dorcan Choir at Silver Threads Hall
21	Sa	10.00am	Historical Society: Visit to Ashton Keynes - details from Helen Dixon
		10.00am	<i>to 12 noon</i> : Coffee & Cake Morning at Silver Threads Hall
		11.00am	<i>to 4pm</i> : Kids Go Free at Swindon & Cricklade Railway
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		10.30am	Morning Worship at the Methodist Church

	10.30am	Parish Communion at St Mary's Church
	11.00am	to 4pm: Kids Go Free at Swindon & Cricklade Railway
	6.00pm	Evensong at St Mary's Church
24	Tu	2.00pm Silver Threads: WI Entertainers at Silver Threads Hall
		7.00pm After 8: "Summer BBQ" at Helen's
		7.30pm Gardeners' Guild at Silver Threads Hall: Ann Paisley - <i>Flower Arranging</i>
25	W	6.30pm Holy Communion at The Cedars
		7.30pm Carnival Open Meeting at Silver Threads Hall
27	F	6.00pm Books & Bangers at Red Lodge, Braydon, by Silver Threads
		7.15pm Murder Mystery Evening at Swindon & Cricklade Railway
28	Sa	11.00am to 4pm: Open Day at Swindon & Cricklade Railway
29	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 4pm: Open Day at Swindon & Cricklade Railway
		6.00pm Songs of Praise at St Mary's Church

August

1	W	9.30am	Age Concern outing to Weston
18	Sa	8.00pm	Age Concern 1940s Dance at Village Hall with the Mid West Big Band

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	2.00pm	to 3pm: Age Concern T'ai Chi at Millennium Hall
Th	2.30pm	Pram Service for pre-school children at Methodist Church

Moon Phases

○ 3 July ● 11 July ● 19 July ● 26 July

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

Royal British Legion Purton Branch

A date for your diaries!

This year our annual Horticultural Show is on Saturday 25 August at The Red House, Purton.



It is time to plan your entries – there are classes for everyone! The schedules will be ready soon.

President Trisha Baker had a full programme to direct for the meeting of 16 May, particularly as our Skittles Team were playing away that night and our thoughts were partly with them.

Some members had recently been to Denman for a weekend and now a few of them can bake bread and the others can sing. Well worth the trip, and I'm so sorry to have missed it!

Following the reports and notices, we were lulled into a sweet sense of security as the speaker, Chris Kinder, demonstrated the beautiful music she could produce from three different sizes of harp, an instrument enjoyed since the time of the Pharaohs. After an erudite talk on how to play (and – most importantly – to transport!) this wonderful instrument, Chris played a selection of classic pieces and we were absorbed; it was pin-drop time. And then, as the clapping wound down, came – dramatically – the important telephone call – and great cheers, as Helen Dixon announced that our skittles team were through to the Finals!

The competition was a poem about music, producing some thoughtful entries, and then we tackled a Music Quiz, which occupied quite a few minutes in deciding the winner, with an hilarious tie-break situation. Altogether a delightful evening.

On 7 July, from 3 to 5 pm at 44 Witts Lane, for £4 (children £2) we shall be offering everyone a cream tea, with raffle – no excuses, there will be posters around the village to remind you! A WI Cream Tea is always something to enjoy so we expect to see you all there ... and possibly the rest of Purton, so be early!

The speaker for the evening of 18 July will be Sharon Smith, on Olympic Equestrian Sports and Dressage Training. And in Social Time there will be a quiz on the Olympics.

Meanwhile, if it is available to you, please don't forget to use the website - purtonevewi.org.uk

CONSTANCE REED

Calling All Parents with Pre-School Children

Purton Under 5's Community Playgroup, run locally on the St Mary's Primary School site (at the top of College Road), are proud to provide the following:-

Age Group	What	When	How
3 - 5 yr olds*	Playgroup	Mon - Fri 9am - 1pm (inc Lunch Club)	Run by friendly, qualified staff who encourage plenty of learning through fun and stimulating play.
2½ - 3 yr olds	Busy Fingers	Wed 1.15 - 3pm	Parents and toddlers can together explore arts, crafts, games etc.

For more info please call us on 01793 771723

* Your child is entitled to 15 hours of government-funded childcare per week.

Pauline Ward, MBE

Congratulations to Pauline for the long overdue award of an MBE for services to the community of Purton in the Queens Birthday Honours list.

Pauline has been an active part of the village for many years and has played major roles in the Silver Threads, Helping Hand Club and Helping Hand Carnival. Pauline walks many miles in the course of a week to carry out her work – I would not like to guess how many miles she covers during Carnival week. On many days during the year she is up early baking, with her speciality being tea loaf, for refreshments at a large number of these events.

But this isn't enough for this remarkable lady. She is often involved with helping other charities with raffles, refreshments etc. For example, she has helped at nearly every event of Purton and Lydiard Charity Fund.

I am so pleased that Pauline has been honoured in this way in her 91st year. She sets a good example to us all how to be a good neighbour and how to help the community.

She is a good friend to me and to many others in the village, and nothing is too much trouble for her, at an age when we should be looking after her!

So Pauline, well done ... a just reward for a remarkable lady.

LYNDA WARREN

Library News

This summer, 780,000 children will join Story Lab at their local library.



Why not come to Purton Library and take part in a fun Summer Reading Challenge?

