

Purton Magazine

Purton Amateur Dramatics
present

Sinbad the Sailor

A Pantomime
by Paul Reakes

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Thu 7 Feb - 7.30pm

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At The Village Hall, Purton

February 2013

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From The Editors

“Good news – you all look much younger these days”

“Oh no, we don’t!”

“Oh yes you do – and one of our most respected gentlemen in Purton says so!”

If you haven’t noticed from the front cover, it’s pantomime time in Purton again with our very own PADS getting ready to perform “Sinbad the Sailor” in the village hall from Thursday 7 to Saturday 9 February – more details are on [page 14](#).

As to everyone looking younger these days, readers will have to look at [page 11](#) to discover who the gallant gentleman is. However there are still one or two people in the village who have been feeling a little older than usual recently – but mainly because of catching the rather nasty flu-type virus. It follows that letters to the magazine describing just how the rest of you have managed to look so much younger would be published next month for all to read.

As usual, this month’s magazine contains the usual eclectic mix of contributions informing us about recent and future entertainments and other happenings in and around the village. For example, now is a good time to start some early Spring Cleaning because, not only are there three jumble sales advertised on [page 12](#) but there is also the Age Concern Annual Auction on Saturday 2 March with details about acceptable items appearing on [page 11](#).

On Tuesday 5 February at the Maharajah Restaurant in the High Street, the Scouts will be holding a Bollywood Night with traditional Indian buffet supper plus a raffle and prizes. On [page 25](#) you will see that Bollywood dress is optional but definitely encouraged – it sounds like a fun evening.

Continuing the entertainment theme, [page 13](#) has information about three forthcoming productions at the Bradon Forest Theatre. Meanwhile the next two films to be shown at Community Cinema in Royal Wootton Bassett are ‘The Angels’ Share’ on Tuesday 5 February and ‘Anna Karenina’ on Tuesday 5 March – see [page 14](#).

Rather than having to go to Royal Wootton Bassett (or Swindon) to see a solicitor, one of the Partners at Bevirs Solicitors in RWB will be holding legal clinic sessions in the Millennium Hall between 10 am and 4 pm on Wednesday 13 February. Consultations are scheduled for 20 minutes and can be arranged by telephoning their office – details are on [page 29](#).

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February is the date for the first Solicitor’s outreach service in the village – see [page 29](#)

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Parish Council News

Public Rights of Way in Purton Parish

The Parish has an excellent network of public rights of way that allow people to enjoy the countryside. The Parish Council works to keep it preserved for future generations. One ancient public right of way is the bridleway known as Mud Lane at Restrop. Historical records show that it was in use as a drovers' way as far back as 1200 and that it was probably used by the occupants of the iron-age camp at Ringsbury, which is a scheduled ancient monument. It has been little used for many years because it has been overgrown and obstructed. Like many other bridleways in the parish it floods in wet weather. The Parish Council has frequently requested Wiltshire Council to fulfil its statutory duty to clear and maintain the bridleway. Some clearance of the bridleway has been done by volunteers.

Wiltshire Council proposed a statutory order to have the public rights over Mud Lane extinguished and diverted to an alternative route that the landowner had made available.

A public inquiry into the proposal was held in November last year before an Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State. The Inspector heard arguments from Wiltshire Council, the landowner and others parties in support of the proposed diversion. The objectors included the Parish Council, Purton Historical Society, Ps and Qs, the Ramblers Association and local residents.

The Inspector acknowledged that the diversion would bring some benefits to the landowner, but he refused to confirm the order. He said: "The loss of such an historic route as the existing bridleway would have a serious negative effect on the enjoyment of many current and potential users of the right of way". He concluded that Wiltshire Council's proposed order did not meet the criteria set out in the Highways Act 1980.

Ron Harris, the Chairman of the Parish Council's Rights of Way and Open Spaces Committee, extends his thanks to all those who took part in the Inquiry. He will now ask Wiltshire Council to prepare a programme of work to open and restore Mud Lane.

Widham Farm – Another planning application for up to 50 dwellings (N12/04009/OUT) has been received for land at Widham Farm/Widham Grove. This is very disappointing given that Wiltshire Council's decision to refuse the application was upheld at a recent public inquiry. The applicant has submitted the application again in light of the Ridgeway Farm decision given that the Planning Inspectors for both of the Inquiries took a different view on certain policies hence resulting in a different outcome for the Inquiries. The Parish Council has reiterated its objections to the Widham Farm development.

Parish Plan – The plan is now progressing well. The recent event at the Village Hall to view the results of the questionnaire that had been sent out earlier in the year was reasonably well attended and resulted in some useful feedback for the Parish Plan Group. Work is ongoing to produce the first draft plan.



Neighbourhood Plan – as with the Parish Plan, the Neighbourhood Plan is starting to move forward. There have been some delays due to different towns and parishes deciding if they want to engage with a joint plan or to go their own way. This now seems to have settled down and Purton will be working with six other parishes in the Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Community area to develop what is called the North East Wiltshire Villages Neighbourhood Plan.

On Saturday 23 February 2013 from 3 pm to 6 pm in Purton Village Hall we are planning to hold a drop-in workshop for Purton residents to call in to see what a Neighbourhood Plan is all about and to ask questions and to start to get involved with the process, so please make a note of this date in your diary. We look forward to seeing you there.

Annual Parish Meeting – This year's meeting will be held on Monday 25 March 2013 in Purton Village Hall, starting at 7.30 pm. This is not a Parish Council Meeting; it is a meeting for local residents to come along and take part in if they wish to. The Parish Council will present its Annual Report. The Police will be in attendance to give an update on local Policing and we will be inviting a speaker along to talk on a topical subject that we hope will be of interest. As with the Neighbourhood Plan workshop please make a note of this date in your diary and join us for what should be an interesting evening. If you have ever thought about becoming a Parish Councillor this would be a good opportunity for you to see what work the Parish Council does. The Parish Council elections will be held on 2 May 2013.

Doubling up of the Railway (Swindon to Kemble) – We are in the process of arranging for somebody to come to a Parish Council meeting to give an update on this project which will affect Purton as the line through the village will be upgraded to a double track. If you would be interested in finding out more about this then please contact the Parish Council Office so that we can let you know which meeting the person from Network Rail will be attending.

Planning Applications:

The following Planning Application has been refused by Wiltshire Council:

N12/03478/FUL *Bray Farm, Stoke Common Lane, Purton Stoke, retain temporary dwelling as a permanent dwelling in accordance with 07/01829.*

The following Planning Applications have been approved by Wiltshire Council:

N12/03529/FUL *Barkimber Kennels, 7 Packhorse Lane, first floor extension to existing garage and change of use to cattery on first floor and reception & pet food store on ground floor with ancillary retail use from reception.*

N12/03533/FUL *The Coach House, 2A High Street, erection of detached garage.*

N12/03770/LBC *27 High Street, Replacement of 2 windows on rear elevation. Replacement of central heating system. Re-render external elevations. Internal alterations. Removal of temporary wheelchair access.*

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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.

Village Hall Toilets

The Trustees have applied to Community First for funding but we need support from the local community in order to get the grant. This is urgent as the application has to be in by 10 February. Any promises, great or small, would be appreciated – contact me, Tony Price, on 770696.

TONY PRICE, Chair of Trustees

Lost & Found

A purse was found at the Village Centre on the morning of Wednesday 9 January. If you believe it is yours, please contact the Parish Council Office, tel 01793 771066.

News of Tadpole Lane

The original timescale for completion of January was delayed due to structural problems discovered once work started on the bridge. But then the snow in mid-January has delayed surfacing works further and cannot be done until conditions improve. Site clearance and re-opening to through traffic is now delayed until later in February.

Children In Need

We're well into the New Year now. Our New Year's Eve Supper Dance seems so long ago. However I think we can say it was a great success. Everybody who came along seemed to enjoy themselves. Thank you to everyone who donated raffle prizes etc. to those who lent us items and to all those who helped, especially the clearing up next day.



So now on to this year. On 23 March, we have a rock night in the Village Hall. Three bands, licensed bar, food on sale, raffle, £5 entry. Hopefully that should get spring off to a good start. On 15 June we will be holding a Summer Ball. If you've been to our balls before, you know they are well attended. Tables are for ten people but individual tickets will be available – you don't have to round up nine more people to go with you. It will follow our usual format. A quality meal, prestige raffle, an auction, comedian with dancing music from *The Graham Mack Band*. This year however we will be starting with a casino. We will be using fake money and the person with the highest winnings will receive a prize.

So far there has been a lot of interest in the Ball and many tables have been provisionally booked so, if you fancy coming, don't be too long making your mind up. Tickets will be £50 per person. Dress is formal – tuxedos and ball gowns.

For more information please ring Tony/Sue on 772581.

