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From The Editors

A New Zealand car sticker proclaimed “**Get Involved – the world is run by those who show up.**” In the last of the fascinating and informative Transforming Purton Parish articles on [page 14](#), the focus is on our democracy which is reflected via the national Government, the local authority (Wiltshire Council) and the Purton Parish Council. All are elected bodies though the Parish Council is not party-politically based.

These days it seems that many people are even less forgiving when an ‘authority’ appears slow, out of date or just unaware of a salient fact. When the moaners and groaners complain, the easiest response is “... *well, you do it then* ...” yet often the complainers do not have the time required or commitment necessary because the workload can be formidable.

While the article makes some interesting observations about how the situation can be improved, especially through the use of electronic communications, there are several opportunities elsewhere in this month’s magazine for readers to “show up” and contribute to a variety of local organisations. For example, the two Age Concern minibuses are often seen working around the village transporting older folk hither and thither all because of volunteer drivers and shotguns. It is one of the many facilities that make Purton such “a super village” (see [page 19](#)) but more volunteers are still needed – further details are on [page 8](#).

The welcome return of the Village Diary, now located in Best One/Post Office (see page 13) still needs someone to “show up” and make an entry about their activity to avoid events clashing in our busy community. Even something as simple as “showing up” to make sure that our family and close friends are clear about any organ donations after our death can more than double the consent rate, up to 88% – see [page 11](#).

We often highlight that there is much to be learnt inside each issue of this, your community magazine. The latest examples this month include (on [page 33](#)) a gardening expert who actively supports the use of plastic turf (quite a surprise to this non-gardener!) and (on [page 25](#)) the likelihood is that the Black Hand Gang name remembered from children’s comics in the 1950’s might well have come from a secret military society formed in 1901 by members of the Serbian army. Aah – the innocence of youth!

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Parish Council News



New Parish Clerk for Purton – Steve Wylie has begun his new job as Parish Clerk for Purton. He says “I feel honoured to have been appointed to this important role in such a lovely parish”. A qualified accountant, and company secretary Steve brings private sector experience as well as many years in local government. He has worked in many services in Southampton, Portsmouth and West Sussex including finance, education, engineering and property, parks, museums and entertainment services. His last role with Wiltshire Council was helping Wiltshire residents cope with hearing and vision impairments. Steve is looking forward to getting to know the Parish and its people.

Play Close Play Area opening – Purton Parish Council invited the Play Close Play Group to officially open the newly refurbished play area on Wednesday 30 April. The play group had followed the project from start to finish and produced a fabulous record of photographs of the different stages together with drawings by the children about their favourite bits. We had a fun morning with the children and play staff thoroughly putting the new play equipment through its paces. A good time was had by all with balloons and chocolate lollies to finish!

Council would like to thank the staff and children of the play group for making this event such a joyous and fun occasion. Also a big thank-you to Bernice Seviour for providing endless refreshments for the site workers, the Methodist Chapel for the loan of their generator when the one on site broke down, and the local residents for coping with all the disruption during the refurbishment works. Your co-operation was most appreciated.

Purton Cemetery – It is that time of year when our grounds staff are particularly busy with grass cutting and strimming, which is a time-consuming task around the headstones. To keep this task as easy as possible for our grounds staff, please keep any pots/ornaments etc on the base of the headstone to reduce the risk of breakage, and to avoid them causing a hazard when strimming.

Hedges – just a reminder that spring is here and the hedges will be starting to grow again. If you have a hedge that is close to the road or footpath please ensure it does not cause an obstruction as it grows. The Parish Council receives a lot of calls from local residents about overgrown hedges during spring and summer, and it takes time to write to the people concerned and they sometimes resent this. To avoid this please look at your property to ensure there is nothing protruding that could cause an obstruction or nuisance to others. Thank you.

Closure of Recycling Centre at the Village Hall – recycling facilities at the Village Hall were closed on 5 May as waste is now dealt with by the kerbside recycling collections. The nearest household recycling centre is at Mopes Lane, Purton.

Bonfire Guidelines – If a bonfire is the most practical option for disposing of garden waste, please follow these guidelines to avoid causing a nuisance to others:

- Only burn dry material;
- Never burn household rubbish, rubber tyres, or anything containing plastic, foam or paint;

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- Never use old engine oil, meths or petrol to light the fire or to encourage it;
 - Avoid lighting a fire in unsuitable weather conditions – smoke hangs in the air on damp, still days and in the evening. If it is windy, smoke may be blown into neighbours' gardens and across roads;
 - Avoid burning at weekends and on bank holidays when people want to enjoy their gardens;
 - Avoid burning when air pollution in your area is high;
 - Never leave a fire unattended or leave it to smoulder – douse it with water if necessary.

Volunteer Footpath Group – we are seeking more volunteers to help maintain the footpaths in the Parish. Groups usually go out on Tuesday mornings. Please contact the Parish Council if you would be interested in helping.

Watkins Corner Road Closure delay – the highway improvement works planned for this summer have to be postponed until the 2015 school summer holidays due to a clash of diversion routes caused by other essential road works.

Researching Purton and The Great War - Bob Lloyd has been researching the Parish Great War story since 2007, and is launching a community Remembrance project starting in August which he hopes will be supported by the local community. For more information about the project see the web site www.purton1418.co.uk or e-mail bob.mech@tiscali.co.uk

The following Planning Applications have been approved by Wiltshire Council:

N14/01107/FUL *20 & 22 Peartree Close* – Pitched roof over garages of No. 20 & 22 and erection of single storey rear extension to No. 20.

N14/01763/FUL *2 Locks Lane* – Removal of existing shed and erect replacement outbuilding.

N14/02152/FUL *17 Station Road* – Two-storey side extension.

N14/02160/FUL *Sparswell Farm, Bagbury Lane* – Construction of all-weather riding and turnout arena.

N14/02164/FUL *6 Common Platt* – Single storey rear extension, timber carport and store and improvements to existing access.

N14/02300/FUL *Bridge Paddock, Leigh* – Erection of 2 stables, tackroom and haybarn.

N14/02544/FUL *Drill Farm, Wood Lane* – Car ports/garage, part two-storey and part single storey extension. (Revision of 13/03934/FUL.)

N14/02448/FUL *2 Battlemwell* – Two-storey side and rear extensions.

The following Planning Applications have been refused by Wiltshire Council:

N14/02441/FUL *1 The Fox* – Proposed front boundary wall with carport.

How to contact the Parish Council:

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

Website www.purtonparishcouncil.gov.uk

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.

On our web site you can join up to receive regular updates and newsletters which will keep you informed of matters happening in and around the village such as planning information and road closures etc. Please have a look at the site. We currently have over 100 people signed up and we have been getting some very good feedback. Go to www.purtonparishcouncil.gov.uk and sign up today.

Wiltshire Good Neighbours

Money in your Pocket – Over the next few months I plan to offer some ideas on how to make your money go further. The first article is on Pensions.



Find Out How To Claim Your Pension Credits!

It has been highlighted that about 4 million older people are entitled to Pension Credit, yet about a third of you do not claim money that is yours!

There are 2 parts of Pension Credit – you may be eligible to receive one or both of them.

- Guarantee Pension Credit tops up your weekly income to a guaranteed minimum level set by the Government.
- Savings Pension Credit is extra money for those with a small amount of savings.

Pension Credit is a benefit designed to ensure that men and women over the qualifying age have a guaranteed level of income. So if your state pension is low and you have a small or no private pension, Guaranteed Pension Credits will top up the basic State Pension to what the Government feels is the amount required to maintain a basic standard of living.

People over the age of 65 may be awarded the Savings Pension Credit if they have basic pension and low savings. "Savings" are considered to be cash in savings accounts etc. If you own your own house, this is not considered to be "savings". Pension Credit is not taxable.

Pension Credit can be paid to home owners, tenants and people in other circumstances such as those living with family or friends.

If you receive Pension Credits you may also be entitled to: Housing Benefit, Council Tax Benefit, help with Health costs such as Dental charges and the cost of Spectacles, Cold Weather Payments and you may be entitled to Grants or loans from the social fund.

If you need further information on any of the above, or information on any other matter, call me on 07557 110414 or email rwbcrickladegnc@communityfirst.org.uk

ELLEN BLACKER, Good Neighbour Coordinator

Coffee & 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

Purton & District Age Concern



Our next meeting is our Annual General Meeting – this is on Tuesday 3 June, 7.30 pm at the Silver Threads Hall – and we can see how we have fared over the last year. We are always looking at ways we can improve the things we do for you and, of course, ways of raising money. I know we are in a sound financial position but we cannot afford to be complacent. You would be most welcome to come along and any ideas would also be most welcome.

Have you any spare time? We need minibus drivers and ‘shotguns’ (they help the drivers). If you would like to know more, give our minibus co-ordinator Maurice a ring on 770338 or ring me on 770696 – people do appreciate our minibus service.

Our Easter market stall was a great success – a lovely morning with a nice atmosphere. Our thanks here go to all who made this happen, especially Andrew and his staff for supplying the sausages for the tasting, all the people who gave us items to sell, raffle prizes and homemade cakes and produce and, of course, all of you who came and spent your money! We hope that the people who tasted the sausages will go in and buy some. It seems a long time until our next market stall at Christmas time but I expect it will come round very quickly.

Another nice occasion was our 3Bs evening. No we were not drinking Arkell’s 3Bs (although it is my favourite pint) it was bingo, bangers and beans. Our thanks to all who came along to support us, especially John and Brenda Lilley who organised the bingo and made an excellent job of it, so much so that you wanted another one this year – well, that is being arranged.