The aim of the challenge is for children to read six books from their library during the summer holidays. The Summer Reading Challenge is designed for children of all ages and reading abilities. They can read any books they like – fact books, stories, joke books, picture books – it's up to them but we have some fabulous new books waiting to be read. Audio books count too! As long as they are borrowed from the library, they all count. Read 6 books between 14 July and 8 September and, for every book read, receive stickers and incentives to stick on a special pop-up story lab. Complete the challenge and be awarded with a certificate and medal.

Chill out with a good book from Purton Library this summer and of course it is all completely free. Further details are on line at www.story-lab.org.uk.

CAROLYN KENNEDY, *Community Librarian*

Prayer for Purton

This month the churches in Purton are praying for everyone who lives or works in *Hillside, Station Road, Willowbrook, Bamford Close, Shaftesbury Close, Smiths Court, Widham, Clardon Lane and New Road*. If there is anyone or anything that you would like us to pray for during our Sunday worship, please contact Rev John Railton, Rev Judith Wells or Rev David Perkins. Their contact details can be found on the inside cover of this magazine. You can give as much or little information as you wish. We don't even have to know a name.

Christian Aid in Purton ... so far



Purton is a remarkable village! People are so keen and enthusiastic to support activities and events happening locally ... just look at the Jubilee fun!

And, yet again, for Christian Aid Week, back in May, hundreds of Purtonians rallied around to help those who are less fortunate, who live in poverty in far away countries. The Christian Aid Committee would like to thank each and everyone of you, for all your support and enthusiasm. It makes such a difference, when we know you will come and join in the events and activities.

We had people donating cakes and buns for the cakes stall: dozens who came to a meal at *The Maharajah*, or who came to Breakfast in the pews; or who came and sang along to *The Sound of Music*. We had Mrs Kath Rawlings who organised, with the family, her own Coffee morning and raised £700 ... incredible! And hundreds of people vented their frustration on the Christian Aid quiz! There were also dozens of keen volunteers who walked around the village delivering and collecting up the Christian Aid envelopes. This year the Guides joined in, by delivering to several streets.

All of these people gave their time and their enthusiasm and we are so grateful to you all ... you know who you are! Without all of this support Christian Aid Week would never happen: and we know how desperately needed are our meagre efforts.

Particular thanks are also due to the various shops in the village that support us so generously ... by selling quizzes, donating food and raffle prizes and cooking us curries! Thank you in particular to Andrew the Butcher; Rick at In Touch Services; Best One; and Khalique at *The Maharajah*. We are grateful to you all.

As soon as the final money has been counted we will let you know the grand total. Meanwhile thank you to all Purtonians from The Christian Aid Committee.

LIBBIE SHEPPARD

PS: If anyone still has an envelope that needs to be collected, please phone the number above and we shall come and pick it up from you.

A Fete Worse Than Death!

On Sunday 5 August from 12 noon to 3.30 pm, in Marlborough College Court, the Merchant's House is proud to present a Murder Mystery Lunch entitled 'A Fête Worse than Death'. Pit your wits, solving the murder performed by professional actors from the 'Murder to Measure' company.

Complementary glass of fizz, on arrival and a *delicious 2-course lunch, consisting of 'Celebration Chicken' with warm potato salad in a lemon and chive vinaigrette and mixed leaf salad, followed by home made Tarte au Citron and summer berries. A cash wine bar will be available.*

Tickets: £20 p.p. (discounted to £18 p.p. if you make up a table of 10) and £12 p.p. for children under 12. Available from The Merchant's House, 132 High Street, Marlborough SN8 1HN. The event is in aid of The Merchant's House Appeal.

More information from Jeffrey Galvin-Wright tel: 01672 519338, email: jeffreygw@tiscali.co.uk

Green Tips - Dog Mess



Following on from last month's article on Civic Responsibility it looks as if we have to return to that perennial chestnut – dog mess. Apart from the inconvenience of it sticking to one's shoe and the smell that lingers, there are a number of other concerns of which we should be aware.

Dog mess contains high levels of bacteria which can be spread (via flies, pets' feet or our own footwear) to surfaces that we use. If children step in it on the way to school then potentially the school corridors and where children play will be tainted. Dog mess contains more nasty bacteria per gram than any other animal (human, cat, wild animals) and ten times more than that of a cow. There are also high levels of nutrients which, if washed into water courses; ditches, streams, rivers, and so on cause unsightly and harmful algal growth, plus the bacteria could cause sickness to anyone paddling or playing in that water. A good general rule is to ensure that all dogs, cats and other cuddly pets are regularly wormed and to have a good hygiene programme if you pet/handle animals – wash hands after handling.

The community area we live in seems to be having a big problem with dog fouling and the issue was taken to the Area Board in May this year. A task group was agreed to be set up to look at ways of dealing with the problem.

Just a quick word on the NASTY INFORMATION – toxocariasis is an infection caused by the roundworm which lives in the digestive system of dogs, cats and foxes. Although there are not many cases diagnosed each year, many people have toxocara antibodies in their blood which indicates that they have been exposed to the parasite. Symptoms vary but they include cough, stomach pain, headaches, swollen lymph glands and eye disorders. Most symptoms are caused by allergic reaction to the larvae. Many people are infected though show no symptoms. Toxocariasis is a major cause of blindness and may provoke rheumatic, neurologic or asthmatic symptoms.

Young children are at risk, particularly because they play on the ground where the eggs from the worms may be lying. The eggs may survive from two to six years in the right conditions. Live eggs can be carried in the fur of pets, having been picked up from fouling left on the ground (especially in long grass) and be transferred to us at home.