TONY RICHARDSON

Purton & District Age Concern



Sadly a man has died who must have been an inspiration to all who walked by his house and saw him sitting out at the front, smiling at people and acknowledging them as they went by. The person I am talking about is **John Vincent** of Pavenhill. He was very much a Purton man, as he was born in Blacklands just across the road from where he was living at the present time. There must be something about the Pavenhill air and area as his brother Bob only lives two doors away and I have two cousins who have also lived in that area nearly all their lives – and there are a few more I could think of. As I have said, John was born in Blacklands – his parents were Jack and Lil Vincent and I wonder if John got his contentment and cheerfulness from them. I did not know so much about Jack but Lil was always cheerful. John went to Purton School – that would have been in the reign of Mr Lloyd as headmaster. Another thought – was Mr Osborne still the gardening teacher and that is where John got his interest in gardening – more about that later.

During his younger years, like most children from Pavenhill, he went to the Primitive Methodist Church in Hoggs Lane. I saw a lovely photo of John when they were re-enacting a scene from the Bible. The late Jack Mills was King Herod and his two slaves were John and my cousin Graham Price. During his teenage years John was a teddy boy – did a DA hair style go with the teddy boys' dress? I don't know, but I had a DA – John was also a member of the white scarf gang. Here again, I wonder if they all wore those lovely white silk scarves that were all the rage then. When he left school he worked for Crouch and Co. where he finished up as a bricklayer. Whether he served an apprenticeship or worked his way up through the ranks I don't know, but what we do know is that he was a fine bricklayer. Later on he moved to work for Gordon Tyler and then became self employed. When working for himself I would anticipate that he always had plenty of work because he was a fine craftsman and loved his work. During this time he made the most important decision of his life by marrying Pat. I said he was a fine tradesman – he built a bungalow in Paven Close for Pat and him. I bet that was to a high standard, knowing the quality of his work. Pat and John had two sons, Guy and Lee and eventually one grandson, Ryan, of whom John was so proud.

Living in that neck of the woods, if John wanted a pint, he would slip up to the *Royal George* pub which was a real village pub then with lovely characters, the type of place you would go to have a pint and hear stories about the past. I would think the *George* was John's pub because he was quite involved with things like playing darts and then there were the Carnival floats that were always done to perfection – who was behind them – John – he loved taking part. The characters who got in the *George* were country folk and very keen gardeners who did a lot of showing. They got John interested and was it him along with Les Smith, Teddy Giles and Albert Clifford that founded the British Legion Flower and Produce Show? John became quite a keen showman, especially with gladioli and chrysanthemums. John was also very interested in cricket, especially in Purton Cricket Club. Although he didn't play, he loved to support them and, with Barrie Bunce, John Bartlett, Mick Canter

and Brian and Dave Woolford etc, he helped to build the new store at the cricket field. When they started a skittle team called the Cricket Club Skittlers, he played for them. John was an excellent shot with a gun and I bet with his keen eye he was no mean skittler.

In later life John became a gamekeeper over at Broad Hinton. I wasn't surprised at that as he had always been interested in the countryside and, of course, loved his spaniel dogs. I bet they enjoyed him taking that job because that is the sort of work spaniels love. In fact Guy is a gamekeeper following in his father's footsteps while Lee is into woodworking.

In later life John suffered ill health but always retained his interest in gardening. Even in his wheelchair he would get onto the garden somehow to pull a weed out or he would go up the garden path and dig out weeds with a fork. It must have been very frustrating for him to be very limited in the things he could do as, when he was able, he would be on the go all the time. He had an excellent assistant in his wife Pat and he would watch her like a hawk. His neighbour would shout over 'Is she doing it right John?' but he could tell by John's face that he didn't think so! It was very important to him to keep showing his flowers as he wanted the Show to continue and I am sure he was proud of Pat because, whether John liked her style or not, she was always amongst the Show winners.

I would like to say what an example John was to us all, always cheerful, even with his disabilities. We go about moaning if we have a little ailment – a good resolution for the new year would be to try and adopt John's attitude to life. In saying that, what an inspiration Pat, his wife, was to him. Nothing was too much trouble – all the village admired Pat and the way she looked after John with the family. It is a credit to you all and I sincerely hope that it will be a little comfort to you that you couldn't have done any more for him. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

John Williams, the teacher who taught at St Mary's and Bradon Forest School, has died. He was here in Purton teaching for a good number of years and many of us thought he would have made an excellent headmaster and felt that was the position he should have held at Bradon Forest when it opened. John was a real teacher, someone who was respected by pupils and parents. If you did something wrong and it was warranted you would get the cane but, as soon as your punishment was over, it was forgotten about – he didn't bear any malice. Another good thing about him was that he lived in the village with his family and became part of it. John was very much missed when he left Purton. He had many friends here, none more so than Bill Neville, who used to have the garage in Station Road. John spent many happy hours in the workshop there. We offer our deepest sympathy to all his friends and family and thank John for the mark he left on Purton.

On the run up to Christmas an elderly lady who lives on her own had a cold-caller at her door, saying the moss needed cleaning off her roof and her guttering needed cleaning out and offered to do the job for £250. Eventually the job went up to £500 and, when challenged, the man said the first quote was only for half the roof and asked the lady to have the money ready and he would be back next day to do the job. What the cold-caller did not reckon on was the neighbours in the area, including the street warden, who realised what was happening and one of them dialled 101. When

the situation was explained a policeman was sent out to see the street warden and the lady concerned. The policeman told the lady to put the money back in the bank and had a chat with her. The cold-caller must have got wind of it and didn't call back, which proved he wasn't genuine, so congratulations to all the people in the Blacklands area of Purton for being so observant and for doing the right thing. That's a good new year resolution to look out for others and never give work to cold callers. If you don't know anyone to do the work you need, give me a ring and I am sure I can put you in touch with a reputable person.

Where do I start to thank people for all the kindness Purton Age Concern has been shown over the festive season? We have had several donations, like the lady who sent us a Christmas card with £50 in it and another card with a company cheque in it for £200 – many thanks Paul and Celia. Then there is the gentleman who sent us his heating allowance to let someone have it who needed it. When I explained to him how we work and that we are not in a position to means-test people, we treat everyone the same, he told us to put the money in the general funds to help with the work we do. This gentleman lives in one of the further places we cover in Braydon, so our thanks go to him for his very kind thought. Another kind gesture was by Marlene and Bim Herbert of Purton Stoke, who always have a lovely display of lights at their home and have a collection box outside. They have given us £55, so many thanks to them for that. It is very much appreciated, as is Marlene's work she does for us as our street warden in Purton Stoke.

Then we come to our Christmas Draw – we had more tickets printed this year and we didn't quite sell out – we had about forty books left out of a thousand which was excellent. We had forty four prizes – all given to us – and one of the stars of the prizes was the beautiful hamper given to us by a lady and gentleman – they have done this for several years now. We had so many lovely prizes given to us so thanks to you all who made this such a successful draw. What about the carols outside the Institute on Christmas Eve! Another 'best yet' so people keep saying. I think we had ten or eleven musicians under the baton of Mary New. We moved down the courtyard by the entrance to the office which made more room. It was a good job as I would think it was the most people we have had – about two hundred, I would think. It is such a lovely informal occasion with the hot punch and mince pies – a real old-fashioned start to Christmas, so many thanks to Mary and her group and Sheila for the punch, as good as ever. (I think my whisky was a lot lower after – still that's life!) On the down side Graham, Mary's husband, was unwell and was not there. It didn't seem the same without you, Graham, hope you are feeling better. It was something special with the lights – everyone could see their carol sheets and the musicians could see their music. It was a great improvement with the Institute being flood lit with ever changing different colours. It was a bit of a problem to start with, dazzling drivers coming up the hill, but once that was sorted out it was lovely. Thanks to Cycle Care for supplying the electricity for that and what about the snow in between each carol. This was a lovely surprise to all of us. What a bonus – a real Christmas scene. It was a pity we didn't have a few photos – we could do our Christmas cards this year from them. When we were talking about the arrangements, Mick Looker said 'Don't worry it's all taken care of'. Isn't

it nice when you've got friends like that so many thanks to Lawrence Marchington, Sam and Ian – you certainly gave us a great start to Christmas.

On new year's day we took the tree down – here we have the same people to thank who put it up – Lance, Adam, Ian, Nick and Mick and, of course, we had a few suggested plans for the tree next year. Could I say the tree was as good as when we took it down as it was when we put it up? So many thanks, Robin.