Our display in the Museum was excellent – a great show of Purton Age Concern over the last fifty years, so our thanks to the ladies concerned for this under the guidance of Rita Webb. It is true in this case that, if you want anything done right, ask a lady. My thanks ladies.

If you have trouble with your smoke alarm beeping or would like a fire safety check, ring the Fire Service direct on 0800 389 7849. The same with the Bobby Van – for anything to do with security ring 01225 794652.

There are still vacancies at the Luncheon Club on Tuesday and Thursdays. Our minibus can pick you up – it is certainly worth giving it a try. You will have a main course, sweet and tea or coffee and you can enjoy good company. For further details give Pat Suddaby a ring on 771331.

Something else I am sure you would enjoy is the T’ai Chi class that is held on Thursday afternoons at 2 pm in the Millennium Hall, at the War Memorial and Village Centre. Why not go along and give it a try. The first session is complimentary to see if you like it. If you want some local knowledge about it, give Mick Hull (772453) or Rita and Alan Webb (770453) a ring. (Yes, their *last* three digits are the same).

Our May mystery tour went very well except for the start where unfortunate circumstances took over. I would like to thank Ellison’s coach driver Simon and two of our ladies, Bernice Seviour and Louise, our secretary, for all their help and say how much the family appreciated it. Could I also apologise to the people waiting at the top end of the village and Highridge Close for being late.

The trip took in Royal Wootton Bassett, Calne, Melksham, Westbury, Warminster, Heytesbury, Stapleford and Stoford where we stopped for tea and some tea it was as well. There were sandwiches, scones, cheese straws and the cakes! – what a selection and all home made by the ladies of South Newton, Wishford and Stapleford WI. They must have been very busy and also excellent cooks. Still I suppose that's what we have come to expect and we certainly haven't been disappointed, well only on the odd occasion – I say odd occasion, only about three times in all and we have been running these trips for well over twenty five years. In the early days we had three, four or sometimes five coaches and then the only place we could stop was at the motorway services. Enough of that – the return trip took in Stapleford, Shrewton, Devizes, Broad Hinton and then home. If anyone is thinking about taking a party out and wants somewhere for tea I would thoroughly recommend these ladies and I would be more than happy to give you the contact details.

We made a little error in last month's magazine on the Placard page saying that the trip in June was a mystery tour. In fact it is a trip to Millets Farm – still, hopefully, if you read my piece or looked in the 'dates for the diary' section, you would have seen what it was and you know I have that tie which says 'once I thought I was wrong but I was mistaken'. Seriously though, the trip is to Millets Farm on Wednesday 4 June and the cost is £7 (outsiders £8.50) with an 11 am start. There might still be room so get in touch.

After that on Wednesday 2 July we are going to Winchester for the day starting at 9 am returning at 4 pm – your names and your fare to your street warden by 20 June. The cost is £10 (outsiders £11.50) – we went there quite a while ago and it's a very lovely and interesting place.

After that, on Saturday 5 July, we have one of those coffee mornings everyone enjoys at that lovely venue in Bentham, the home of Dick and Jackie Scott. This is from 10 am to 12 noon and it is not only a nice venue but the icing on the cake is that you are surrounded by nice people. There is the usual excellent plant stall, then home made cakes and produce for sale, a raffle, books and bric-a-brac – all the usual things you have at a coffee morning, so anything for these stalls would be greatly appreciated. The minibus will be available so give Maurice a ring on 770338.

A date to put in your diary is our annual trip to Weston on Wednesday 6 August, straight there and back. Coaches leave at 9 am and return from Weston at 6.30 pm. This is open for anyone.

TONY PRICE

The Village Diary

We have a village diary again now where you can put the dates of your functions, so please, please use it. It is located in Best One or the Post Office – whatever you know it as. It is very kind of them to offer this service to the village – it is a great asset and will save events clashing as long as it is used, otherwise it is not worth the shelf space it is on, so please use it.

Could we also thank Pauline Ward for supplying the diary as she used to in the old Post Office when we had Mrs Budd to thank for her kindness. Let's hope she is enjoying her well deserved retirement.

TONY PRICE

Purton Rainbows, Brownies & Guides

As well as welcoming Chloe, Rachael, Laura and Lola to Rainbows, the unit has also continued with the alphabet:

Teddy Bears' Picnic - Rainbows made their own sandwiches and enjoyed a picnic with their Teddy Bears.

Umbrellas - made a collage using cupcake cases (of course the sun was shining!).

The Big Brownie Birthday has been central to both Guide and Brownie programmes. All members of Girlguiding can get involved with this celebration and the Guides (many of whom were Brownies) have chosen the activities they wanted to complete from the challenge badge. The first two were deciding on the unit's guidelines and designing a room of the future out of junk materials.

1st Purton Brownies walked to St Mary's Church and did some cleaning there followed by a birthday tea party outside. The following week they had a joint meeting with 2nd Purton Brownies. The Brownies did some preparations for the forthcoming Brownie Holiday and also had a go at morris dancing led by Lorna and Glen Wardle – a big thank-you to them.

Guides held a Promise ceremony for Sarah and Imogen. It was extra special to welcome them to the unit as neither had been members of Girlguiding previously. With Guide numbers ever increasing the unit is delighted that Kirsty and Erin have decided to become Young Leaders with them now that they've reached the end of their time as Guides.

There are so many opportunities available to our members on top of those offered by unit meetings. Alice joined other Guides from across the County to take part in a 'Wet 'n' Wild' weekend and Rachel was part of the leadership team for the event. Along with 23 other Guides, Alice enjoyed sailing, rowing, canoeing, kayaking, raft building and swimming, all in the glorious Bank Holiday sunshine.

If you were out and about in Swindon at the end of April you may well have seen Purton Brownies taking part in a County event too. That was the 'B-Wise' challenge and part of The Big Brownie Birthday celebrations. 260 Brownies explored Swindon on foot or by bus with their Leaders, finding and collecting items, answering questions and taking pictures using a trail booklet. They then returned to the Heelis Building (home of the National Trust) for more challenges including agility and craft, still working on building up their points score. A team made up of girls from 1st and 2nd Purton Brownies were delighted to be the winners of the challenge. The event also involved 200 of the Brownies sleeping overnight at Heelis and completing a scrapheap challenge after breakfast the following morning. They went home exhausted but on a real high, as did the Leaders!

HELP NEEDED

Lydiard Millicent Rainbows are an active unit of 15 Rainbows, aged between 5 and 7 years old, who meet at Lydiard Millicent School, after lessons finish.

They enjoy a varied programme of activities including crafts, sports, outdoor activities, cooking and much more.

They need another leader to join the team to help provide this



exciting programme.

For enquiries about joining one of our units (girls or adult volunteers), 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

www.facebook.com/GirlguidingNorthWiltsDivision



Purton Evening WI purtonevewi.wordpress.com



Our April gathering saw us welcoming our new committee guided by our newly elected president, Jane Smith. It could be considered to be one of most important meetings of the year as it was our Resolution meeting. You may think that the WI is all about jam, Jerusalem and cups of tea, but you couldn't be more wrong, because apart from excellent speakers and many social and educational activities the WI is an active lobbying group and ensures that our voices are heard at both a national and international level!

The Resolution was *'The NFWI (National Federation of Women's Institutes) notes that three people die every day whilst waiting for an organ transplant. We call on every member of the WI to make their wishes regarding organ donation known, and to encourage their families and friends, and members of their local communities to do likewise'*. Gwyneth presented the facts very succinctly. She told us that the UK's consent rate is one of the lowest in Europe with 4 in 10 families refusing to give consent even though the person may have been on the donor register! This is not altogether surprising as the question is asked at a very difficult and emotional time. If we told our family and close friends our wishes beforehand it is thought that the consent rate would rise to 88%. Our WI was overwhelmingly in favour of the Resolution but there were many difficult issues raised over this very important subject. Maybe we should invite an article from NHS Blood and Transplant to appear in a future magazine?

On a lighter note (excuse the pun) we were entertained by our home grown Purton Entertainers who made us sing for our refreshments with a selection of Easter Songs from yesteryear.

Anthea told us about a Silver Clay jewellery making course she had attended at the Denman WI College. We were told about outings, the success of our skittles team and much, much more ...

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, 18 June at Purton Village Hall at 7.30 pm when we welcome Kirsty Gray who will be telling us how we go about exploring our Family History.

We look forward to seeing you then.

[HELEN DIXON](#)

STOP PRESS . . .

W.I. Food Festival 25 October. If you are a local food or hospitality supplier and would like to participate in this event, please ring Helen on 01793 770648 or email her at mail@purtonquarry.fsnet.co.uk.

Although 2014 is the centenary of World War 1 (and continues to be covered in this issue with Rick Dixon's excellent Great War series on [page 25](#)) June is also the anniversary of the D-Day landings in World War 2 when Allied Forces invaded mainland Europe over the beaches of Normandy. Unsurprisingly then, the June 2004 issue of Purton Magazine carried a D-Day story but that one had a personal twist. 10 years ago Rick told readers about his father's experiences leading up to D-Day. Having volunteered for the Royal Navy in 1942, Ken Dixon found himself as the Navigation Officer in the 42nd ML Flotilla which was sent over to the Normandy coast precisely 24 hours before the main invasion was to start.