So, **ARE YOU A DOG OWNER WHO IS NOT PICKING UP?** For some time Purton Parish Council has been trying to get the message across that ***we must clear up otherwise they intend to employ someone who will clear up at a cost to us all. We will all pay more through the parish contribution to the council tax.***

Legislation is in place with Dog Control Orders, and Wiltshire Council is in the process of updating the Dog Control Orders across Wiltshire. The penalty for committing an offence contained within a Dog Control Order is a maximum fine – currently £1,000, or a fixed penalty – in Wiltshire this is £75. **Who can implement legislation?** Wiltshire Council has two dog wardens to cover the whole county however parish councils are able to appoint people to issue Fixed Penalty Notices and many across the country have done so – Local People dealing with a Local Issue.

Where do you have to pick up? Everywhere that the public has access: public highway, pavements, parks and fields with public footpaths. There are exemptions: police dogs, working dogs, registered blind people, deaf people and for other people with disabilities who make use of trained assistance dogs.

Where should you dispose of the mess? Wrap and tie in small plastic bags and put into dog bins, litter bins or take home and put in general rubbish, or burn it. **Do not** compost or flush down the toilet as the bacteria and toxocara can survive and return to the environment/watercourses/ garden again.

There is a lot more information on our web site, particularly links to other web sites

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We Record ...

Weddings

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| 11 May | Ben Andrew Gunning & Allesia Christina Bunce
<i>at St Mary's Church</i> |
| 1 June | Mark David Shave & Kerry Anne Peirce
<i>at St Mary's Church</i> |
| 2 June | Nicholas Andreas Stavri & Emily Mary Wells
<i>at St Mary's Church</i> |

Funeral

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| 14 May | Gillian Mary Elliott <i>at St Mary's Church</i> |
| 15 May | Charles Roy Luke a'Court <i>at St Mary's Church</i> |

In Memoriam

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| 16 July | Loving memories of Jim Young who passed away on 16 July 2011.
You were very special. Your memory will always remain.
Peggy and family. |
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Congratulations

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| 16 June | Pauline Ward, MBE, for services to the community. |
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To add your family announcements to this section contact Purton Magazine. Addresses on [page 4](#). We are happy to include births, marriages, deaths, special birthdays and anniversaries, exam successes ...



Distributor Needed

A volunteer is needed to deliver the Purton Magazine in part of Reid's Piece and at the top end of the High Street. If you are willing to do this, please contact John Creasey onr john@creasey.org.

Exhibit of the Month: A Road-Widening Scheme

Chris Compton brought me a postcard showing Purton Hill ... or Station Road as we would call it today. Rather perversely, I suppose, as there was a station in those days, but now there isn't.

Much of the view looks very similar today, except you wouldn't expect to see cows standing in the middle of the road, and the fire hydrant that the girl is leaning on at the entrance to Witts Lane is now underground. However, the question arose as to what the "extra" building was at the top of the hill - see the blow-up (*top*).

The building on the right is the premises of today's *Cyclecare*, but there is a white building just to the left of it.

In 1968, various road improvements were made in the village. One of these was the straightening of the High Street at the point of College Farm – the old road layout is preserved in the form of the lay-by. Another was the smoothing of the bends in Church Street by the Red House. Going up the hill, the road used to take a sharp, 90° bend to the left, followed by another to the right at the entrance to The Hyde. The old road layout is still there as the access to the houses around Nos. 4-6/6a Church Street (including The Old Bakery) and the entrance to Church Path.

In our 1907 postcard, photographed in black and white but hand coloured before printing, the building in question was part of No. 89a High Street but which was demolished and the wall reinstated further back from the road so that Church Street could be widened.

On the reverse of the card is a ½d green Edward VII stamp, postmarked Wootton Bassett, 11.15 a.m. August 16, 1908 and the card is addressed to a Miss Guy in Porthcawl, Glamorgan replying to a postcard that had been received. As I mentioned last month, there were several deliveries a day then, so it might have been a reply on the same day as it was received.

There will be clearer pictures on the web site at www.purtonmuseum.com.

RICK DIXON, *Outreach Officer*

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

Mon 2 - 5pm; Tues 2 - 7pm; Wed 10am - 5pm; Fri 2 - 7pm

Activity Week 2012

Activity week will run between 13 and 17 August from 10 am to 3 pm. It is open to 7 - 11 year-olds who live or go to school in Purton. You can come for the whole week, or just certain days. Please put the dates in you diary and come along for fun-filled days!

PURTON PLACARD

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

Purton Age Concern invites you to a
1940s DANCE
with the Mid West Big Band
on Saturday 18 August
Purton Village Hall at 8 pm
Supper and licensed bar
Fancy dress optional
Tickets £15 from
Ron and Heather Harris on 770850

THE LYDIARDS AND PURTON BRANCH OF
THE NORTH WILTSHIRE CONSERVATIVE
ASSOCIATION

Invite you to
Their Summer Event
To be held at Quarry Farm,
The Hyde, Purton, SN5 4EA
By kind permission of Jonathan Cook
On Sunday, 1 July 2012
Raffle Tickets £10
available from Mollie Groom
and Sue Cook

THE BENTHAM COFFEE MORNING

at Bentham House Farm,
the home of Dick and Jackie Scott
on Saturday 7 July
10 am to 12 noon
Lots of bargains, cakes, raffle, plants
and much more
Come along and join in the fun!