Before Christmas was quite busy but we found time to go to the Carol Concert by Cricklade Band and *Encore's* Concert at Bath Road Methodist Church – this group entertained us at our Christmas party at the Village Hall. We had a good sing at both these concerts and enjoyed them both. *Encore* do all their entertaining in aid of Breakthrough Breast Cancer and they were able to send £1,000 to this charity. Another nice occasion was the tea with carol service at Purton Methodist Church which was very well supported. Unfortunately Sheila and I went down with the bug after Christmas like many more and could not attend the nine lessons and carols at St Mary's. That is always such a nice service as well. One of the nicest sounds I heard over Christmas was the bells ringing for Midnight Mass at St Mary's then, when I went to 8 am communion on Christmas morning, the wind was in the right direction and I could hear the bells ringing at Lydiard. All this certainly told us about the special baby that was born so long ago.

Another enjoyable occasion was celebrating with family and friends the new year coming in at the Red House. I am never over-enthusiastic about new year as I feel that I cannot possibly have a better year than the previous one but, in saying that, I know there are lots of people not so lucky as I am, anyway a happy and peaceful new year to you all. As you can see, it wasn't all work and no play over the festive season.

Sorry I am deviating from Age Concern – we all hope you enjoyed your vouchers and had a little treat. Coupled with that, we thank all the trades people for accepting them and, of course, thank our valued street wardens for handing them out. Please let us know if we have missed anyone – you all look much younger these days.

By the time you read this we will have started our fundraising with the Burns Night. As I write this tickets seem to be going quite well and I am sure it will be a good night. Following on from this we have our jumble sale at the Village Hall on Saturday 16 February at 2 pm. Good clean jumble and bric a brac can be left at the Hall between 12 noon and 1 pm.

The next event is our Annual Auction on Saturday 2 March at 1 pm. Viewing is from 12 noon, items for the sale can be brought to the Village Hall between 9 am and 11 am. You get 75% of the selling price providing the item fetches over £2. If not, the money goes into our funds. A reserve price can be put on items but if it fails to sell you pay £2 for it going through the auction. We do not accept useless items, electrical goods over two years old without a safety certificate, bedding, clothes, old gas appliances, poor quality or faulty items, books, except specialist books, and sofas etc. without a fire safety certificate and we reserve the right to refuse items for the sale. We have a professional auctioneer, Mr Roderick Wightman, so come and along and have a look round. Any donations of items to sell are always greatly appreciated.

TONY PRICE

PURTON PLACARD

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

Purton Amateur Dramatic Society
Forthcoming Pantomime
"Sinbad the Sailor"



At Purton Village Hall
Thursday 7 to Saturday 9 February 2013

Ticket prices:
£7.50 Adults, £6 OAPs, £4 Children
on sale from late January
at Best One and In Touch Services,
or from Sue / Lindsey

Evening performances - bar Licence applied for
Teas & coffees at the Matinee.

Royal Wootton Bassett
Orchestra

Around the World in 80 Days

A light hearted musical
narration of the story.

On Saturday 9 March
7.30 pm,

at Royal Wootton Bassett
Memorial Hall.

Tickets: £7.40 adults, £2.50
Under 16s.

Purton Guide Dogs
JUMBLE SALE

In the Silver Threads Hall
on Saturday 9 March
from 2 pm.

Tea Coffee etc. and Raffle
Donated items from 12 noon

Purton Age Concern
JUMBLE SALE

at the Village Hall
on Saturday 16 February
at 2 pm.

Lots of bargains, bric a brac,
books, toys, nearly new
and much more

Jumble can be left at the
Hall from 12 noon to 1 pm

Purton Silver Threads
JUMBLE SALE

In the Silver Threads Hall
on Saturday 16 March
from 2 pm.

St Mary's Church
will be holding another
Wine Tasting

Friday 15 March 2013
with Francis Young
of The Pear Tree Hotel
in the Silver Threads Hall
Start 7pm prompt

Tickets £20

to include a hot meal and wine

Contact: Sandra ,
Sheila, Val



Group for Patients - Purton and
Green Gable Surgery
***Ovarian Cancer
an information evening***

to be held
in Purton Surgery
Tuesday 12 March 2013
7.30 – 9 pm

Tuesday, 5 February, 2013
'BOLLYWOOD NIGHT'
At the Maharajah Restaurant,
High Street, Purton
Fun night
with traditional Indian buffet supper.
Raffle and prizes!

Two sittings –
6 pm for adults and children
8.30 pm for adults only!
Tickets: Adults - £15
Children 8yrs and under - £10
From Jan, tel: 07701 051989
or 01793 771216

Bollywood dress optional
but encouraged!
All proceeds to 1st Purton & Lydiard
Scout Centre Appeal Fund.

Purton Age Concern
Annual Auction
At The Village Hall
on Saturday 2 March
Items for sale can be brought
to the Hall from 9.30 am to 11.30 am
Viewing from 12 noon to 1 pm.
Sale starts at 1 pm.
AUCTIONEER –
Mr Roderick Wightman

Lent Lunches 2013
13 February to 20 March
6 Wednesdays,
from 11.45 am to 1 pm
at Purton Methodist Church,
Playclose

Did You Know ... ?

- Laughing lowers levels of stress hormones and strengthens the immune system. Six-year-olds laugh an average of 300 times a day. Adults only laugh 15 to 100 times a day.
- Every time you sneeze, some of your brain cells die.
- The cigarette lighter was invented before the match.
- TYPEWRITER is the longest word that can be made using the letters from only one row of the keyboard.
- A monkey's skull wrapped in leather and paper was used as a soccer ball in the very first World Cup championships in Uruguay.
- The lion that roars in the MGM logo was named Volney.
- Celery has negative calories. It takes more calories to eat it than the celery has to begin with.
- A polar bear's skin is black. It's fur is not white but actually clear.
- No word in the English language rhymes with MONTH.
- It is possible to lead a cow up steps, but not down them.
- You burn more calories sleeping than watching television.

WHAT'S ON?

Bradon Forest Theatre

Thursday 28 February 7.30 pm - Bradon Forest Theatre

Shifting Sands present 'Boxed In'

BOXED IN is a hilarious tragic comedy about the obsessions, fears and dreams of two warehouse workers. Their daily routine of checking and moving boxes is stifling and meaningless whilst their attempts to enliven their day become increasingly ridiculous and desperate.

Friday 8 March 7.30 pm - Bradon Forest Theatre

Gonzo Moose present 'What the Dickens?'

Young Charles Dickens is a rookie reporter on The Morning Chronicle. Whilst investigating the foggy slums of Ye Olde London Towne, he accidentally stumbles on a story that could make his reputation. Follow our hero on the adventure of a lifetime! Expect a world of pockmarked pickpockets, cobwebby convicts, teeming slums and empty marshes, dark secrets and convoluted plots, and lots and lots of fog. This inventive and gripping comedy features just three actors playing over 20 roles in 80 minutes of fast-paced fun and thrilling action. Brimming with unfeasibly quick costume changes, stupidly surreal characters and wonderfully daft jokes, *What The Dickens?* is the most absurd contribution to the Dickens bicentenary you could hope to see.

Friday 15 March 7.30 pm - Bradon Forest Theatre

Vamos present 'Finding Joy'

Joy is creative, funny, loves to dance, and is losing her memory: her grandson Danny is rebellious, fearless, bright, and always getting into trouble. When out of the blue, Danny decides to become Joy's carer, where will their unexpected and playful bond lead them?

Box Office - 01793 773981 / Email: CalderD@bradonforest.wilts.sch.uk

DOMINIC WALDRON

Purton Amateur Dramatic Society

Forthcoming Pantomime: "Sinbad the Sailor"

At Purton Village Hall Thursday 7 to Saturday 9 February 2013.

Tickets will be on sale from late January at Best One and In Touch Services as usual, or from Sue or Lindsey.

We have applied for a Bar Licence for the evening performances but it will be teas and coffees as normal at the Matinee.

Unfortunately, due to rising costs, we have had to put our prices up and this year we have three ticket prices: £7.50 Adults, £6 OAPs, £4 Children.

We would like to thank all those who support us in many ways, such as venues to rehearse in, places to sell our tickets, our Patrons, and not forgetting all those who come to our performances. We hope you enjoy watching it as much as we enjoy performing it!



'My Wild Life'

by broadcaster & naturalist Mike Dilger
Thurs 7 February, 7.30 pm at the Gateway Centre,
Spine Road, near South Cerney GL7 5TL

A regular visitor and a big fan of the Cotswold Water Park, the CWP Trust are delighted to welcome Mike Dilger to the Gateway Centre, where he will give an entertaining and informative talk. Mike has worked on numerous TV programmes as a reporter and presenter, and is currently on the BBC One Show.

My Wild Life is an illuminating and sideways look at what it takes to produce cheap and cheerful wildlife television. Featuring some clips from *The One Show*, Mike reveals what often goes on behind the scenes on location and spills the beans on everything you wanted to know about TV presenting but were afraid to ask. Mike will also recount how he spent a year converting his back garden into a wildlife sanctuary in the small rural village of Chew Stoke, near Bristol. From otters to badgers, chickens to hedgehogs, an orchard, a pond and compost bins, to the best birdlife imaginable ... what began as a seemingly straightforward mission, *My Garden and Other Animals* soon became the adventure of a lifetime!