Their purpose was to take out as many German E-boats as possible before the main invasion fleet arrived. Having accomplished their task, they joined the incoming fleet and reported for new instructions, only to be told "Oh, we didn't expect you still to be around chaps but we're sure we can find you something ...". It is worth reminding readers that Ken Dixon was just 18 years old and it is quite humbling to remember the weight of responsibilities that were carried on the shoulders of teenagers in those times of extreme national need.

As the football season ended 10 years ago, Purton Football Club were proudly celebrating winning the Hellenic Division 1 Championship having remained unbeaten in all 34 games during the 2003/04 season. When added to the last 7 games of the preceding season, they had established a 41 match unbeaten run – something even professional football teams still find beyond their reach.

10 years ago the 2nd Purton Tug of War event was rightly celebrated. Over 200 people turned out to watch eight teams pit their strengths against each other in the mighty tug. The June 2004 issue also carried a photograph of the winning team which clearly illustrated why they were called "British Beef!" In addition, £1000 was raised on the day to go towards a new slide for children at the Red House playing fields.

Rather topically, your magazine 10 years ago carried a report about successful ways of hunting slugs and snails. While the most popular weapons seemed to be copper collars and fences made with fiendishly shaped edges designed to defeat the intrepid mountaineers, ground coffee appeared to be the best solution. Apparently it's the caffeine in the coffee that does the trick; just 2% of the chemical is sufficient to put the slimy enemy out of action.

Finally, any reader wanting to find out what Green Tips were being recommended for springtime were prompted with numerous ideas from Ps and Qs in the June 2004 issue; that and all other articles from 10 years ago can be accessed on the magazine web site www.purtonmagazine.co.uk. Further details about our web site can be found on [page 32](#) this month.

Activity Week

This year Activity week will be the week 18-22 August. It will run every day from 10 am to 3 pm and is open to 7-11 year olds who live or go to school in Purton. We provide many different types of activities – craft, sport, visiting experts to name a few – and more details will be available closer to the time. If you are able to volunteer to help out at all during the week please contact Mary on 772298 or marynettleton@hotmail.co.uk.

Abseiling at Cricklade Church: 11 May

This year's Christian Aid activities started with a hugely exciting event, which took place in Cricklade. 42 intrepid volunteers abseiled down the inside of St Sampson's Church. The event was started by our own Rev Judith Wells and then nine other Purtonians followed her lead.

As well as the abseiling, there was a barbecue, a chocolate fountain and cream teas available throughout the day. There was entertainment from members of the Cricklade Band; the community choir and also the Purton Handbell Ringers ... whilst people were gazing upwards, watching the abseilers as they descended into the church (including Bishop Lee of Swindon!)

Outside, in the graveyard, there were brave Teddy Bears parachuting off the Church roof, doing their bit for the event as well.

Thousands of pounds were raised for Christian Aid at this event and we are grateful to all who supported by attending the day, by abseiling, by cake baking and by sponsoring. Thank you from Purton's Christian Aid Team.

Pictured above: Even the Bishop of Swindon abseiled!



Christian Aid Envelopes

Once again hundreds of Purton volunteers have distributed bright red Christian Aid envelopes to most houses in the village. We are so grateful to all who delivered and collected up the envelopes ... especially the Purton Guides who went out delivering hundreds yet again!

If, by any chance you missed out on an envelope and would like to contribute to Christian Aid please let us know. And if your envelope has not been collected then please drop it in to the Vicarage in The Hyde, the Library or to my home 20 Hogs Lane. Thank you so much one and all.

[LIBBIE & the Purton Christian Aid Team](#)

The Quiz for Christian Aid

Christian Aid once again provided a Quiz this year and people struggled with it both in the village and across the country.

It was won by the Mrs and Mrs Robby Whelan, grandparents of a Purton family, who got all answers correct but one! Second place was Julia Cook of Purton, who, yet again, came a magnificent 2nd ... for the third or fourth time!

Thank you all for taking part and for the shops ... Andrew the Butchers, Best One and Rick's In Touch Services for selling the Quiz sheets.

We are so grateful and we have made well over £300 for Christian Aid this year.

Marlborough Open Gardens

... takes place on Sunday 29 June this year from 2 pm to 6 pm. Spend a lovely afternoon strolling around a dozen gardens in Marlborough. Tickets £5 from The Merchant's House Shop (or £6 on the day). Afternoon tea will be served from 3 pm to 6 pm for an additional £3.

Transforming Purton Parish – Our Democracy

For our parish, democracy is reflected via the national Government, the local authority (Wiltshire Council) and the Purton Parish Council. All are elected bodies, though the latter is not party-politically based. Towards the end of the last century there was a growing sense and expectation that democracy was not simply a case of voting some person in, and then letting them get on with it. Whilst that has served the UK quite well for a very long time, with education, social mobility, and an increasing sense of entitlement we are generally far less accommodating of inappropriate decision-making and behaviour.

Generally speaking, people are now far less forgiving of “authority” if authority appears cumbersome, outdated or even ignorant at times. Of course, there is a yawning chasm between those who are quite happy to moan and groan about something (one of the famous British diseases for which we are renown worldwide) and those who actually try to do something about that. Even so, the parish council has been under-strength for some years.

An interesting consequence of some of the recent planning decisions is that with 250 houses at Moredon Bridge and the, now-delayed, 700 houses at Ridgeway Farm is our present complement of one unitary councillor and the parish council sufficient for adequate representation? The workload, if done properly, is truly astonishing and considerable thanks must go to our unitary councillor (Jacqui Lay) and all those parish councillors who read the vast number of consultation documents, attend numerous County-level meetings, and represent us at planning appeals and so on.

One of the main drivers of democracy is trust; trust between those who are elected and those who elect. Trust takes time to win and may be lost in seconds. Most are relaxed about genuine errors, though are increasingly intolerant to lack of professionalism, occasional arrogance and insensitive attitude. There are many examples during the years whereby suggestions have been made to Wiltshire Council, at all levels, and have been simply ignored. Topics have covered; participatory budgeting, organisation of community meetings, parish plans, neighbourhood plans and so on. This kind of attitude chimes with those who think that Wiltshire Council is generally unresponsive, especially during consultations in general and to planning issues specifically.

Of course, an easy (and idle) response from “authority” when people complain, is to say “... *well you do it then* ...”, and therein lies the challenge. For most working-age people, participating fully in the democratic process is quite difficult. Even attending evening meetings can be quite a challenge and not everyone is comfortable with that environment. One of the nuisances with modern decision-making at, say, area board level is that it is difficult to participate unless one is present at the meeting, especially with electronic voting being used more and more. Although some may argue that written views can also be considered, there is no evidence that that is the case. What should be done is that there should be on-line (web-based) voting, open for a set period, and then that is assembled with votes taken on the night. A fuller participation would be achieved and democracy would be better served. The cost is almost minimal – all it needs is a change in attitude. This has been proposed to Wiltshire Council – no response.

Of course, when people do become involved in focus groups, working groups, and steering groups they invest a lot of time and energy and if reasonable change does not occur then it is difficult to keep reaching out to engage if nothing comes of it. A classic example is how few people decided the outcome of a strategic analysis of the key issues facing Wiltshire. This sorry tale is described in Appendix 12 (of *Transforming Purton Parish*) *Case Study Resilience or Convenience*.

Increasingly, we access information on-line and at any time. This 24/7 accessibility has the ability to enrich the democratic fabric and is to be embraced. Whilst face-to-face contact or even phone calls are all part of the mix and highly desirable, that is simply too limiting these days. Rather than allow the only opportunity for engagement to be at 7 pm on a Tuesday night let us embrace the many options that are available. Not dismiss the tried and tested ones, of course, but add less conventional ways.

For instance, www.CarbonBrake.com conducted a poll on dog fouling and potential ways to deal with it. There were forty responses in just a few hours and these were instantly communicated to the Area Board who were deliberating the matter. There are many issues on which one can quickly reach out and gauge opinions, with hard numbers. This can enrich the database on many issues, and be bang up-to-date.

One can feel a sense of continual involvement and know that one's opinions are being counted (often quite literally). With suitably-defined surveys evidential information can be conveyed to decision-makers quickly and efficiently. None of this is rocket science, none of this takes a lot of time; it is most a change of attitude and a bit of web engineering. It is democracy in action and can be very empowering.

None of this is a panacea, of course, to fixing the entrenched democratic deficit but it all helps.

The *Ps and Qs Foresight and Resilience Plan* called for:

- Greater awareness of civic responsibility
- Strategy for Parish Democracy

That was the final extract, the full report, *Transforming Purton Parish*, is freely downloadable from www.CarbonBrake.com and there is a hard copy in Purton Library. To date there have been more than 600 downloads.

If you want to take the latest poll or survey, find out the latest on potential housing developments (such as the most recent addition of 50 houses in the far corner of the parish), Restrop Road (recently refused) behind Jewel's Ash, and much more, simply go to www.CarbonBrake.com and subscribe.

RICHARD PAGETT (secure@richardpagett.com)

Cricklade Country Market

The next Country Market is at *The Club at Cricklade* on Friday 27 June from 9 am to 11 am. Please call Anne on 01793 750125 for more details, to place an order or to become a market producer (baking or growing).

Obituaries

Purton Magazine is always happy to include obituaries. If you wish to have us publish an obituary of a loved one, please send it, perhaps with a recent photo, via the contacts on [page 4](#) of the Magazine. We can crop or resize photos supplied.

WHAT'S ON?