Purton Age Concern T'AI CHI

Come and experience
this gentle exercise
on Thursdays from 2.00-3.00 pm
at the Millennium Hall
£3 a session
Further details – Mick Hull 772453

Purton Silver Threads BOOKS AND BANGERS

Friday 27 July at 6pm
Red Lodge, Braydon
Refreshments, Raffle
Cakes, Stalls etc

Books Galore!

St Mary's Church looks forward to seeing you at ...

Barbecue

Saturday 14 July
at The Buthaye, 4 Church End, Purton
at 6.30pm

Food tickets - £6 Adults
£3 Children (11 and under)

Quiz (optional), Raffle, Licensed Bar
Come and join us – everyone welcome
For details or tickets please call
Sandra ; Sheila ; Val

Purton Evening W.I.

Cream Tea

7 July 3 - 5 pm
44 Witts Lane
£4 adults, £2 children
Raffle
Homemade Scones, Cakes

Malford Players
The Comedy of Errors

by William Shakespeare

4, 5, 6 & 7 July

Bar Opens 7 pm Show Starts 7.30 pm

In a Marquee at 13 Lime Trees,
Christian Malford

Come early at 6pm for a picnic in the garden
on Saturday evening!

Tickets £8.50 and £6.50 conc

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

Multiple Sclerosis Society
Coffee & Cake Morning

Saturday 21 July

at the Silver Threads Hall
from 10 am to 12 noon
to raise funds towards finding a
cure for M.S.

Raffle Books Bric-a-Brac
Admission £1

to include coffee or tea plus
cake

Please come and support us
Audrey Wheeler and family

Purton Open Gardens

Saturday 14 & Sunday 15 July

Admission by Programme priced £5 p.p.

Available from Toomers, Greatfield Garden Centre, Best One, In Touch Services
and from any participating garden

Chiseldon Travel Club/Dixon Group Tours

Our next tour to Lake Maggiore, Italy in early September is almost full and anyone wishing to join us needs to make the commitment now. The tour is 11 days long, seven nights in a 4* hotel in Stresa with day trips out and overnights in France and Switzerland en route. This lake is less commercialised or well known as Lake Como or Lake Garda but very beautiful and a good central base for our daily excursions. Cost £1725 per person based on a twin share.

Our 30th anniversary trip – 4 weeks back to New Zealand in January and February 2013 is our last planned one to the Southern Hemisphere and is the best of the previous twelve years tours. As the club members get older the longer trips are not so popular as the shorter ones within the UK or the Continent and this will be our focus in the future. This tour is tailor-made by us and offers maximum flexibility for travellers to add their own plans to the itinerary and stay on with relatives in Australia, New Zealand or take that life long dream stop over in the Pacific Islands of Oceania. We make a stopover each way in Singapore to break the flight and will have 22 days on the ground in New Zealand, leisurely touring both islands. If it is your plan to go “down under” we are very happy to talk to you without any obligation and send you the itinerary and more details. Please contact us on 01793 741210 or email sharian@clara.co.uk

Purton Rainbows, Brownies & Guides



Girls who joined the units after Easter have made their promises now: Katie, Kate and Amelia at Rainbows and Rhea, Jessica, Shauna, Lily-Jo, Daisy and Tori at Brownies.

Continuing with the Olympics theme, the Guides have created their own sports and tried to play them. They have also designed medals, sports kit and logos. Both Brownie units have made promise torches and 1st Purton used them for their own torch relay. 2nd Purton have iced biscuits to look like Olympic medals – an activity arranged by Alex and Chloe for their Hostess badge. 1st Purton Brownies had a meeting where they “changed the rules” – they played games where different groups or individuals were given different rules for the same game. This led to a discussion about the importance of rules and fairness.

Guides have been out and about, making the most of the sunshine while they've had the chance! They have played rounders and spent one meeting delivering Christian Aid collection envelopes to houses in Purton.

Rainbows have enjoyed a mixture of activities. The unit was pleased to welcome Yenuri's mum to one of their meetings when she showed the Rainbows her national dress and some of them enjoyed dressing up in it. They have started making a model garden for the Queen – maybe the venue for her next Garden Party? Keeping the royal theme they joined forces with Lydiard Millicent Rainbows for a Jubilee party which included a very patriotic party tea.

Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Guiders and Trefoil Guild members were all represented in the very successful Banner parade for the Diamond Jubilee event in Purton. It rained hard just as the parade was due to start so they all got very wet - but then so did the Queen! The banner originally made by parents in 2000 looked as good as new, having been successfully updated for 2012 by Pauline Hall and her helpers. A very big thank you to Pauline and Mary who also formed part of the walking group on the day.

The day of the Jubilee celebrations in Purton was also the start of Purton Brownies' annual Pack Holiday. Oxenwood was the venue this year and 24 Brownies went on the four-day “Dragons & Mythical Creatures” holiday. They were pleased to welcome lots of visitors during their stay. Monday saw Purton Guides use Oxenwood as a base for activities: they spent the morning fencing and air rifle shooting followed by a Dragon's Quest wide game in the woods in the afternoon. Tuesday was the turn of the Brownie visitors – younger members of the two Purton units and some members of Minety Brownies (a further 17 Brownies in all) had a taste of Brownie Pack Holiday by joining in games, crafts, challenges in the woods and exploring the holiday house.

For more information about guiding in Purton, either in relation to girls joining units or adults volunteering, please contact Braydon District Commissioner Jo Begg on 874066 or braydondc@wncounty.org.uk.

Just a Thought

Only those who dare to fail greatly can ever achieve greatly.