Come and enjoy an entertaining evening in the beautiful setting of the Gateway Centre, Spine Road, near South Cerney. Doors open at 7 pm, talk starts at 7.30 pm. Refreshments provided. Tickets: £10 adults / £5 children. Booking essential.

To reserve tickets please call the Cotswold Water Park Trust on 01793 752413 or email events@waterpark.org



JILL BEWLEY

RWB Community Cinema

Next Show: *The Angels' Share*, Tuesday 5 February at 7.30pm
at the Sixth Form Centre, Royal Wootton Bassett Academy.

Directed by Ken Loach, this bitter sweet comedy follows protagonist Robbie as he sneaks into the maternity hospital to visit his young girlfriend Leonie and hold his newborn son Luke for the first time. Overwhelmed by the moment, he swears that Luke will not have the same tragic life he has had. Escaping a prison sentence by the skin of his teeth, he's given one last chance ... While serving a community service order, he meets Rhino, Albert and Mo who, like him, find it impossible to find work because of their criminal records. Little did Robbie imagine how turning to drink might change their lives – not cheap fortified wine, but the best malt whiskies in the world. Will it be 'slopping out' for the next twenty years, or a new future with 'Uisge Beatha' the 'Water of Life?' Only the angels know ...

Tickets will be £5 each, or £3 for those still at school, and they can be obtained from the Post Office in RWB, Marcia Collettes in Lyneham or on the door. Cash only please.

We have popcorn, sweets and drinks at SHOP PRICES so no need to go to

Swindon – you can come to RWB and have a good value night out!

It is also a nice, friendly atmosphere where people who want to come along on their own can do so.

We still need more people to come along and back this project or it will not be able to continue. Please give it your support.

Our next film will be: Tuesday 5 March – *Anna Karenina*

<http://rwbc-community-cinema.btck.co.uk/Forthcomingfilms>

Frank Harvey: a musician within our midst

Here in Purton we have a composer with a reputation that is growing within the musical world.

Who would believe that Frank Harvey, of Waitemeads Close, has had several public performances of his works during 2012.

There has already been mention in this magazine about Frank's Triets ... called Double Vision ... a piano piece for six hands, at the prestigious Colston Hall in Bristol.

Check out this link to hear a performance on YouTube:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ROdZlIRfda0>

There has also been a performance of Frank's prize-winning song 'The Convergence of the Twain' which was the poem by Thomas Hardy, about the sinking of the Titanic . This performance took place at Bathwick Church, Bath on 29 April.

The performance of Frank's piano piece 'Transformations of Themes by Liza Lehman,' was composed as a tribute to David Bedford, who had died the previous year; Liza Lehmann was his grandmother. This took place at the Bristol Music Club on 16 November. To hear a recording of this piece please contact Frank direct.

And there is a recording that has just been issued by the English Poetry and Music Society of four of Frank's songs by Jane Manning and Stephen Roberts.

That is a fantastic achievement in one year, Frank.

Congratulations from impressed Purtonians.

Purton Peartree Pealers

Over the Christmas period the Purton Peartree Pealers, our local handbell team, went out handbell ringing around the area.

We rang at Wootton Bassett late night Shopping, at the Pear Tree Hotel, at Blooms Garden Centre and in White Lodge Nursing Home.

We even rang in Lydiard Mansion, as part of their Victorian Christmas programme.

In total we collected over £356: and, to our delight this sum has been doubled by a company that employs one of the ringers.

So, in total we shall be able to donate over £700 to the Prospect Hospice.

Thank you for your generosity, if you donated towards our fundraising this Christmas.

If any new people would like to come and have a go at handbell ringing... it is great fun!... please contact [Libbie](#)

If you can read music it is a help. Commitment is Monday evening practices.

Christian Aid in Purton



The Christian Aid Group (hardly a committee!) is about to start work all over again, planning and plotting and scheming, to see what can be achieved in our wonderful little village during 2013.

Last year, somehow or other, we managed to raise over £6,000.

This sort of sum is absolutely astonishing!

We are about to set up our preliminary meeting to discuss a timetable of activities for Christian Aid Week this May. If you have never been along to a planning meeting at Libbie's then please do come. You will be SO welcome!

We can guarantee cake and coffee if you can guarantee a huge amount of time, effort, fun and dedication.

Please contact [Libbie](#) if you'd like to become involved.

We look forward to sharing the cake with you!

Church Flowers

It may interest you to know that there are now over 25 people involved in helping with the church flowers.

This is a wonderful number and we want to take this opportunity to thank them all for their hard work, throughout the year, in making the Church look even more beautiful.

These caring people buy the flowers and give their time freely; or they give us the flowers so that we can decorate the church on their behalf.

So thank you to one and all

If anyone else would like to become involved please do contact Libbie. We would be so happy to welcome more onto the rota.

Usually the commitment is to help at festival times such as Harvest, Easter and/or Christmas; and then to do the flowers at one other time in the year to suit.

You can do more, or less, whatever ...

Also if anyone would like to decorate the church on a particular day or week, in memory of a loved one, or for an anniversary or celebration, then do let us know and we'll discuss it and see what can be done. For example, recently, a magnificent arrangement was made to celebrate a lady's 100th birthday!!

Please talk to [Libbie](#) if you want to know more.

Purton Guide Dogs



The only thing to report this time, is the change for what we call our 'January Jumble'.

Due to my being called in for a routine Day Surgery Op, that turned out to be not routine, it has had to be put back to 9 March, and will be in the Silver Threads Hall with a 2 pm start. Hope to see you all there.

Many thanks for all your support.

BRIAN DAVIES for the Purton Support Group

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On such a very wet night (19 December), with Purton threatening to flood at any moment, we defied the weather and had a great party, to celebrate our birthday as well as Christmastide. As 47 ladies arrived, it was inspiring to see how they had all dressed for the occasion – colourful, smart, a pleasure to see and even outshining the Silver Threads Hall which was already well decorated for Christmas. The welcoming sherry helped, too!

Three main dishes followed by beautifully fattening puddings had been provided to satisfy every taste and dietary need, and all progressed in merry fashion. And then, a high spot – The Voice – Mr Graham Davison-Smith entertained with songs from the shows. This handsome tenor sang to a spellbound audience – I wondered if it was unnerving for him as nearly 50 pairs of eyes met his across the crowded room! (Oh, Purton ladies, what you miss if you don't belong to the WI!) And as it was also our birthday party, a lovely cake, made and decorated by our stalwart Mrs Gladys Legg, was cut and served with coffee. Such fun!

The next meeting, on 20 February, will consist of a dancing demonstration by Tanya Riley and Children. The competition is "A photo of me wearing a dance dress" – now, that should produce a tableful of nostalgia! – and in Social Time you will have to name the dance from the music.

All this could be yours, so if you haven't yet paid your annual subscription, you really must; and then you can think on to 20 March, with the AGM and the need for Committee members to make up a vibrant WI. Such a great group of members means that the Committee meetings and duties are not onerous but enjoyable. Who, seeing Sylvie enthusiastically flying around the room, filling gaps, offering constructive suggestions, and humorously ensuring our health and safety, does not think "I wish I were young enough to do that!" – well, you are! So sign up, ladies! You have nothing to lose but just a little of your spare time, and you would gain so much, especially in the way of friendship, and occasionally an opportunity of having a say in the running of our country! Now, could you ask for more?

If you have any photographs or interesting cuttings that would fit in with the exhibition of the history of the Purton Women's Institute at Purton Library, please do let Helen Dixon borrow them, as soon as possible, please. (Time flies so quickly these days, so there is a need to do it now!)

I look forward to seeing you all on 20 February at Purton Village Hall, and trust that the beastly winter illnesses will have passed over by then and you feel tip-top.

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Church Floodlighting

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



- 9 January The Church was floodlit remembering **Ian Freeguard** during his 20th anniversary week.
With love always: Mum and Dad;
Sandra, Helen and Keith; and friends and family.
- 28 January St Mary's was floodlit in remembrance of **Susan Morley**, whose birthday it would have been.
Lovingly remembered by her family and friends.
- 9 February The Church will be floodlit in memory of **Lilian Slade** on her birthday.
For ever loved and sadly missed
by Ron, Geoff, Linda, Lyn, Ted and families.
- 15 February St Mary's will be floodlit in loving memory of **Ron Gunter**, a dear Husband and Uncle;
on the 12th anniversary of his death.
Loved and remembered by Betty and family.
- 17 February The Church will be floodlit in memory of **Sheila Osborne**.
Sadly missed by Pete, Simon, Tip, Myles, Em and Olivia
- 20 February St Mary's will be floodlit for **Gerty Holland** on her birthday.
From all the Holland Family.