Wessex Male Choir

The Choir under its new Musical Director Katrine Reimers will be performing at 2 local venues in the coming months:



Tuesday 3 June at Royal Wootton Bassett in concert together with guest artistes from MJ-UK Music & Arts at St Bartholomew's Church at 7 pm in support of Esmor Davies' fundraising challenge to drive a JCB from John o'Groats to Lands End in aid of Blind War Veterans. Tickets priced £10 are available from Brian Taylor Music, 115 High Street, Wootton Bassett and on the door.

Saturday 5 July is the Choir's Annual Summer Concert at **Steam Museum** in Swindon. Wessex will be joined by guests MJ-UK Music & Arts and mezzo soprano Maria Jagusz for this year's event which has been a sell-out in previous years. The concert starts at 7.30 pm though tickets give you free entry to the Museum and bar from 6.30 pm before the concert doors open at 7 pm.

Tickets are £12 (under 16s free, but must have a ticket) and available from the Choir on (01793) 825378 or tickets@wessexmalechoir.co.uk, from the Information Office, in Swindon Central Library, Regent Circus, Swindon (01793) 466454, STEAM Ticket Office, Kemble Drive, Swindon (in person), the Choir's web site www.wessexmalechoir.co.uk and from In Touch Services in Purton.

Beautiful Music to Celebrate Midsummer's Eve

From a touch of opera to popular love songs past and present ...

7.30 pm Saturday 21 June 2014 at Bath Road Methodist Church, Bath Road, Old Town, Swindon SN1 4BA

Featuring Rachel Gilliam and Heather Main (Sopranos); Richard Worthing Davies (Bass Baritone); and Frances Couldridge (Piano).

Tickets £6.00 available from Friends of Willows, 11 Prospect Place, Swindon, SN1 3LQ. Tel: 01793 426650 or Mobile 07768 442393

Refreshments will be available to purchase and the Grand Raffle will include a painting by local artist Marilyn Trew.

All proceeds of the concert will go to Willows Counselling Service who provide affordable counselling to the people of Swindon and surrounding area Charity No 1037677.

PADS Murder Mystery

is being repeated in aid of St Margaret's Church in Stratton on Saturday 7 June, 7 for 7.30 pm in the community centre next to the church, off Kenwin Close. I am lead to believe that some Purton residents were **DESPERATELY DISAPPOINTED** to miss the recent performance and are considering making the trip. Ticket price has not been finalized but includes fish and chip supper; take your own beverage. Teams of 6 with prizes for the winners. Contact Nick Yerbury for tickets 770552

Jubilee & Friends come together to celebrate Ivy's 90th Birthday



Sue & Moira organised a surprise gathering to wish Jubilee Estate's most senior resident a Happy 90th Birthday on Saturday 10 May. The ladies' food was delicious and the showers stayed away long enough for all to have a good time.

Here's to Ivy's next ten years so that we can do it all again.

STOP PRESS: "How nice of Sue Read and Moira White to organise a street party for me in my garden for my 90th birthday. Thank you to all my neighbours for the gifts and flowers they gave me, I was truly spellbound." *Ivy Pratt*



Café Project Gathers Momentum

The Purton Community Café Project will be a friendly meeting place for Purton people of all ages, offering tasty food and drinks. It will become a social hub, where people can find out about local opportunities to earn, learn and socialise, and to admire the creative talents of local people, as well as buy their products. That's just the start – the longer-term plans will be shaped around what the people of Purton suggest and support.

Find out more in the next village magazine, which will feature a full report on how the project is progressing and give information on how you can get involved.

HEATHER & LEIGH

We Record ...

Wedding:

12 April Christopher Ian Roberts and Lorna Ann New
at *St Mary's Church*

Funerals:

14 April Hilary Jane Stiles at *St Mary's Church*

6 May Jessica Michelle Sawyer at *St Mary's Church*

Special Birthday

10 May Ivy Pratt, 90th birthday

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 ...



PURTON POSTBAG

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



■ MUD LANE

A response to the letter from Mr Downs in the May edition of the magazine provided by Councillor Ron Harris:

All Council decisions are made on a democratic basis and it is inevitable that not everyone will agree with all actions. Purton Parish Council has several vacancies on the committee which we would like to fill. If you would like a say, and help us make these decisions, please feel free to apply, this would allow any person joining us to obtain all facts, take part in all discussions and shape actions on any subject. So those writing critical letters should perhaps join us in order to fully understand the position: Mr Downs has walked the path around part of Ringsbury Camp for many years therefore he could try to get this path added to the definitive map of the public rights of way under section 53 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.

■ RINGSBURY CAMP / MUD LANE

I would like to make it clear that I have never threatened any action as a result of the footpath 104 decision. Somehow this was mistakenly cited in a recent letter published in the Purton Magazine.

As most are aware, the area around the north side of Ringsbury Camp is not a public right of way. Over the years we have put up multiple signs to remind walkers of the official route of path 103, unfortunately they are routinely vandalized. Every year we routinely close and lock the gates through that

area of land, especially when we have breeding sheep, cattle and bulls.

For many years we have had multiple incidents of trespass, damage to property, lighting of fires, consumption and misuse of illegal drugs and alcohol by minors, raves and other antisocial behaviour resulting in personal injury, animal injury and death. Multiple police cases have been raised.

Recently I again reminded walkers of the situation. I continue to actively work with the parish and local council and any interested parties to find ways of improving the safety and enjoyment of our rights of way.

Richard Moseley, Restrop Farm

■ MUD LANE REPLY

I was surprised to read Mr Downs's views about Ringsbury Camp and Mud Lane in the May edition of the magazine. The Parish Council and all others involved should be congratulated for ensuring Mud Lane remains a public right of way and was not allowed to be closed by Wiltshire Council simply because it had failed to maintain it over several years.

It is unfortunate that Mr Moseley feels the need to restrict access to Ringsbury Camp, which lies on an entirely different part of his land to Mud Lane. The inquiry was carried out perfectly fairly and the inspector decided that public access to the historic lane should be maintained.

Mr Downs is incorrect in asserting that the Parish Council has deprived parishioners of a well-loved walking route: the only person who bears any responsibility for closing the path around Ringsbury Camp is the landowner. I will continue to enjoy walking along Mud Lane, and hope that Mr Moseley decides to reopen the path around the Camp so that this part of the parish can be enjoyed as it has been for decades.

Robert Miles

■ PRIDE IN PURTON

Although I agree with some of the statements made by Tony and Sheila Price I think it is a shame they are unable to accept criticism regarding the village. As Tony is known for his forthright views the person who penned the original article, with which I mostly agree, may be someone who does not like confrontation and may not have the support of family friends or partner.

With regard to the groundsmen, it is nice to compliment them but I am sure they are paid a reasonable salary to carry out their duties. If one is not careful to much praise leads to complacency.

Purton is a large settlement covering much more than Church Path, The Playclose and the Village Centre. Unfortunately a touch of "My back yard is O.K., so what are you complaining about?" seems prevalent.

I certainly must agree one must appreciate the positive aspects of the clubs and organisations of the village but not lose sight that individuals have every right to comment regarding what

their money is spent on and how they perceive the infrastructure of the village.

I believe the deterioration of some areas of the village was when the centre/heart of the village was moved lock stock and barrel to the upper square area.

So please do not get complacent as there is always room for improvement.

Derek Downs, Ringsbury Close

■ KNEE REPLACEMENT THANKS

I would like to thank people in Purton who helped us so much during Andy's knee replacement and after. Everything from helping him across the road, carrying bags and getting shopping. Even traders willing to deliver to us. Also thanks to our daughter who was so helpful during Andy's week long stay in hospital. What a super village!

Joy Le Poidevin

■ ACCIDENT

As I am sure you will all know by now my son Jack had an accident in the village a couple of weeks ago and I would like to take this opportunity to say an open thank you to everyone who assisted on the night together with all of the well wishes for his speedy recovery.

Also an apology to Tim at Cyclecare for the accident and hope that this has not disrupted your business or caused too much damage to your premises.

Jack is now doing well and back to work on light duties, thank you again and for his guardian angel for looking out for him.

From a very grateful mother

Lisa Martin, Pavenhill

Something to Think About

A positive attitude may not solve all your problems, but it will annoy enough people to make it worth the effort.