Robert F. Kennedy

Dodecantus perform American Highways

The next Dodecantus concert entitled *American Highways* will break new ground in several ways. It is the first time that the regional chamber choir will be performing a concert made up entirely of works by American composers in a varied programme carefully constructed by their conductor, Ben Pinnow.

The main piece will be Leonard Bernstein's seminal work *Chichester Psalms* which is noted



among performers for its musical difficulty owing to the range of the piece and its rhythmic complexity. Although overtly Jewish and sung in Hebrew, the work was commissioned for the 1965 Southern Cathedrals' Festival and is often performed in Anglican churches. Also written in Hebrew, Eric Whitacre's *Five Hebrew Love Songs* make a perfect companion piece to the *Chichester Psalms*. Those two compositions will also be performed with Morten Lauridsen's setting of the Christian text *Ubi Caritas*.

Having established the 'American' in the concert's title, the 'Highway' element comes from Eric Whitacre's *Journey towards Sleep* and Samuel Barber's *Four Songs*, Opus 13, which deal with the concept of travel – either the desire to travel or the lonely wandering that sometimes is travel itself.

Dodecantus will be performing this concert for the first time on a Wednesday evening, 18 July at 7.30pm and also for the first time, at St Mark's, Church Place, Swindon, just the other side of the railway line from the old GWR locomotive works. Tickets at £10 (concessions £8) are available from members of the choir and at the door.

Further details can be found at the choir's new web site, www.dodecantus.org and Facebook www.facebook.com/pages/Dodecantus-uk/99217242477

Sadly the concert will be the last time that Sam Bayliss will be the Repetiteur and Accompanist for Dodecantus and he has also decided to stand down as organist and choir master at St Mark's following his recent appointment as a lay clerk at Hereford Cathedral.

Magazine Front Cover

This month's cover is a 'then and now' comparison of the High Street. Eileen's photograph was taken on a Sunday in April 2012, Brian's painting is an interpretation of a 1900 photograph that was included in the locally produced 1991 book, *Purton's Past* showing the long gone *Queen's Arms* public house which was to become Peter Webber's shop, then Purton Papers and latterly a private residence. Brian's painting and possibly prints will be on show at the Purton Artists' show in the autumn.

Keeping cool in the sun

As I write this, I am wondering if we will need to consider precautions for hot weather – but it is only June and who knows? Warm weather can be as dangerous as cold weather.



Extreme heat and humidity can cause you to dehydrate and your body to overheat. Watch out for certain signs: muscle cramps in your arms, legs or stomach; mild confusion; weakness or sleep problems. If you have any of these, rest in a cool place and drink plenty of fluids. Seek medical advice if your symptoms persist or worsen.

The **symptoms** of heat exhaustion include **headaches, dizziness, nausea or vomiting, pale skin, heavy sweating and a high temperature.**

If you have any of these symptoms you must take action:

- find a cool place and loosen tight clothes
- drink plenty of water or fruit juice
- sponge yourself with cold water or have a cool (not cold) shower
- eat normally but try to have more cold foods, particularly salads and fruit as they contain a lot of water.

Heat stroke can develop if heat exhaustion is left untreated.

The symptoms of heatstroke include hot and red skin, headaches, nausea, intense thirst, raised temperature, confusion, aggression and loss of consciousness.

Heatstroke is a life-threatening condition.

If you have breathing problems or a heart condition your symptoms might get worse when it's very hot. So if you or someone else shows symptoms

- call 999 immediately; if you have a personal alarm, press the button on your pendant to call for help.
- while waiting for the ambulance, follow the advice given above for heat exhaustion but do not try to give fluids to anyone who is unconscious.

Meanwhile, as ever, I am here to help by finding answers on all number of topics. Call me on: 07557 110414

ELLEN BLACKER, Good Neighbours Co-ordinator

Tockenham Fun Run - Saturday 14 July

The theme of Tockenham's Summer Fair this year is going to be "Olympics" and, as part of this, we will be holding a 5km off-road fun run. Whatever your experience, everyone aged 12 and over is welcome to participate. You can download an entry form from www.tockenhamvillagefair.co.uk or ring Diana Kirby on 01793 853861 to be sent a form.

On the day there will also be a shorter run for the under 12s, as well as some traditional children's race events.

Add to this all of our usual Summer Fair activities, and it will be a great day out for all the family. Why not come along and join in the Olympic spirit?

Wise Words

You may have to fight a battle more than once to win it.

Margaret Thatcher



Olympic Torch: On Friday 4 May 2012, Bradon Forest Olympic Representatives and Prefects eagerly awaited the "Together We Can"



(TWC) Olympic Torch. TWC comprises all the primary and secondary schools in the Cricklade and Wootton Bassett area. Tayten Nyahwa and Kyle Greenwood had organised all representatives to be dressed in Trinidad and Tobago colours. We enjoyed some music from Royal Wootton Bassett Academy and the torch was presented to our prefects.