Floodlighting contact: [Libbie](#).

If the lights don't work, for any reason, we offer our apologies and, of course, we offer another floodlit evening for free, or your money back.. These things happen occasionally and it is really disappointing for all concerned.

Purton & Green Gable Surgery

Group for Patients - G4P

Ovarian Cancer an information evening

to be held in Purton Surgery

Tuesday 12 March 2013

7.30 - 9 pm

Two speakers have been arranged, one from Great Western Hospital and also someone who has been diagnosed with this condition.

As we need to know numbers you need to book to attend this event – tickets will be available in Purton Surgery and from Committee members.

There is no charge.

SHEILA FOWLER, Secretary, G4P

Group for Patients



Purton Diary - February 2013

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| 3 | Su | 8.00am | Communion at St Mary's Church |
| | | 10.30am | Morning Worship at the Methodist Church |
| | | 10.30am | Family Service at St Mary's Church |
| | | 6.00pm | Evensong BCP at St Mary's Church |
| 5 | Tu | 2.00pm | Silver Threads Club at Silver Threads Hall |
| | | 6.00pm | <i>and 8.30pm: Bollywood Night buffet supper at <i>The Maharajah</i></i> |
| 6 | W | 7.30pm | PHS Spring Course starts - then on 20, 27 February |
| 7 | Th | 10.30am | Communion at St Mary's Church |
| | | 7.30pm | PADS Panto at Village Hall |
| 8 | F | 9.30am | Age Concern Minibus to Swindon for all areas of the village. |
| | | 7.30pm | PADS Panto at Village Hall |
| 9 | Sa | 2.30pm | PADS Panto at Village Hall - matinee |
| | | 7.30pm | PADS Panto at Village Hall |
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| 10 | Su | 8.00am | Communion at St Mary's Church |
| | | 10.30am | Morning Worship at the Methodist Church |
| | | 10.30am | Communion at St Mary's Church |
| | | 6.00pm | Evensong at St Mary's Church |
| 11 | M | 7.30pm | Purton Parish Council meeting at Village Hall - press and public welcome |
| 12 | Tu | | Shrove Tuesday |
| | | 11.00am | Songs of Praise at Ashgrove House |
| | | 7.30pm | Purton Yacht Club at The Angel |
| 13 | W | | Ash Wednesday |
| | | 10.00am | <i>to 4pm: Bevors legal advice clinic at the Millennium Hall - p29</i> |
| | | 11.45am | <i>to 1pm: Lent Lunch at Methodist Church</i> |
| | | 2.30pm | Methodist Women's Fellowship at Hooks Hill with Rev. David Perkins |
| | | 7.30pm | Ashing Service at St Mary's Church |
| 14 | Th | | Valentine's Day |
| | | 10.30am | Songs of Praise at The Cedars |
| 16 | Sa | 2.00pm | Age Concern Jumble sale at the Village Hall – <i>jumble can be left at the Hall from 12noon to 1.00pm.</i> |
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| 17 | Su | 8.00am | Communion at St Mary's Church |
| | | 10.30am | Morning Worship at the Methodist Church. |
| | | 10.30am | Communion at St Mary's Church |
| | | 6.00pm | Evensong at St Mary's Church |
| 19 | Tu | 2.00pm | Silver Threads Club at Silver Threads Hall |
| | | 7.45pm | Royal British Legion at The Red House |
| 20 | W | 11.45am | <i>to 1pm: Lent Lunch at Methodist Church</i> |
| | | 2.00pm | Communion at Ashgrove House |
| | | 7.30pm | Purton Evening WI at Village Hall: Dancing demonstration - Tanya Riley and Children |

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| 21 | Th | 7.30pm | Historical Society at St Mary's School: Christine Kinder - <i>History of the Harp</i> |
| 22 | F | 3.30pm | Communion at The Cedars |
| 23 | Sa | 3.00pm | to 6pm: Neighbourhood Plan drop-in workshop at Village Hall |
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| 24 | Su | 8.00am | Communion at St Mary's Church |
| | | 10.30am | Morning Worship at the Methodist Church |
| | | 10.30am | Communion at St Mary's Church |
| | | 10.30am | Junior Church at the Millennium Hall |
| | | 6.00pm | Evensong at St Mary's Church |
| 25 | M | | End of consultation period on area of Neighbourhood Plan (p26) |
| 26 | Tu | 7.30pm | Gardeners' Guild at Silver Threads Hall: Dr Bryan Lawton – <i>the History of Windmills</i> |
| 27 | W | 11.45am | to 1pm: Lent Lunch at Methodist Church |
| 28 | Th | | After 8: Late Christmas meal at <i>The College</i> . Contact Mary Smith for final details - members only |

March

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| 1 | F | | New Library opening hours - see page 24 |
| 2 | Sa | 1.00pm | Age Concern Annual auction at the Village Hall |

Every week

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| 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 February
● 10 February
🌓 17 February
○ 25 February

Cricklade Country Market

The next Country Market is at *The Club at Cricklade* on Friday 22 February 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).

Coffee and Chat

We meet every Wednesday from 10 am until noon at the Silver Threads Hall. We play Scrabble, cards, dominoes and other games, or you can just 'sit and chat'. If you want some company, come and join us – a welcome awaits.

BOB TINSON

How True!

The first piece of luggage on the carousel never belongs to anyone. *George Roberts*



I have written to parents and students to inform them that I will be retiring from my position as Headteacher of Bradon Forest School at Easter. Having been a Headteacher of two schools for nearly 19 years, the last 12 at Bradon Forest, the role has become increasingly pressurised. However, it is the particular set of 'local' politics and associated challenges that Bradon has had to face over the last four years that have been most demanding. It has been a privilege to be Headteacher of Bradon Forest but it has been these issues, especially the wide ranging effects of withdrawal of the bus service, that have taken their toll both personally and professionally. The decision to retire has been an incredibly difficult one to make. My family and close friends have wanted me to take this decision for some considerable time. The Chair of Governors and Governing Body have already started the planning process for the recruitment of a new Headteacher. I will be very sad to leave at Easter but will continue to support Bradon Forest as a parent and within the local community.

Christmas Concert: Our two Christmas Music Concerts in the Bradon Forest Theatre on 12 and 13 December 2012, with over 70 performers across the two nights, were a great success.

There was a wide range of performers and we



were delighted that the ever popular George Corfield and George Tindall returned to the



stage to compère the evening. It was a lovely warm atmosphere with old and new performers taking to the stage. Special mention to Peter Harris who had the audience mesmerised as he entertained them and Mr Duncan who appeared as Shrek - what will happen next year!? If you feel you have missed out then never fear - there will be a Spring Concert on 21 March 2013 as we celebrate all that the Year 11's have achieved musically while here at Bradon.

The school concerts were followed by our Annual Carol Service at St Mary's Church on Wednesday 19 December 2012. The church was

full and the evening was a lovely service of traditional lessons and carols interspersed with a variety of musical items from both our students and the Purton Village Voices.

Reverend Ian Tweedie-Smith and Judith Wells, Assistant Curate at St Mary's, hosted the evening and finished the service with an



excellent version of "The Twelve Days of Christmas". Thank you to Miss Groom, Miss Hedges and all staff and students for the excellent concerts and Carol Service.

BRADON FOREST OLYMPIC 2012 UPDATE: In the build-up to the London 2012 Olympic Games, Bradon Forest participated in upholding the Olympic and Paralympic values throughout each term. As a result of the information LOCOG received from the work our students did, we received 60 Gamesmaker watches as a thank-you. The LOCOG Education team suggested that we used the watches as a reward for students who had been living the Olympic and Paralympic Values.

One of those values was Excellence. The top 12 students in each year group who had gained the most positive achievement points in Terms 1 and 2 were rewarded with a Gamesmaker watch. These students had earned lots of green slips and Key Stage 4 certificates of achievements. Congratulations to them all. The number of Grade As achieved in Term 1 for effort and homework was also analysed and rewarded on a tutor group basis. Congratulation certificates were awarded to 7S, 8S, 9T, 10S and 11R for the most Grade As for effort. 7X, 8S, 9T, 10S and 11R gained the certificate for most Grade As in homework. Term 2 results will be shared with students in the next week.