Herm Albright (1876 - 1944)

Purton Diary - June 2014

1	Su	8.00am	Communion at St Mary's Church
		10.30am	Morning Worship at the Methodist Church, joined by Braydon Chapel
		10.30am	Family service at St Mary's Church
		6.00pm	Evensong at St Mary's Church
3	Tu	7.00pm	Wessex Male Choir with MJ-UK Music & Arts at St Bart's W/B
		7.30pm	Age Concern AGM at Silver Threads Hall – all welcome
4	W	10.00am	"Storytime" at library for pre-school children
		11.00am	Age Concern half day outing to Milletts Farm
5	Th	10.30am	Communion at St Mary's Church
6	F	7.00pm	Cheese & Wine evening at St Mary's Church - see p29
7	Sa	7.00pm	<i>for 7.30pm: PADS Murder Mystery, St Margaret's Ch, Stratton</i>
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8	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	Pentecost Praise at St Mary's Church
		6.00pm	Braydon Chapel meet at the Methodist Church
9	M	7.30pm	Purton Parish Council meeting at Village Hall - press and public welcome
10	Tu	11.00am	Songs of Praise at Ashgrove House
		2.00pm	Silver Threads Club
		7.30pm	Purton Yacht Club at The Royal George
11	W	2.30pm	Methodist Women's Fellowship at Hooks Hill with 'Ben' Huddleston - 'My Testimony'
12	Th	10.30am	Songs of Praise at The Cedars
13	F	9.30am	Age Concern Minibus to Swindon
		7.00pm	After 8: "A talk by U3A" by Jeannie Dickie
14	Sa	2.00pm	Jumble Sale at Silver Threads Hall (by Silver Threads)
		8.30am	Historical Society: Summer Coach Outing - details on p24
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15	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
		6.00pm	Braydon Chapel meet at the Methodist Church
16	M	7.30pm	St Mary's Fellowship of Women at Methodist Church: Fish & Chip Supper at 35 High Street
17	Tu	7.45pm	Royal British Legion at The Red House
18	W	2.00pm	Communion at Ashgrove House
		7.30pm	Purton Evening Women's Institute at Village Hall: Kirsty Gray - <i>Family History: Starting out</i>
20	F	5.00pm	'Eyes Down' 6pm: Family Bingo at St Mary's School (PTA)
21	Sa		Summer Solstice

Carnival Week 21 - 28 June - see events on [page 28](#)

22	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	Braydon Chapel meet at the Methodist Church
24	Tu	2.00pm	Silver Threads Club
		2.30pm	Communion at White Lodge
		7.30pm	Gardeners' Guild at Silver Threads Hall: Marilyn Beale - <i>Wildlife & Plants of Seven Fields Nature Reserve</i>
28	Sa	12 noon	to 6pm: Carnival Fete at Bradon Forest Field
		1.00pm	to 3pm: Roads closed to traffic along Carnival route
		1.00pm	Carnival Procession through village
29	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
		5.00pm	Youth Service at St Mary's Church

July

2	W	9.00am	Age Concern outing to Winchester
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Every week

Tu	9.15am	to 11.30am: Purton Toddler Group at Village Hall
	12 noon	Luncheon Club at Silver Threads for over 60s
	7.30pm	Bridge Club at the Red House
W	10.00am	to 12 noon: Coffee and Chat at Silver Threads Hall
	6.30pm	Rock Solid at the Methodist Church
Th	9.15am	to 11.30am: Purton Toddler Group at Village Hall
	11.15am	to 1pm: New Beginnings at Purton Youth Centre
	12 noon	Luncheon Club at Silver Threads for over 60s
	2.00pm	to 3pm: Age Concern T'ai Chi at Millennium Hall
	2.30pm	Pram Service for pre-school children at Methodist Church

Moon Phases

● 6 June ○ 14 June ◐ 21 June ● 28 June

If your Club or Organization's Events are not included in the Diary Pages, contact: Purton Magazine c/o In Touch Services, 115 Pavenhill mail@purtonmagazine.co.uk

Dementia Carers

A member of our family has dementia and I wondered if anyone who is in the same situation would like to meet up for a social coffee and chat once a month in an evening. There are numerous carer cafés around but they are all in the day and as my sister and I work we are unable to attend. It will be a very informal evening to chat, share experiences and to give guidance to others, the first one will be on Tuesday 1 July at 7 pm and then the 1st Tuesday of the month thereafter. It would be lovely to set up an evening support group and if you would like to come, please phone me for more details on 770549 (evenings).

JULIE TAYLOR



The Science Department WOW Show



Back in 2008, the Bradon Forest Science Department developed a unique show called the Wow Show to answer questions on why and how things work, using experiments too dangerous for the classroom.

Six years on, we were very excited to welcome the following schools to our special Primary performances on Monday 12 and Tuesday 13 May:

- Brook Field
- Catherine Wayte
- Haydon Leigh
- Haydon Wick
- Orchard Vale
- St Mary's
- St Sampson's

The pupils were treated to variety of experiments such as the Exploding Can, Screaming Jelly Babies and Kazooka Shoot 'Em Up!



Battlefields Tour of Ypres and Normandy

Miss Mazelin reports: Twenty-four students and a team of five staff enjoyed a four day residential trip to both World War One and World War Two battlefield sites during the Easter holidays. The group visited the Tyne Cot Cemetery, the Last Post ceremony at Menin Gate, Omaha Beach and cemetery, the Museum of the Battle of Normandy and the British War Grave Cemetery in Bayeux as well as having the opportunity to tour the local area and talk to other visitors. It was a good opportunity for the students to reflect on what they will do with their freedom, the responsibility to

make good choices over bad and to give them justifiable praise for their respect and behaviour throughout the trip.

Before leaving we placed a remembrance cross at the grave of T. J. Wheeler who was 18 when he died on D-Day. Students were pleased that we took the opportunity to make a visit to signify that the younger generations are indeed taking on the role of not letting these men be forgotten. The trip was a huge success and this was largely due to the great combination of students and the continual work of the staff team to look after them. The students were a credit to us all and we are confident that they will take on the responsibility of remembering the fallen with respect.



Complete Beginners Community Ceramics Class

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we have had to delay the start of our new beginners course. Anyone who registered for this course has been notified and will be updated as soon as we have a new start date. If you would like to register your interest please call the school reception on 01793 770570 or email the Arts Manager, Jennifer Purcell, at purcellj@bradonforest.wilts.sch.uk.

Year 5 Open Morning: Monday 30 June 2014: 9.15am - 10.30am

Year 5 Open Evening: Monday 7 July 2014: 5.00pm - 8.30pm

Bradon Forest School, Purton, Swindon, Wiltshire, SN4 5AT

Parents of pupils currently in Year 5 are warmly invited to come and visit our supportive and friendly school where every student matters. Individual attention means your child will quickly find their feet in the important transition to secondary school. We challenge students of all abilities.

For more information on our Open Morning and Evening, please contact our Admissions Officer, Mrs Emma Hayden, on 01793 770570.

Purton Historical Society



Thursday, 24 April - The History of Wiltshire Constabulary – Steve Bridge

Steve gave a very interesting and humorous talk about the formation of the first County Police Force in the UK.

Prior to 1839 policing in Wiltshire was the responsibility of parish constables who were supervised by magistrates. This was largely ineffective and the county saw various major incidents, including riots about food prices, objections to the introduction of new farm equipment that would take jobs, objections to parliamentary reform etc. When the County Police Act of 1839 was introduced Wiltshire leapt at the chance to form a police force. As a result Wiltshire Constabulary was established on Wednesday 13 November 1839 at The Bear Hotel, Devizes and was the first county police force to be formed beating Gloucester by a few hours.

Wednesday 30 April - Outing to Oakham Treasures

Following Paul Booy's very successful Spring course about the fifties, an outing was organised to Oakham Treasures Museum which is situated 5 miles from Bristol city centre. Oakham Treasures is full of memorabilia mostly dating from the middle of the last century. The day was a 'walk down memory lane' for many people – a large collection of vintage tractors, 1950's Christmas decorations, wartime gas masks, ration books, royal wedding souvenirs, a bygone drapers, grocery store etc – the list of items on display was endless.

A thank you was given to Mrs Inez Gale for organising a very interesting and enjoyable day.

Saturday 19 July 2014 at 10.00 am - Walk the Paths of History

We will meet at Dogridge telephone kiosk at 10 am for a walk that will include local points of history. The total walk is planned to last approximately 2 hours but there will be flexibility and an option for a shorter walk to suit different preferences. It is hoped to go to Ringsbury Camp and possibly Red Lodge but the walk will be adapted to take into account the weather and the state of the ground.

Everyone is welcome including children. Strong, comfortable footwear is advisable.

New members and visitors are always welcome.

TONY & JAN NEATE
tjneate57@gmail.com

First World War Centenary

WAR!! Has been declared!



2014 is, of course, the centenary of the outbreak of World War 1. Purton Amateur Dramatic Society will be involved in the village commemoration of one of the most history-making events of the 20th century.

We will be putting on a series of playlets which will take place at various locations within the village of Purton. These locations will be – the green adjacent to the doctor's surgery and the old workhouse, Play Close, the green adjacent to the public tennis courts and finishing at the Village Hall.

The theme will be that of a recruitment drive just after the outbreak of the war and will take place on Sunday afternoon on 7 September. We will be hoping for audience participation and members of the public will be encouraged to dress in appropriate outfits. At the Village Hall, there will be teas, cakes a sweet stall, and a licensed bar. There will be various games from that era such as hop scotch, lamp-post skipping, hoops, whipping tops. The Museum will also be open and there will be displays in the Village Hall. Entertainment will be supplied by Bobby Paul with some songs from the period. It will end with the new recruits being marched off to the station to much flag waving, cheering and, maybe, a few tears of sadness.

This is to be a free event, the only costs will be for any refreshments. Details will be on posters and boards throughout the village and also in Purton Magazine.

Your village needs you!!

Purton Historical Society Coach Outing to Portsmouth Historic Dockyards & Spinnaker Tower

Saturday 14 June 2014 Departing Purton 8.30 am. Return approx. 7 pm

We shall be visiting the 170 metre high Spinnaker Tower, on the waterfront at Gunwharf Quays, which offers amazing 350° panoramic views of Portsmouth Harbour, the South coast and the Isle of Wight, with views stretching up to 23 miles.

Within a few minutes walk is the Portsmouth Historic Dockyard where we can visit the new Mary Rose Museum alongside HMS Victory and HMS Warrior (1860) as well as the National Museum of the Royal Navy and many other attractions including a harbour boat trip.