Georgia Clifford also attended the ceremony with Bradon Forest's own Olympic Torch, which she designed last year. The TWC torch has been to Bath University with our talented athletes and was hosted by 8Q (Mexico) during its stay with us. On Friday 18 May 2012, Head Girl and Champion Rhythmic Gymnast Laura Halford, Olympic Prefects Tayten Nyahwa and Kyle Greenwood brought the Torch to St Sampson's Church of England Junior School in Cricklade. The entire school lined the entrance to welcome the torch. Miss Groom and the Junior Choir sang an arrangement of songs to start the ceremony. **Earlier last term** Mrs Chappell, Ms Hunter and 21 talented Art students went on a secret mission to Lydiard Park. Students were working with Nela Melic from Goldsmiths University, London and more details will be shared in a future article, once the information is released nationally by the London Organising Committee for the Olympic Games. Bradon Forest had been invited by LOCOG to work on a national secret task as a thank-you for the work students and staff have been doing this year leading up to the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Science: Just a Minute Competition: All of our Year 7 and Year 8 students have been working hard to produce a 60 second talk on an area of Science of their choice. Each teaching group ran competition heats to find the class representatives to be put forward to the finals. Our finalists then presented their speech again in front of an audience of their peers and a panel of teachers acting as judges. The standard in this year's competition was extremely high and all those who participated did brilliantly making it very difficult to judge the winners. The winners were announced as part of the achievers' assemblies for Years 7 and 8.

Bradon Forest School Radio Launch: Bradon Forest has launched its own Radio Station. We were selected to be involved in Wiltshire's Inspire, Create, Teach project and used the funding to buy an Anderton Tiger broadcasting unit.

On 8 May, Russel Pru came into school and spent the day training our current e-team on how to make a radio broadcast. Students from Year 7 to Year 10 were involved in our first broadcast that afternoon and everyone went away very excited by this new development. Gus Gardner (9Y) said "The School Radio training was

great fun. We learnt lots and we came up with loads of ideas of how we will use the radio station next term across the school.” Teachers from all faculties got in on the act after school and also generated lots of exciting ways to use the radio station in their teaching and learning. Since then the students have broadcast on



Mr Thomas’s memorial afternoon playing recordings of Mr T’s band and reporting on the various events that were taking place around the school that day. The team has broken into sub teams who are broadcasting in a regular Tuesday tutor time slot but have loads of ideas for other broadcasts next term. Watch this space as we hope to broadcast to a wider audience over the Internet from September.

Drama Club News: Mrs Purcell (Arts Manager) reports: Just before the mid-term break the Key Stage 3 Drama Club performed their latest piece, ‘It Could Be You’. The group have spent the last few months looking at the idea of money and how it affects peoples’ lives, both for those who have lots and those who don’t have any. In ‘It Could Be You’ we meet a struggling single mum with little money, a winning gambler, an evil scientist who wants to take over the world looking for financial backing and a millionaire blinded by his hard earned fortune. After being led to three ‘chance encounters’ with less fortunate people by three homeless people, the



millionaire is taught to see the error of his ways before being overcome with greed and selfishness. This imaginative exploration into the value of money was devised and performed entirely by our talented Drama Club and directed by Philippa Bradfield. The students all performed with confidence and really showed a maturity towards the topic. I’m looking forward to next year’s already!

Student News: Alisha Garside 9Z entered her first Lead Climbing and Bouldering Competition for the BMC Series of the South West Region. Alisha achieved second place at Rock and Rapid, Devon, climbing wall and third place at Under Cover Rock, Bristol. Alisha has now got through to the national finals which will be held at EICA Ratho, Edinburgh in June where she will compete for the South West Region. Well done Alisha on this great achievement! **Callum Gunson, Oliver Smith and Robert Mills** completed The Ten Tors Challenge last weekend. They did it with their Explorer Scout Unit, the 1st ever in Wiltshire to complete the challenge of walking 35 miles over Ten Tors being totally self-sufficient in having to carry their own tents, cooking equipment etc. A huge achievement, of which they should extremely proud as Callum was the Team Captain and Rob the Team

Navigator. Congratulations to **Ayren Walker** who attended a trial for a place in the Wiltshire Satellite Netball Academy Programme 2012/13 on Sunday 27 May 2012. After a five hour trial she gained a place for this coming season. Approximately 75 girls attended the trial and Ayren was also one of five girls who were then put forward for County trials on the 8 July 2012.

Former Student News: 18-year-old **Sam Hutt**, who is training to become a professional tennis player, carried the Olympic Torch through Old Town after being nominated by Cricklade Town Council for aptitude in his sport. Sam, who carried the flame 300 metres from Bath Road, said: *"It was a surreal experience. The feeling of how Swindon and areas around have given their support was just incredible. It was the best time in my life, a lot of fun. And my head was spinning a little bit afterwards."* **Monabil Ali**, was runner up for the Business and Finance Undergraduate of the Year Award. The award was sponsored by Morgan Stanley and had over 5000 applicants for the competition. As runner up Monabil will have the opportunity to be fast tracked into one of their divisions as they have invited him back for an insight day. He also received the Chartered Management Institute Alex Beardmore Award for Management Potential and has also successfully applied to be an associate of the institute (ACMI).

Monobil stated: *"From my time at Bradon Forest, I was encouraged to participate in extra curricular activities, grasp any opportunities that came my way, and taught that hard work and dedication will put me in good stead for everyday student life as well as my future career. By taking on board these practices onto college and now university, I have reaped the benefits and would like to sincerely thank everyone at Bradon for laying the foundation for a successful business future; one that I hope will be truly fascinating in the thrilling journey ahead!"*

Cup Cake Clubs Jubilee Tea Party

Well done to Miss Kinsey, Miss Daniels, Mrs Kirtland and all the students who helped with or supported the very busy Jubilee Tea Party. In addition to the lovely tea and cakes there were cakes and textiles products for sale – overall the sum raised so far by this event for The Chris T Memorial Charities is an impressive £268.86.