Students achieving the most positive achievement points in Terms 1 and 2

Year 7

Hayley Ambrose
Charlotte Boudidge
Jonathan Boudidge
Felicity Bulpitt
Annabelle Fraone
Sophie Kell
Megan Llewellyn
Sian Pettman
Sami Sawaf
Katherine Shears
Leon Slade
Isabelle Smith

Year 8

Bethany Galt
Mason Garland
Lydia Geronikolos
Megan Gill
Euan Hutcheson
Luke Jones
Ela Kanani
Chloe Murphy
Olivia Pegler
Eleanor Phillips
Imogen Webb
Robyn West

Year 9

Brody Anderson
Tom Buckingham
Ellie Chivers
Antonia Costa
Stephanie Cresswell
Elenya Field
Shannon Harrison
Megan Hartley
Jordanne Hobbs
James Keen
Danielle Spiers
Jessy Zhang

Year 10

Jordan Allen
Amreeta Bhui
Georgia Bryant
Connor Cleary
Matthew Crosby
James Coupland
Shea Grattan
Jade Hedges
Josh Howells
Rhys Jones
Max Taylor
Leonie Timperley

Year 11

Antony Blanshard
Niamh Butler
Harry Gove
Tonya Greenhill
George Griffin
Kyra Jenkins
Gemma Lucas
Robert Mills
Molly Nowell
Kyle Pike
Joshua Webb
Polly Whinfrey

FOOD TECHNOLOGY NEWS: Christmas Cake Competition:

On 18 December 2012, Carole from *Sugar Celebrations* returned to the Bradon Forest School Food Department to judge the Christmas cakes which were made by Year 11 students and the students who attended the Christmas cake decorating club.



All students had worked really hard since the middle of November ensuring they had a beautiful cake to present to Carole. We had a snowman face, along with several ponds with Christmas trees, snowmen or Eskimos around them; there was a Rudolph and some ice skating penguins to name but a few.

Mrs Jones reports that Carole said that the standard was really high and that



she was pleasantly surprised at the accomplishments of the students. (I was glad she had to pick the winner as they were all so good!) Carole finally chose the cake made by Megan Hartley in Year 9 who had made a design of three teddy bears dressed as the three kings. Carole presented every student with a cake decorating book written by herself and Megan was awarded a

voucher to spend in Sugar Celebrations.

Thank you to Mrs Jones and all colleagues involved in supporting the inaugural Bradon Christmas Cake challenge club.

L SPIERS, Headteacher

Purton Library opening hours

Following feedback from the Purton Library volunteers and after careful consideration of the levels of customer usage during the evenings, from 1 March Purton Library will now close at 5 pm on Fridays. The library will remain open on a Tuesday evening until 7 pm.

From 1 March 2013:

Mondays: 2 pm - 5 pm

Tuesdays: 2 pm - 7 pm

Wednesdays: 10 am - 5 pm

Fridays: 2 pm - 5 pm

With the continuing support of local volunteers Purton Library will remain open for 18 hours per week, still 2 hours more than prior to September 2011 when the volunteers became involved.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the volunteers for all their hard work in supporting this highly valued community service.

*CAROLYN KENNEDY
Community Librarian*

Purton & Lydiard Scouts



A huge thank you to everyone who purchased our Scout stamps again this year, and especially to Shear Success, Hair by Val, Best One, In Touch Services and Toomers Garden Centre, who made sure we had plenty of outlets for you to buy and post your cards. Thank you to Karen Compton and her team of mums who made it all possible for you this year to enjoy this service provided by the Scout Group and our District, Swindon North! We hoped it helped you to continue to send your cards in an efficient way to the Swindon area and we will be doing the same this year!

Mothers Day Market – 1st Purton and Lydiard Scout Group will be holding a Mother's Day market on Saturday 9 March at the Silver Threads Hall, 10 am - 12 noon which will be open to Mums, Dads, grandparents, children and all! Come along and enjoy coffee and cakes, enjoy some of our more relaxing pastimes on offer like nail painting and reflexology! There will be the usual stalls, cakes, flowers, raffle and crafts. All proceeds to our new Scout Centre fund! Please do support us and we hope to brighten your 'Mother's Day' week end!

Winter Camp 2012 (an insider's account by Caleb ...!) The Camp took place from 7-9 December in Hertfordshire. The theme was 'WWII Aircraft'. 1st Purton and Lydiard went with 7th Swindon, and we all met up at the Orbital McDonald's on the Friday evening. The journey took about two hours, which everyone seemed to spend eating sweets and talking. One of the Scouts had a nose bleed just as we set off, but he was cleaned up with wet-wipes by the Leaders!

In camp, seven of us (Leaders, helpers and Patrol Leaders) were to sleep in tents, providing we had a four-seasons sleeping bag. Everyone else was in bunks inside. Sleeping out was good fun, but very different to doing it in the summer. Each morning I woke with a freezing cold nose! The most annoying part was that if I needed anything from my kit during the day, I had to trek outside across the mud for it.

Saturday was spent doing challenges and activities linked to WWII, like going on an aircraft simulator. On Sunday we went to the RAF Battle of Britain Museum in Hendon. We had to find out lots of facts about different aircraft, like Spitfires and Lancaster Bombers, and fill in activity sheets. The best bit was being able to see inside aircraft that had actually flown in the war.

All the cooking was done by one of the 7th Swindon leaders and her daughter, but we all helped out with laying tables, clearing, and washing up. The food was very nice, especially considering they were catering for about forty hungry people. They even let PLs (like me!) have any food the Leaders couldn't manage.

There were three badges that could be earned on camp: Air Spotter, Air Researcher, and Model Maker. Most of us got all three. I enjoyed camp a lot, just like the one I went on two years ago. This one had more badges to earn, but a lot less snow!

CALEB WILLIAMS, Patrol Leader 1st Purton and Lydiard Scouts

PURTON POSTBAG

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■ WILLIAM KENNETT REVISITED

I was pleased to receive a cutting from your December issue headed Exhibit of the Month which contained a post card photo of my great granddad Mr William Kennett. I have traced my family back on my father's side as far as his father, Mr Joseph Kennett, originally spelt Kinnett born in 1789. Joseph and Elizabeth had eight children, of which William was born in Purton in 1826 and married Eliza Skeats on 28 August 1854 in Clifton Parish Church. It would appear that they have always been farm workers, or labourers as they were called. I get the notion that William was in a tied cottage as so often happened in those days. He fathered nine children of whom I understand, one died at 1 year, two died at 3 years, one at 11 and one at 18.

My granddad Joseph Nelson Kennett was born on 22 August 1871 in Purton, married Mary Edith Smith (?) who was two years younger and they had 5 children. My granddad died on 8 July 1932 owning his own farm at Stockbury in Kent (I knew him well as my elder sister was his house keeper until he died). But his father William Kennett, in the photograph, died in the workhouse, hence my impression that he lived in a tied house, but this may not be so. Quite a big family, still increasing, but sadly I have only met a few of them, and the farm is no longer in the family. My granddad Joseph Nelson was well known in the village, served as a Magistrate and on the board of

Governors for local schools so perhaps he followed in his father's footsteps, hence the long coat and cravat.

Mrs Helen E. Langston

■ MUD LANE

As an old Purtonian who appreciates what Purton has to offer I would like to congratulate all concerned who fought against the proposed diversion of Mud Lane, an old drovers' road at Restrop Farm. There was a two-day public inquiry at the Village Hall carried out by a government inspector and common sense prevailed as the application was thrown out by the inspector.

There was a lot of work put in by the objectors – Ron Harris and John Crawford on behalf of the Parish Council, Brian Broad, Richard Pagett, Ps and Qs, Brian Freegard from the Historical Society, Janet Davis, Joan Crosbee and Marion Hobbs from the Ramblers, walkers Richard Gosnell and Bill Riley who made the applications for upgrading the lane to its original status of a bridleway and all the people who wrote letters objecting to the diversion. All your efforts will be greatly appreciated by future generations. They will be able to walk Mud Lane like our forefathers did before us. It restores your faith in human nature that justice was done so, once again, very many thanks to you all.

Tony Price

■ GRASS VERGES

We know that most residents don't own the grass verge outside of their properties. However we are really fortunate to have these verges and many residents in our street keep the grass trimmed and generally in good condition because they contribute to making our road a nice place to live. A minority though don't seem to care about how the verges outside their property look. Some residents constantly drive across the grass to get to their drives leaving nothing but a muddy mess.

Just recently, verges have been badly damaged by tractors, skip lorries and various tradesmen working nearby. Visitors in cars also seem to think they are better off when their car is parked half on the verge. The road is wide enough for everyone to pass without resorting to mounting the verge, it is through sheer impatience and a 'couldn't be bothered' attitude that this is happening.

PLEASE can we all be a bit more thoughtful; encourage visitors to park in the road, and treat the little bit of green that we have with care, and make our neighbourhood a better place?

Name & address supplied

■ GONE WITH THE WIND

Last year saw 5 parish councils and well over 800 Swindon residents taken aback by a Planning Department document that identified areas, including Highworth, Hannington, South Marston, Tadpole Farm and the eastern villages of Wanborough and Liddington as areas appropriate for wind turbines. In response, the residents and local parish councils asked that the Local Plan should define a minimum separation

distance between any proposed wind turbines and residential housing.