To allow you different options, we have priced for visiting the Spinnaker Tower only (with time to do your own thing) and for visiting the Tower and as many of the Historic Dockyard attractions as you wish. Those who only want to visit a single Dockyard attraction will find it cheaper to book either "Coach only" or "Coach plus Tower" and pay individually for single attraction entry at the Dockyards. The full package allows you entry to as many of the Dockyard attractions as you wish.

Coach only £13.00* Coach and Spinnaker Tower £20.00*

Coach, Tower & Dockyard £36.00* *all prices include driver's tip

For further information ring Helen Dixon on 01793 770648

Booking forms from In Touch Services or download from www.purtonmuseum.com

Open to non-members – closing date for attraction bookings is 4 June.

It may still be possible to book coach only later subject to seat availability

Great War Project

Part 11. June 1914: Assassination

Since 1900, how many sparks could have exploded Europe into a catastrophic continental war with global consequences? Tangier, Morocco in 1905?; Agadir in 1911?; the Balkan Wars in 1912-13? In a way, the way that it happened took much of the world by surprise.

Bosnia-Herzegovina had been placed under Austro-Hungarian control in 1878 under the terms of the Congress of Berlin, though officially it was still part of the Ottoman Empire. In 1908 Austria-Hungary, in a proclamation by Emperor Franz Joseph I, annexed the occupied region, causing unrest among local ethnic and religious groups – Muslims and Orthodox Serbs now saw themselves governed by a Catholic Empire. Next door, Serbia was seeing a resurgence of its own regional power after independence from Turkey (1867) and its successes in the Balkan Wars. It would never have seen itself as a military adversary to Austria, but Belgrade became a hothouse of political propaganda.

In particular, a secret military society calling itself “Unification or Death”, but unofficially known as the “Black Hand”, had been formed in 1901 by members of the army in Serbia. Its aim was to unite all South Slavic territories into a single country along the lines of the unification of Italy in 1870 and Germany in 1871.

Archduke Franz Ferdinand was the nephew of the Austrian Emperor and had been made heir to the throne following the suicide of his cousin Crown Prince Rudolf at Mayerling in 1889 – this incident was dramatised in the 1969 film with Omar Sharif in the title role. Franz Ferdinand was absolutist in his monarchist views and was doing little to help even the strained relations between the Austrian and Hungarian halves of the dual monarchy, calling all Hungarians “rabble”, whether duke or peasant, and was little-loved throughout the Empire.

He and his wife the Duchess Sophie were sent by the Emperor on a state visit in 1914 to Sarajevo, the Bosnian capital, to show the flag and to encourage local support of the Hapsburg dynasty. Franz Ferdinand was not a particularly wise choice of ambassador. It was also perhaps unfortunate that the Austrians chose 26 June as the date around which the whole trip revolved as it marked the anniversary of the Battle of Kosovo in 1389, a key date in the Serbian psyche as it reflected the humiliation of Serb defeat by the Turks, ending Serbia’s independence as a nation. And here was another humiliation happening.

Not only was the date unwise, but the Archduke was seen as a high profile target. Serbs feared that when he eventually became Emperor he would continue and even heighten the persecution of ethnic Serbs living within the Empire. Black Hand had trained a small group of teenage insurgents to enter Bosnia and assassinate the Archduke. Was the Serbian government actively involved in the plot? That’s an intriguing question ... but years later it was revealed that the leader of the Black Hand, Colonel Dragutin Dimitrijevic, was also the head of Serbian military intelligence.

On Sunday, 28 June 1914, as Franz Ferdinand and his party were driven by

open-topped car through Sarajevo, the first of the Black Hand terrorists, nineteen-year-old Nedjelko Cabrinovic, threw a bomb at the Archduke's car. The chauffeur saw the bomb being thrown and accelerated to avoid it. It bounced off the back of the car and exploded in front of the car behind, whose occupants were seriously injured. To avoid capture and interrogation, Cabrinovic (supposedly) swallowed a cyanide capsule and jumped into the river, however he was hauled out and detained.

After a scheduled reception at the Governor's residence, the Archduke's entourage resumed its tour of Sarajevo just before 10.45 am, but with an added trip to the local hospital to visit those injured earlier in the morning. Because of the detour, the Archduke's chauffeur took a wrong turning and had to reverse and ended up driving within ten feet of another Black Hand agent, Gavrilo Princip. Princip fired two pistol shots straight into the car. One bullet hit Sophie, killing her instantly. The other hit Franz Ferdinand in the neck and he died within minutes. Princip also attempted suicide, but was captured.

On 29 June, the Head of the Austrian Legation at Belgrade informed Vienna that Serbia was complicit in the assassination in Sarajevo, and anti-Serb riots broke out in Sarajevo and elsewhere in Bosnia.

Back in Vienna, when the news arrived, there was little public reaction. The British naturalised, Czech born historian Zbyněk Zeman who specialised in Austria-Hungary and its successor states later wrote, "the event almost failed to make any impression whatsoever. On Sunday and Monday, June 28 and 29, the crowds in Vienna listened to music and drank wine, as if nothing had happened."

Meanwhile the Emperor's Chamberlain Prince Alfred of Montenuovo didn't like Franz Ferdinand either and determined to downgrade the importance of the funeral. Franz Ferdinand had been a champion of creating a navy, despite the indifference of an almost landlocked empire to sea power, so it was perhaps fitting that the bodies were transported to Trieste by the Austrian dreadnought battleship SMS *Viribus Unitis* (United Peoples – which they weren't) and then to Vienna by special train. Most foreign royalty had planned to attend, but Montenuovo announced that the deceased were only distantly related to the royal family and there would be no invitations. The funeral would be a private affair for the immediate imperial family. On top of that, the three children of the Archduke and Duchess were excluded from what few public ceremonies there were. Montenuovo also tried unsuccessfully to make the children foot the bill. On 4 July 1914, the Archduke and Duchess were interred at Artstetten Castle, because Montenuovo determined that Sophie could not be buried at the Imperial Crypt.

Kaiser Wilhelm II of Germany had wanted to attend the funeral and convene an informal peace conference with other world leaders and thus prevent the slip into war. Although he saved face by announcing on 2 July that he would not attend, before he could be disinvited, the peace plan was made impossible and a last chance for peace was lost.

There were a few other events in June 1914 that should not go unnoticed as they had repercussions later on. On 23 June, after being closed for deepening works, the Keil Kanal, now called the Kaiser-Wilhelm-Kanal was reopened by the Kaiser.

The British Fleet visited under the command of Vice-Admiral Sir George Warrender and the Kaiser inspected the dreadnought HMS *King George V*.

Then on 29 June in Russia, Chionya Gusyeva attempted but failed to assassinate the monk Grigori Rasputin at his home town in Siberia. Rasputin had been seen as having too much power over the Russian Imperial Family and the Russian government in general.

On the same day, the 1914 International Exhibition was opened at the “White City” at Ashton Gate in Bristol. Its unfortunate timing saw the Exhibition close on 15 August and the site was turned into a military depot. I can’t find any proof that the site eventually became the home of Bristol City’s Ashton Gate Stadium ... I wonder if any of our readers can confirm or deny this.

RICK DIXON

We have now moved into “real time”, albeit 100 years behind the action, but now month-by-month. I will also move more towards the consequences for this village, rather than a military history of the war, though the two cannot be entirely separated.

As I mentioned right at the beginning, I would love to include personal family memories told down the generations and relating to life in the forces, the home front, etc. I have already received a few and will be slotting these into the story at the appropriate point.

If you would like to send me a reminiscence – no matter how short – please send it to me at the magazine address on page 4, or to mail@intouchpurton.co.uk. It doesn’t have to be a whole article ... just a line or two would be brilliant and can add to our understanding of Purton and the Great War. Contributions from neighbouring parishes are also very welcome.

Purton Remembers

Purton remembers is a project that I hope the community gets behind as we remember those who paid the ultimate price during the Great War.

It costs nothing to be involved and will hopefully raise awareness over the next few years for the Parish and its Great War sacrifice.

Each month (where applicable) I will e-mail everyone who wishes to be involved a document. This A4 sized document will list the names of those who died during that specific month 100 years ago.

This document can be printed and then displayed to show your Remembrance in a window at home, at work, school, in your car, in a pub or club, on a noticeboard or in your shop. It will be accompanied with further details regarding those listed, and in time form an archive for those involved.

All those involved will have the opportunity to buy my updated research, available as a PDF file on a CD for a reduced price of £5 (normal price £10). All money raised goes to COMBAT STRESS.

Please e-mail to be included on the PURTON REMEMBERS list.

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Facebook community page - Purton and the Great War

BOB LLOYD

Carnival News

It's June so that means it's CARNIVAL! and CHRISTMAS ... again!!



Please see below the list of events we hope you will get involved.

Some events require pre-registration. The single entry form is available from: Andrew Hiscock Butchers, The Angel Pub and Purton Club – you can also download a copy from our website www.PurtonCarnival.co.uk

There is still time to be part of the procession either as a float or walking group – contact us today.

Remember this year's Theme is CHRISTMAS so please support up by turning on your Christmas lights from 21 - 28 June.

Our First Event is Pre-Carnival Golf, Sunday 1 June, 10 am at Cricklade Hotel & Country Club.

Carnival Day is Saturday 28 June – please remember the road will be closed from 1 - 3 pm approximately. If you park your car on the procession route we would really appreciate it if you could help us by moving it for the 2 hours of the procession.

We hope you enjoy this year's Carnival.