The feedback from parents was really positive as the following example illustrates: *Dear Mr Spiers, I am emailing to say how much we all enjoyed the tea party hosted by the Cupcake Club. The cakes were delicious but more importantly, we were impressed by the way the students interacted with the guests and staff. Everyone was polite and warmly welcoming. Although busy, the atmosphere was very calm and organised, which is something I recall when we first visited Bradon in 2010 for an open evening. Please could you pass on our thanks for a lovely time.*

LEN SPIERS, Headteacher

Purton & District Gardeners' Guild



Spring has arrived at last – our meeting in May was held at the end of a glorious day on a delightfully sunny evening. Victoria Logue was with us to discuss Practical Propagation, seed, cuttings and beyond.

Victoria started by advising that it is vital to feed your plants: use manure or manufactured plant food. Many gardens have lots of great plants and with a little TLC and regular feeding, will really earn their space in your gardens. Evaluate your garden – if you don't like a plant, give it away or compost it, even if you were given it!

Seed sowing was the next area for discussion, in which she highlighted the fact that although some packets of seeds can contain up to 3,000 seeds, would we, for instance really need 3,000 petunia plants? Keeping open packets of seeds in an airtight container in the fridge was an ideal way to ensure seeds are kept in a sowable condition for long periods. Victoria sows most of her seeds in 7cm pots or plug trays and these are often given away free by nurseries. Another way to ensure success was to prick out seedlings the moment true leaves appear. She swiftly moved onto propagation and the use of charts detailing when, what and how to go about it, recommending *Creative Propagation* by Peter Thompson, sadly no longer in print.

Victoria demonstrated how to get the best concentration of plant hormones; it is recommended to cut below a node, or for a heel cutting rip off at the bottom of the node and trim. If you are unable to plant up straight away, place cuttings in a bag without holes and place in a fridge. Plant up with a 50/50 mix of vermiculite and compost, removing all leaves from the stem below the soil. Place cuttings around the edge of the pot in ready-made holes, water from the top and place a clear plastic bag over the top and seal. Place the pot underneath a workbench or north/east facing windowsill. Rooting hormone is not required.

Victoria finished her talk by demonstrating how to propagate by division. The easiest way to deal with this was to dig up the plant and divide. Use an old bread knife and cut the plant up into sections, discarding the centre. Replant with plenty of organic matter. Most plants will tolerate this any time of the year but give the plants lots of TLC especially in May.

At the end of the presentation Victoria provided some useful tips:

- Always pruning above a node so the plant creates more growth
- If a plant flowers before midsummer then prune immediately after flowering
- If a plants flowers after midsummer, prune in March.
- Never water plants planted in your garden, only when planting out as this will encourage the plant to create a good root system

With our May competition for a spray of blossom, you could certainly tell which season we were in. Victoria chose: 1st Jill Herbert, 2nd Delia Walters and 3rd Mary Read.

Mrs Joan Garlick proposed the vote of thanks.

This month we held our first plant swap. Whilst there was a good variety of plants, going forward we would like more members take part.

July's Meeting will be held on 24 July at The Silver Threads Hall at 7.30 pm. Our talk will be on Flower Arranging by Ann Paisley, and the competition is a photograph of a hanging basket. New members and visitors always made welcome.

MARGARET GOODHALL (*Secretary*) and DIONNE CHILD (*Chair*)

The Jubilee weekend. Anyone who watched the banner parade will have enjoyed seeing Justin and Neil and Matt volley a ball over the increasingly damp net!. What a display of racquet control ... AND Justin was walking backwards ... Stray balls were quickly picked up by other members of the club all the way to the football pitch. After the service of welcome and encouragement the club went on to give local visitors an exciting opportunity to play tennis. Club members were on hand to encourage young and old alike to 'have a go' and a good time was had by all. Because of the weather some newcomers were wearing wellingtons but could still run around energetically and when the heavens opened the younger members stayed on court – not remotely put off by the growing puddles. We were only sorry that eventually 'rain stopped play'! We now have an intensive coaching programme on offer for young players – see below.



Monday & Wednesday

4.00 pm - 4.45 pm Mini Red 5-7 years
4.45 pm - 5.30 pm Mini Orange 8-9 years
5.30 pm - 6.15 pm Mini Green 10-11 years

We are also Starting a Toddler group for 3 -4 year olds on Mondays: 3.30 pm - 4 pm. £4 per session - £5 non members. And on Wednesdays a session for the older age group (12 -16 year olds): 6.15 pm - 7.15 pm at £5 per session

Any enquiries for these programmes should go to Justin Miller on 07881 020002 or justin.miller@pmgcompany.co.uk

Saturday morning coaching continues with Nicola Gardner as before. These club mornings are provided free for Junior Members of the club only and are aimed at giving the children an introduction to tennis in a relaxed, sociable, atmosphere.

The 10 o'clock group is for children aged 7 to 11 and concentrates on teaching the fundamentals of tennis in a fun, games orientated environment.

The 11 o'clock group is for children aged 12 to 16 and is basically aimed at encouraging the development of match play and tennis etiquette.

AND ... Summer camps start from w/c 23/07 – Please call Ben Langley on 07954 350579 or Justin Miller 07881 020002 for further information.

Our website – purtontennis.net -continues to develop so do visit it and see what else is happening. Matches continue in spite of the rather variable weather conditions. The Ladies A are going great guns and though some teams are faring less well – we are all enjoying the competition and the challenge of meeting with different teams each week.

CAROLINE McLEAN

It is clear that Purton Tennis Club has much to offer for the village and surrounding areas with its Saturday morning starter sessions through to more structured coaching programs.