There is nothing radical here, it's been adopted by other Councils and figures in a bill before Parliament for a national planning restriction.

Hopes were raised when Councillor Dale Heenan, speaking of the Local Plan, said 'the specific wording is still being discussed but I wouldn't be surprised if it includes separation distances of 1km'. In the event, and despite Dale Heenan's best intentions, the Planning Department's views prevailed and the proposed Development Plan does not include a minimum separation distance.

Ill Wind, a group of local residents, successfully opposed a planning application for wind turbines overlooking Stratton and South Marston. They were concerned about the growing evidence about impacts on health, disturbance from noise and shadow flicker and the damaging effects on neighbourhoods that would be overlooked by giant moving structures of a size that would dwarf any building currently in Swindon.

Ill Wind are urging Swindon residents who don't want to live too close to wind turbines to voice their objections to the anti-democratic way the Local Plan is bypassing the consultation process and being railroaded through to a 21 February deadline. If you are interested, and want to help, visit their website, illwind.co.uk, for more details or you can write directly to forwardplanning@swindon.gov.uk or Planning Service, Freepost SCE5251, Swindon Borough Council, 5th Floor, Wat Tyler House West, Beckhampton Street, Swindon SN1 2JH

Des Fitzpatrick

Purton Rainbows, Brownies & Guides



Whilst most units finished 2012 with Christmas parties, 2nd Purton Brownies couldn't fit one into their busy programme so decided to have a New Year party instead. They had party games and food at their first meeting after Christmas. They also visited Lunch Club and took the members New Year cards and calendars which the Brownies had made.

After the excesses of Christmas, the Guides decided to start their year with a patrol games night involving lots of silly races. Games were also the order of the day for 1st Purton Brownies after hearing stories of what the girls had got up to over the Christmas break.

The end of one term and the start of another is often the time for goodbyes and then welcomes. 1st Purton Brownies have said goodbye to Kate and Natasha whilst welcoming Ella and Aimee. Rainbows are looking forward to Jessica, Megan and Georgina making their Promise.

The New Year is often a time for review and looking forward so it is fitting that our promise consultation has just launched. The Promise is Guiding's beating heart – it's the core expression of our values and the common standard that brings us all together. Girlguiding UK is committed to retaining a Promise that is in line with its original principles, but it's crucial that girls and young women understand and believe in the words they say. That's why it was decided to invite all current members of Girlguiding UK as well as the wider public to discuss the wording of the Promise. Everyone's opinion matters so if you would like to take part in the consultation please follow the following links.

Rainbows: <http://rainbows.girlguiding.org.uk/promise.aspx>

Brownies: www.girlguiding.org.uk/brownies/Promise/index.html

Guides: www.girlguiding.org.uk/Guides/newsandevents/promise.html

Senior Section: www.girlguiding.org.uk/seniorsection/news/promise.htm

Parents/other interested parties who are not current members:

www.surveymonkey.com/s/B82FN6S

For more information about guiding in Purton, either for girls joining or adults volunteering, please contact Braydon District Commissioner Jo Begg by phone on 874066 or by email at braydondc@wncounty.org.uk. You can also register interest at www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested

Sewing Machines

We have an update about the Sewing Machines for the Action on Hearing Loss Workshop in Bath! In the January magazine it was announced that SIX sewing machines had been donated, by people in and around Purton, for use in Bath at the Workshop for Deaf people with additional needs.

This magnificent total has now been increased to SEVEN machines in all.

Thank you for your generosity. It is much appreciated by all in Action on Hearing Loss (formerly RNID).

LIBBIE SHEPPARD

A Solicitor in Purton!

Research has shown that although some well-known and highly respected lawyers have lived in the Purton area, there has never been a firm of solicitors practising in the village. Until the early 1990s, Purtonians requiring specialist legal advice had to travel to Cricklade, Wootton Bassett, or into Swindon. The legal practice at Cricklade closed in the early 1990s. Therefore, that journey to Swindon or to Royal Wootton Bassett has to be undertaken if you wish to make a Will, give instructions for a land sale, or purchase, or to take advice for litigation or family matters.

That is until now. Because the Royal Wootton Bassett law practice of Bevirs have decided to open a regular legal clinic at the Millennium Hall. So, if you need to consult a solicitor, you can do so here in Purton. The experimental first session will take place on Wednesday, 13 February 2013, between 10 am and 4 pm.

If you need to speak with someone, in confidence, about any legal problem, all you need to do is to secure an appointment by contacting Bevirs office at Royal Wootton Bassett. Give them a call on 848900, to secure your 20-minute consultation.

Bevirs have had a long history in this area, with offices at Calne, Swindon and Royal Wootton Bassett. The history of the firm goes back for almost two hundred years. They are experts in all areas of law, and have a highly respected reputation which has been achieved over many years in this area.

Sonya Woolnough, one of the partners at Bevirs said recently, 'I am very pleased that we have decided to open a clinic in the Millennium Hall for residents of Purton. This will save the travelling time and hopefully help villagers, at what can be a stressful time.'

There is now a chance to be part of the history of the village. To be one of the first clients to give instructions at the first legal clinic to take place locally.

To contact Bevirs for your appointment, call Sonya Woolnough on 01793 848900, (extension 426). And don't forget to check out Bevirs website at **www.bevirs.co.uk** for further details of the services the practice can offer.

Purton Directory 2013

This is a reminder that we are intending to publish an updated Purton Directory with the March issue of *Purton Magazine* but need your help to update it. So far we have had only one reply

The range of organisations covered includes the churches, Parish Council, village services, emergency services including vets, youth organisations including scouting and guiding, charity organisations, sport and hobby clubs and societies, environmental groups, carnival ... the list could be almost endless.

If you are involved in one of these organisations, can you send us updated contact details including a name, phone number and an email or web address.

Please send this to Purton Magazine, c/o In Touch Services, 115 Pavenhill, Purton SN5 4DB or email mail@purtonmagazine.co.uk or phone 01793 772954.

Many thanks in advance.

RICK DIXON

Purton Historical Society



Angels playing harps can be seen in stained glass windows and illuminated writings in historic buildings across the world, but what do we know about the history and origins of this sweet sounding instrument? Well I don't know a great deal but we know a lady who does!

We are delighted to welcome Chris Kinder to our meeting on 21 February. She will not only tell us about the fascinating history of the harp but will play for us as well! An opportunity not to be missed.

Our meetings are held at St Mary's Primary School and our meetings start at 7.30pm. Our meetings are open to members and visitors (£3 entry).

[HELEN DIXON](#), Secretary

Spring Course: The Age of Elizabeth 1558 - 1603

A series of six weekly talks organized by the Purton Historical Society

Venue: Silver Threads Hall, High Street, Purton
Speaker: Mr. P. Booy B.ed. Hist. Hons.
Dates and Times: See below.
Course Fees: £20 on the night, £18 if booked previously.
Further Information: Inez Gale, or
Paul Booy

Week (1) 6 February at 7.30 pm

Elizabeth comes to the Throne
Elizabeth's England

Week (2) 20 February at 7.30 pm

Europe in Elizabeth's Time
Plots and Counter Plots

Week (3) 27 February at 7.30 pm

Elizabethans at Sea
Drake's Circumnavigation

Week (4) 6 March at 7.30 pm

The Armada Sails
The Armada Defeated

Week (5) 13 March at 7.30 pm

The Tudor Housewife
The Spy Master

Week (6) 20 March at 7.30 pm

The end of the Elizabethan Age
Reflecting on Elizabeth



Elizabeth in her Finery

Just a Thought

If God had intended us to fly, he would have made it easier to get to the airport.

Jonathan Winters



Carnival 2013

The carnival procession is growing! We have 3 more groups taking part – Caring Hands, St Mary's Church and Purton House. I'm really pleased that numbers are increasing, but we still need lots more, so PLEASE consider joining in and making the 50th Carnival one to remember. The theme is '50 years of Purton', so it gives a wide scope for dressing up! And remember that banners are welcome too.

MARY NETTLETON

Grant Funding from The Community Foundation

Would a small grant of up to £750 help your group?



The Community Foundation
for Wiltshire & Swindon

You can apply for help to do any of the following:

- Getting started - help with your initial costs, including room hire and publicity
- Improvements - buy equipment, update your publicity materials for example
- Development - attend training or a conference, including travel costs

Your group must be:

- Based in and serving Swindon and / or Wiltshire
- A voluntary or community organisation, with some form of Committee
- Made up of or helping people who are disadvantaged in some way
- (older people, disabled people, people living in an area of deprivation, people from minority communities)
- Show that your last year's income is less than £10,000
- (or what you expect it to be if you are just getting going)
- Show that you do not have more than 12 months running costs available

Your group will need:

- A bank account set up in the name of the group
- A constitution or set of rules (or working to develop one: call us to discuss as we may still be able to fund you).
- Equal Opportunities Policy
- Child Protection/Vulnerable Persons Policy (if your group works with children or vulnerable people)

Go to our website on: www.wscf.org.uk and complete the Expression of Interest Form or contact us on 01380 729284.