KEVIN LAW, Purton Carnival Chairman

Pre-Carnival Events

Sun 1 June	Pre-Carnival Golf	Cricklade Hotel	10am
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Carnival Week 21 - 28 June

Sat 21 June	6 A Side Football	Bradon Forest Field	10am
	Pig / Turkey Roast & BBQ	Angel Pub	4pm
Sun 22 June	Festive Fun Run	Village Hall Car Park	11.30am
Mon 23 June	Man vs Food	Angel Pub	7.30pm
Tue 24 June	Teddy Bears Picnic	Purton Club	1.30pm
	Carnival Quiz	Purton Club	7.30pm
Wed 25 June	Carnival Bingo	Silver Threads Hall	7.30pm
	Carnival Crib	Angel Pub	7.30pm
Fri 27 June	Carnival Lunch	Silver Threads Hall	12noon
Sat 28 June	Carnival Fete	Bradon Forest Field	12-6pm
	Carnival Procession	Through Purton	1pm

Post-Carnival Events

Sun 7 Sept	Post-Carnival Golf	Cricklade Hotel	10am
Wed 24 Sept	Post-Carnival Bingo	Silver Threads Hall	7.30pm

Purton & District Guide Dogs

Our Exhibition in the Purton Museum is ongoing until 28 June, we have had some good feedback from people who have seen it. We hope to have a stall at the Carnival Fete, and maybe something for the procession. Thank you for your continued Support.



BRIAN DAVIES, for the Purton Support Group

Cheese & Wine Evening - Friends of St Mary's Church

Our village has a very beautiful Parish church, and is only one of three churches in the country that has both a spire and a tower. Churchgoers enjoy the grace and elegance of this fine building on a regular basis but there are many of us that only enter the building for weddings, funerals and christenings, but whether it is every week or just once a year we expect the church to be there for our use!

There are a number of people who are Friends of St Mary's who, through regular giving, help towards raising funds for the maintenance of this lovely building. We urgently need more Friends so if you would like to find out more please join us for our Cheese and Wine evening at St Mary's Church on Friday, 6 June at 7 pm. There will be a historical tour given by Hector McLean, and cheese and wine of course! There is no fixed charge but donations would be welcome. If you can join us please either ring Christine to email: bwcegill@gmail.com so that we have an idea of numbers for catering purposes.

Prayer for Purton

This month the churches in Purton are praying for everyone who lives or works in *Purton Stoke, Bentham, Hayes Knoll, Braydon and Cross Lanes*.

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.

Purton Open Gardens 2014

Saturday 5 July and Sunday 6 July: 10.30 am - 5 pm

It is hard to believe that two years have passed since you would have found many of us working frantically on our gardens, up to our elbows in potting compost and nettles in readiness for Open Gardens 2012. Yes, I did say nettles as you do not need a perfect garden to participate! If gardening is not your thing but you could help us with the preparation and serving of ploughman's lunches at the Silver Threads Hall that would be great.

After our last event we gave nearly £2,000 to local village organisations and many of our gardeners organised refreshments, raffles etc, and donated the profits to charities of their choice.

Programmes will be available for £5, from mid-June, at various outlets including Toomers, Best One and In Touch Services (115 Pavenhill) or from participating gardens on the day. Your programme will admit one adult to all gardens over both days, accompanied children under 16 are free.

There will be some 20 gardens open around the village and plenty of refreshments including ploughman's lunches and cream teas. Please bring your family and friends and keep your fingers crossed for good weather!

If you need more information or would like to join us by opening your garden or helping with lunches then please contact Nick on 01793 770552 or Brigitte on 01793 772133.



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

Half day outing to Milletts Farm

Wednesday 4 June
Coach leaving at 11 am
Cost £7 (no food included)
Come and join us for an enjoyable visit with lots of opportunities for shopping and eating!

Ashgrove House Nursing Home

Celebrating 30 years
(June 1984 - June 2014)
Join us to celebrate with:

A 'Coffee Morning'
on Tuesday 3 June at 11 - 12 am

A 'Service of Celebration'
on Tuesday 10 June at 11 am

At the 'National Care Home Open Day'
on Friday 20 June, anytime

At a 'Cream Tea'
on Friday 27 June at 2.30 - 4 pm
Looking forward to seeing you there!

PURTON AGE CONCERN

Whole day outing to Winchester

Wednesday 2 July
Coach leaving at 9 am
Cost £10 (no food included)
with a chance to explore this historic and beautiful city and its amenities.

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Purton Guide Dogs Exhibition

Is ongoing in the Museum
until 28 June.

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Of the events you supported,
and of the Dogs you helped to fund
Since 1981.

Wednesdays 2 - 5 pm.
Saturdays 10 am - 1 pm

Forthcoming Event

Books & Bangers Evening

Friday 18 July

6 pm at Silver Threads Hall
Books, Raffle, Sideshows, Cakes,
Bric-a-brac

Competitions, Refreshments

£1 – including a cuppa

Minibus available: tel Pauline 770251

**PURTON AGE CONCERN
COFFEE MORNING**

at Bentham House Farm, Bentham.
Home of Dick and Jackie Scott

Saturday 5 July - 10 am to 12 noon
Lots of bargains, home made cakes,
plants, books and bric a brac, raffle
and a chance to enjoy lots of chat!

FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S

Cheese and Wine evening
at St Mary's Church
Friday, 6 June at 7 pm.

With historical tour
by Hector McLean.
No fixed charge
but donations welcomed.

If you can join us please contact
Christine on 771563
or email: bwcegill@gmail.com
for catering purposes.

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Purton Open Gardens

Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 July
10.30 am - 5 pm

Admission Programmes £5
from Toomers, Best One
and In Touch Services
and from participating gardens
(accompanied under 16s admitted free)

Purton Luncheon Club

Volunteers are required at the Luncheon Club, Silver Threads Hall, Purton.

Have you got time to spare to help us at the Luncheon Club? Tuesdays or Thursdays, 10.30 am to 1.30 pm. Once a fortnight or monthly? It's a nice way to make friends and meet new people.

For more information please contact Pat Suddaby, 01793 771331.

With grant cut backs and rising costs we are having a fundraising drive. We are kicking off with the ever popular quiz sheet available from 1 June – copies can be purchased from Best One, In Touch Services and Luncheon Club committee members. The theme of the quiz is Food and will cost £1 with a prize of £20 for the winner.

If you have any difficulties obtaining a quiz sheet please ring Helen, 01793 770648.

A date for your diary – we shall be having a Cream Tea on 2 August and there will be more details in the July magazine.



Purton Magazine Internet Version

If you receive your Magazine in paper form, you may not be aware that there is also an electronic version of the Magazine on-line at www.purtonmagazine.co.uk. The Internet version was started in 2004 during the first year of publication by the present committee and archive versions are available for every issue since January 2004.

The only differences between the Internet and paper versions are:

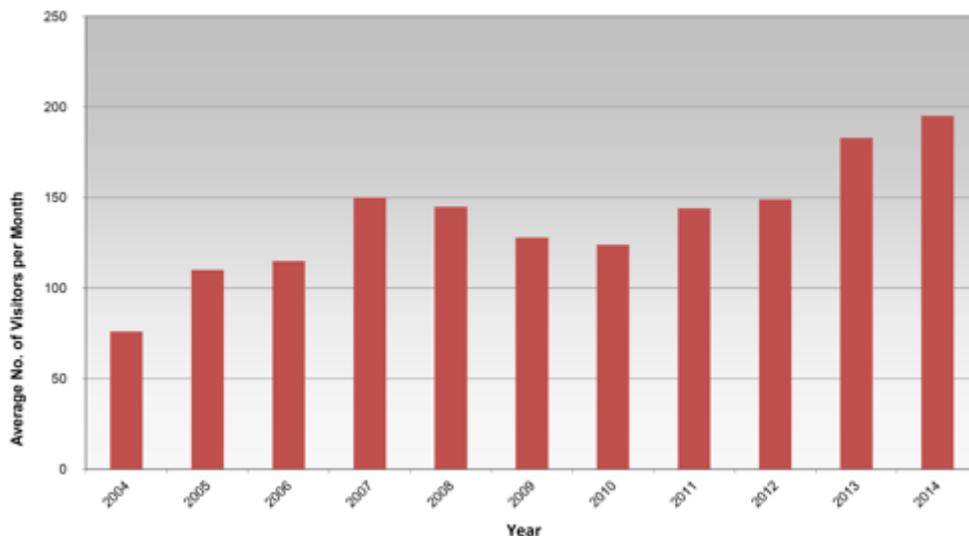
- The Internet version does not carry advertisements;
- It is published on the 14th of the month or soon after, so news isn't as up-to-date and many events in the Diary and Placard pages have already passed;
- Hypertext email and web site links are live: if you click on them you are taken to the linked page;
- Pictures are in colour.

One of the early intentions was to help keep Purtonians elsewhere round the world in touch with events back home and we know we have Internet readers living in New Zealand, USA, Canada, Japan and many other countries.

It is also useful if you want to see a back copy but don't still have your paper copy.

Since we started we have had 16,507 visits to the site, starting with about 76 per month in 2004, rising to around 195 visits per month in the first 4 months of 2014. The barchart below shows how we have progressed in the last 10 years.

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Web Site Visitor Record



A View on Life

Politicians are the same all over. They promise to build a bridge even where there is no river.

Nikita Khrushchev (1894 - 1971)

Purton & District Gardeners' Guild



For our April meeting we enjoyed an informative talk and presentation given by Victoria Logue on *Extending the Season in Your Garden*. Victoria runs a tiny nursery outside Cheltenham and sells her plants at farmers' markets. She joked that when she visited us some years previously she originally thought that the Silver Threads Hall was a haberdasher's shop!