Why not join for some social tennis with four courts available all year around all this at very good rates, just take a look at our web site www.purtontennis.net or contact any existing members.

Purton Bowls Club

Congratulations to Alison Fail on winning the County Two-Wood Competition. She will be representing Wiltshire at Leamington Spa in August. There was a lot of support on the Diamond Jubilee Day when the public were invited to come for a roll up on the green – about a hundred visitors took part. On 12 August the Club is playing at Windsor Great Park and we have a few spare seats on the coach (cost £10). We leave the Red House at 9 am. Enquires to P. Reddan on 01793 525016.



BARBARA WOOLFORD

Purton Cricket Club purton.play-cricket.com

The club has received notification from Thames Water regarding the use of hosepipes. It includes the following:- ‘... using a hosepipe to water a sports pitch, for health and safety reasons is permitted.’ Since receiving this information it has continued to rain and the hosepipe is not needed!



In spite of the weather some cricket has been played and the club's 1st XI in the Wiltshire League and 'A' team in the Swindon Evening League have each recorded four victories. Individual performances have been encouraging with several batsmen recording half centuries and several bowlers taking five wickets in an innings. Junior teams have started well and several players have been selected for District and County matches.

Fixtures at Purton in July

1 st U15 v Devizes	2.00pm	21 st 2 nd XI v Norton St Philip	1.45pm
7 th 2 nd XI v Calne	1.45pm	22 nd U11 v Marshfield	10.30am
8 th U13 v Wootton Bassett	2.00pm	25 th U15 Wilts Girls v Berks	1.00pm
14 th 1 st XI v Hinton Charterhouse	1.45pm	28 th 1 st XI v Collingbourne	1.45pm
15 th U13 v Marshfield	2.00pm	29 th U15 v Chippenham	2.00pm

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‘The pavilion has been wired for electricity, and light fitments have been installed. Hopefully the generator will be ready to power these by the season's start. It is also hoped to have two hot showers working this season.’

‘A new rotary mower has been purchased and also a second hand renovated hand mower which should be ideal for pulling the gang mowers.’

‘During the season the ground duty rota is again being organised by Tony Kirk, and a separate letter about this is being sent to all playing members.’

JOE GARDNER

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For further information contact [John Creasey](mailto:John.Creasey@purtonbowlsclub.com).

Swindon & Cricklade Railway



Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 July

Kids Go free Weekend. Every adult or senior buying a ticket may take a child with them for unlimited train rides between 11 am and 4 pm. Tickets for steam trains cost £7 for adults and £6 for seniors and children

7, 14 and 28 July. Open Days with Diesel Trains

cost £6 for adults and £5 for seniors and children.

8, 15 and 29 July. Open Days with Steam Trains cost £7 for adults and £6 for seniors and children. Family tickets are available on all trains and run from 11am to 4pm unless otherwise stated.

Sundays 1 and 15 July from 11 am onwards.

Cream Teas on the Moonraker Train. Tickets cost £5 in addition to ticket to ride.

Saturday 27 July from 7.15pm.

Murder Mystery Evening on the Moonraker Train. Pre-booking required on 01672 564547.

Enquiries on 01753 770335 or 771615. or www.swindon-cricklade-railway.org.

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

Tadpole Lane is currently closed for through traffic but access to the railway is still open from the Purton direction while the River Ray bridge works are in progress (20 weeks from 14 May 2012). See web site for details.

Bristol Cathedral Service

There will be a special occasion, on Sunday 1 July 2012 at a service at 3.30pm in Bristol Cathedral, for Rev Judith Wells when she will be ordained to the priesthood by the Bishop of Bristol. All are welcome.

Carnival 2012

By the time you read this, the Carnival will be over, but at the time of writing we can only say that we hope it was a great success! Unfortunately, the Talent Show had to be cancelled, due to lack of entries. What would get Purton's talented performers out to join us in future years? There will be a full carnival report in the August magazine.

PAULINE WARD

Dog Walking Offer

Have you recently had an operation and aren't well enough to walk your dog? Maybe you can't get out as often as your pet would like. Give me a call and I'd be happy to walk your dog for you. I'm a mature lady and I live in Lydiard Millicent. I would be happy to come round to chat to you first, so you can get to know me, and make sure your dog is happy too!

CAROLE JONES

Purton Historical Society



On 21 July we will be visiting Ashton Keynes. This visit is done by car and we will be meeting at 10 am in the car park of Holy Cross Church in North End on the B4696, postcode SN6 6QR. There is no charge for the visit. To help reduce our environmental impact, we suggest people try to share cars and, if you [contact me](#), I will endeavour to put you in touch with someone else who is going. We usually finish the trip by retiring to a local hostelry for lunch.

There is no meeting in August and we reconvene after the summer break with Lynda Warren's *Treasure Chest of Words and Sayings* at 7.30 pm on Thursday 20 September at St Mary's C of E Primary School.

[HELEN DIXON, Secretary](#)

Purton Open Gardens

We have 25 gardens open on the weekend of Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 July. Admission is by Programme priced £5 p.p. which are available from Toomers, Greatfield Garden Centre, Best One, In Touch Services and from any participating garden. Look out for the signs marking each open garden.

Teas and cakes are on sale at various gardens and there will be ploughman's lunches served at the Silver Threads Hall by Purton Luncheon Club.

All proceeds go to nominated charities.

NICK YERBURY, Chair

Wise Words

What we obtain too cheap we esteem too little – dearness gives everything its value.

Thomas Paine

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