Something to Think about

When the white missionaries came to Africa, they had the Bible and we had the land.

They said, 'Let us pray.' We closed our eyes. When we opened them, we had the Bible and they had the land.

Desmond Tutu

Planning Alert! ... Coming soon to a place near you



This year will see the culmination of the Parish Plan and the beginning of the Neighbourhood Development Plan. The latter plan can establish general planning policies for the development and use of land in a neighbourhood, such as where new homes, offices or schools should be built and what they should look like. The plan can be detailed or general, depending what local people want. The idea is that neighbourhood plans allow local people to get the right type of development for their community, but the plans must still meet the needs of the wider area. In most cases we expect this will mean that neighbourhood plans will have to take into account Wiltshire Council's assessment of housing and other development needs in the area. The plan will be subject to a referendum.

Originally, when the Wiltshire Council's Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board began to think about the neighbourhood plan, *Ps and Qs* wrote to all parties to signal that we thought a neighbourhood plan based on two market towns and all the satellite parishes was a flawed prospect. Everyone we consulted thought a neighbourhood should be based on the parish itself. At the *Ps and Qs Local Day* last year, we held a brief meeting on this and, again, everyone thought that the neighbourhood should be based on the parish.

Nevertheless the area board pressed ahead last year with a neighbourhood plan based on the two market towns and satellite parishes. After several months of relatively little progress, Cricklade pulled out of the process and began its own plan. Less than a month later, Royal Wootton Bassett did the same. Some parishes also left, leaving a rump of parishes now called the *North East Wiltshire Villages*, led by Purton Parish Council. We have little in common with the other parishes: they all have their own needs concerning land use. We do not believe that other parishes should be involved in deciding, by referendum, the future shape of our villages (Purton and Purton Stoke) and the parish generally.

So, we hope that the people of Purton and Purton Stoke people will be able to have its own referendum on its own neighbourhood plan before any referendum takes place for the *North East Wiltshire Villages* as a whole.

A consultation on the area to be defined in the neighbourhood plan began in mid-January and closes on 25 February. Information about this can be obtained from: <http://tinyurl.com/al7s2tz>. Although the application to define the neighbourhood has been submitted by Purton Parish Council you will need to look for "North East Wiltshire Villages" (this includes Broad Town, Clyffe Pypard, Lydiard Millicent, Lydiard Tregoz, Lyneham & Bradenstoke, Tockenham as well as Purton (and Purton Stoke).

Ps and Qs has now completed its work on looking at the resilience of the parish into the future and its report, *Transforming Purton Parish*, is now available on its web site www.purtoninfo.org.uk. Most known potential housing development sites in the parish have been assessed for resilience using dependency modelling – it makes for interesting reading.

Compiled by Richard Pagett for *Ps & Qs*

Ps and Qs stands for Purton's Qualities

Valuing Community Life - campaigning for sustainable communities

New members are always welcome

Contact: Jane Smith (772422) Jacqui Lay (770704) or via our web site: www.purtoninfo.org.uk

Purton Cricket Club purton.play-cricket.com

Although cricket matches do not start until April, club practice indoors will start for seniors and juniors in February.

With few cricket matters on which to comment, I offer the following:-

From the Archives

In his book *The History of Cricket*, Eric Parker offers a perceptive insight into the way in which people who lived and farmed in the English countryside had such a powerful influence on the measurements and terminology used in cricket today. Most villages in the past were surrounded by three large common fields and the measurements they used dominate cricket today. Eric Parker writes:-

‘But, from the point of view of the historian of cricket, the important thing to notice is the accepted size of the common field – a square with sides each measuring 220 yards. That figure – that furrow-length or furlong – becomes the standard measure of things great or small, to be multiplied in easy ways, such as twice two are four. Eight furlongs become a mile. Or it is divided, again by an easy method, by ten. In the sixteenth century the villagers’ mind, doing its simple sums, is further helped by the birth of a great intellect. A great mathematician, Edmund Gunter, born in 1581, stands today in English history as one of the deepest of thinkers-out of numerical problems in the practical terms of everyday life. Gunter’s Chain, Gunter’s Line, Gunter’s Quadrant, Gunter’s Scale, are inventions of world-wide fame. But no one in the world owes him a greater debt than the cricketer. For it was he who decided for all time the length of the cricket pitch. He decided that there was needed a practical, easily handled instrument for measuring land, and he devised the Chain. He divided the furrow’s length by ten, and further divided the 22-yards measure thus obtained by 100, and gave us in this way the 22-yards chain divided into 100 links, which is used this very day by surveyors throughout the kingdom.

‘And it was used by the earliest cricketers. When cricket first became a game to be played by sides, played regularly, played in matches, clearly it became necessary that the length of the pitch should be everywhere the same. At the beginning, no doubt, it was roughly just about the distance one man would naturally stand from another when bowling a ball at him which is going to be hit somewhere. But soon it became necessary to standardise the pitch. A match was to be played against neighbours, or strangers. “We must make sure that the length of the pitch is what we are used to.” Then what easier measure could be thought of than the chain, the unalterable metal measure of length used by all who made measuring land their business. A chain became the length of a cricket pitch wherever cricket was to be played.

‘Other measurements followed. The height of the wicket must be standardised. The length of the pitch was fixed at 22 yards: why should not the height of the wicket be 22 inches? Just the natural, ordinary height to which a ball bowled fast underhand might rise. The figure, the number 22, was fixed in the countryman’s brain; it had been planted there, surely and lastingly, in the measuring of the sides of the square common field, or two twos, just as simple as that. And twenty-two



men made a match at cricket – eleven a side. After that, the breadth of a wicket, somewhere near 5½ inches, and the weight of the ball, between 5 and 6 ounces, are perhaps only coincidences, perhaps not.

‘Over all the measurements of cricket “reigns the number eleven.” That was our thesis at the beginning of this chapter. It is truer – is it not? – that the dominating figure is twenty-two. Farming began before cricket, and tilling the ground before measuring a pitch. If man is the measure of all things, the ox and the plough help him to measure a field. Two hundred and twenty yards had become a fixed idea in the rustic mind that turned to cricket for a game; and Edmund Gunter, when he took a tenth of two hundred and twenty and invented the chain, all unknowingly drove in the fixed idea with the cricket stumps, and gave us the length of the wicket at Lord’s.’

JOE GARDNER



We have seen as great start to the year with increased interest in membership to the club which is great.

Don't forget to take advantage of the reduced membership payment if you pay by the end of February. Mary Turner our membership secretary will be happy to let you know the details.

If you keep thinking “I would love to have a go” “I wonder if I can still play?” “I wish I could learn to play” then do not delay, make it your New Year’s Resolution!

We are always around on a Friday night if you would like to have a go. It doesn't matter if you haven't played for a while or if you are just starting off. We have mixed abilities in the club and many supportive members. Our coaches and captains are also always happy to help.

The winter league matches are going well so far and the floodlights a real asset. The A team are 3rd to date and B & C are 5th and 6th respectively. So there is still lots to play for. Well done and Good Luck teams!

As mentioned last month our web site purtontennis.net has had a spring clean thanks to Jordan Richards, one of our members. The updated web site makes a good read and keeps you informed of the social events, fee rates, coaching availability and match calendars.

If you are interested in joining or coaching please contact us at purtontennis.net or just come along.

STEPH BROWN, Secretary

Prayer for Purton

This month the churches in Purton are praying for everyone who lives or works in *Blacklands, Red Gables, Highridge Close and The Masons*. If there is anyone or anything that you would like us to pray for during our Sunday worship, please contact Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith, Revd Judith Wells or Revd 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.

Wise Words

After the game, the King and the pawn go into the same box.

Italian proverb

Exhibit of the Month: An Exhibition ... or Two

Purton Museum has been holding short exhibitions of items of historical interest relating to organisations in the village. This was kicked off a few months ago with an exhibition from Purton Tennis Club.

January and February 2013 is the period allotted to the Purton Evening Women's Institute who have taken over a cabinet and display board. A picture tells more than words so the 3 photographs here must be worth a book ... or at least a look!

Remember you have until the end of February to see this exhibition.

March and April will be the turn of Purton Cricket Club and I'm sure that Joe Gardner's archives together with items already in the museum collection will be a source of great interest.

I will try to keep you informed of forthcoming exhibitions through these pages.

Another exhibition created for 2013 covers life in the 1950s and includes a display board relating to events that happened in the Coronation year 1953 (*pictured right*).

As always, there will be clearer pictures on the Museum's 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 (to 5pm from 1 March)