Victoria began by explaining that she would not be telling us what we should be doing in our gardens, but the intention was to get us to look at our gardens in a different way, giving us new ideas and inspiration. Because small gardens can be seen more easily, she told us that every plant counts in them. Taking photographs of our gardens will remind us of the good and bad points. Amateur gardeners, Victoria mentioned, are not ruthless enough when it comes to developing their gardens. We should choose plants that we like, or that are suitable for the given position. If a plant is not growing well or is too big, we need to move it, or even relegate it to the green recycling bin.

Artificial aids, such as water features, will add interest throughout the year in the garden. Using her photographic slides, Victoria showed how light can be reflected in a garden with use of glass and metal garden ornaments. They also add shape and texture, while reflections can give a sense of movement. Even Astroturf, cut into shapes, can add interest. White is a good colour to use to brighten shady areas of gardens, with the use of real flowers or ornaments.

Having a focal point in the garden is useful for drawing the eyes to something, or indeed away from something else that cannot be moved. Rather than trying to cover an eyesore up, draw the eye away with an amazing plant or sculpture nearby. Look beyond your garden boundary and use plants, trees and even buildings in the distance to enhance your view. This has the added benefit of giving a feeling of added space.

Up until the end of July English gardens can look fantastic, but we often fail to plan for colour throughout the seasons. Choose plants to give interest in winter and spring such as winter flowering heathers, which incidentally grow more successfully in alkaline soils than summer flowering varieties. They have the added bonus of being good nectar providers for insects in the colder months. *Siberian birches* with their white trunks look dramatic in the winter sun, while varieties of *Cornus Florida* have stems of new growth in colours such as red, white and black. Gardens in autumn can be transformed with the fiery colours of *acers* (Japanese maples), although these are not suited to windy positions or alkaline soils. *Michaelmas daisies* provide a variety of colours and heights in the autumn time, while *rudbeckias*, *echinaceas* and grasses, which need good drainage, also add impact.

Victoria gave us many tips, such as remembering to feed plants in containers by removing the top two to three inches of compost and replacing with fresh John Innes compost with added fertilizer, or removing old foliage of plants to ground level as the new growth will soon appear. She suggested that deadheading spent flowers frequently, but for a few minutes at a time, is most beneficial, and when

training climbing roses to produce more flowers, to do this horizontally as the buds at top are the ones to benefit from the food and hormones. There is also better leaf coverage when roses are trained horizontally.

At the end of Victoria's talk Tony Price kindly offered a vote of thanks for the informative and entertaining evening we had enjoyed. He said he liked the fact that Victoria included photographs of her gardening disasters as well as triumphs to illustrate her points.

Congratulations go to the winners of our monthly competition, *An Easter Bonnet*. 1st Doreen Freegard; 2nd Janice Simpkins; 3rd Chris Jeffries. We were pleased to welcome a new member on the night, as well as have a visitor too. We are always happy to meet new members and visitors who will be assured of a warm and friendly welcome. Our next meeting will be at 7.30 pm on 24 June in the Silver Threads Hall, when Marilyn Beale will be joining us to speak about '*Wildlife and Plants of Seven Fields Nature Reserve*'. The competition will be '*A Collection of Herbs*'.

LINDA ROBERTS, Chair & MARGARET GOODALL, Secretary

Purton & District Darts League

What a fantastic end to the season we had last Friday at the Red House. Some fantastic games of darts, plenty of laughs and some worthy winners.



Pairs League: Winners - Cricklade Club; Runners Up - Phoenix A
Singles League: Winners - Cricklade Club; Runners Up - Phoenix B
Pairs Competition: Winners - Lee Evans and Joe Peare; Runners Up Luke Gough and Ben Smith
Single Competition: Winners - Tony Moulden; Runners Up - Joe Peare
Ladies Singles: Winner - Nicky Harvey; Runners Up Hannah Forty
Captains Cup: Justine Frost; Runners Up Jim MacDonald
Colliers Cup: Winners Red House B; Runners Up - Angel A
Arthur Ricketts (Landlords):

Winner Matt Carruthers - Purton Club; Runner Up - Phil Storey - Red House
Zeppy Simpkins (Landladies):

Winner Louisa Davis - Purton Club; Runners Up Tina Grey - Red House
Arthur Bevan: Winners Cricklade Club; Runners Up - Purton Club West
Wooden Spoon: Angel A

A HUGE thanks to Phil and Tina at the Red House for hosting and making it such a fun night - thank you to everyone who has taken part in this years League as without you it would not happen.

Thanks to Bim our Chairman and all the Committee for their hard work throughout the year and our volunteers.

The AGM will be at the end of August so look out for the date coming up.

Thanks again and see you in September for the start of another great season.

LISA MARTIN, Secretary

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Purton Cricket Club purton.play-cricket.com

The club's recent 'Race Night' was a great success and thanks are offered to all those who supported it, especially to our sponsors; The Red House, The Pear Tree, The Maharajah, UZI Sports, CTDI Ltd, Matt Bull, Malcolm Morrison and Mark Gardner. Special thanks are given to The Red House for hosting the event and to Master of Ceremonies, Terry Crumbie.



Several years ago while he was still a pupil at St Mary's school, Gus Gardner helped the teams by becoming the club scorer. During the early weeks of winter 2013/2014 he attended a course at the end of which he passed his Level 1 examination. As a result he was invited to score at Lord's for the 'Sponsors of the MCCs' six-a-side day on 21 May... unfortunately he had to decline the invitation owing to a G.C.S.E. examination on that day but, he has been assured that further invitations will be forthcoming. Well done Gus.

Matches at Purton in June (Saturday/Sunday)

1	U13 v Shrivenham	2.00pm	21	2nd XI v Great Bedwyn	1.45pm
7	2nd XI v Nationwide	1.45pm	22	U13 v Calne	2.00pm
14	1st XI v Marshfield	1.00pm	28	1st XI v Burbage	1.00pm
15	U15 v Devizes	2.00pm	29	U11 v Malmesbury	10.30am

Evening Cricket

5	Purton A v Nationwide	6.00pm	24	Purton B v Wroughton 2	6.00pm
17	Purton B v Ashbury	6.00pm	26	Purton A v Comptons	6.00pm
19	Purton A v RWE Power	6.00pm			

Matches at Lydiard Millicent

7	3rd XI v Goatacre 4	1.45pm	28	3rd XI v Chippenham 4	1.45pm
14	3rd XI v Wanborough 2	1.45pm			

From The Archives

150 Years Ago – 20 August 1864

Purton 42 and 77 (Capt Dickenson 15*)

Hampton 34 and 70 (C Hyne took 7 wickets)

PURTON WON BY 15 RUNS

100 Years Ago – 19th June 1914

Cirencester 2nd XI 99 (Joe Staley/Reg Iles 3 wickets each)

Purton 201-5 (Alf Woolford 92, Richard Brown 30 and Chris Woolford 45*)

PURTON BATTED ON AFTER WINNING

50 Years Ago – 27th June 1964

Purton 172 for 4 declared (Alex Grant 37, Norman Mills 27* and Joe Gardner 84*)

Calne Coop 126 (Peter White 2-29, 'Nobby' Shurey 4-24 and Bill Benham 2-20)

PURTON WON BY 46 RUNS

JOE GARDNER

Purton Bowls Club



The season is now well under way and, as of the 2nd week of May, the results are fairly mixed. In the men's league we have had two wins and three losses so far, hopefully we can turn this around. In the friendly matches we have the same results, two wins and three losses. The ladies triples league matches are a bit disappointing with no wins so far, but we are confident that this will change for the better. Ladies S&D 2-rink games are two losses and one win so far. Probably not the best start to the season, but there is a long way to go.

The Monday afternoon leagues are doing a bit better with two of the four teams having won their first matches. Let's hope the weather allows us to have a full season without any cancellations.

We are finding it extremely difficult to field teams for the friendly matches, so if there is anybody out there who fancies trying their hand at bowls then please come along, pop in at the weekend and see how it all works. The coaching evening each Friday at 6.30 pm is still running and will do for the rest of the season.

The exciting news is that we will be involved in the Carnival on 28 June. We will have a 'short mat' located at Bradon Forest School which will enable everybody, young and old, to try their hand at bowling, we do hope that you will visit us and 'have a go'.

PETER BERRY



The season has started inauspiciously with wet weather and dark evenings meaning that very few matches were completed in the first 2 weeks of the league. I hope to have lots to report on come next month, weather permitting!

The club was, however, extremely lucky with the weather on Sunday 4 May when the Purton Open Mixed Tournament was re-born. Twelve couples enjoyed a lovely sunny day and good, competitive tennis before Jo Adams and Shane Horsell defeated Ange Baldock and Jason Stevens 7-6 in a very close final. Thanks go to Ange for resurrecting this event and for raising much needed funds for the club coffers.

The junior teams have each played one match each with the 14U boys winning their first ever match and the 18U boys narrowly losing. The 14U team defeated Great Bedwyn C with Oli Madsen winning his singles very comfortably, Tom Kendall losing after a baseline battle lasting over an hour and a half on the match tiebreak 10-8 and the boys combining to win the doubles. Well done Oli and Tom! The 18U boys lost to Trowbridge; Matty Hall losing in 2 tight sets, Daniel Horsell losing in 3 sets and then Daniel and Elliot Gunton combining very well to win the doubles.

NICOLA GARDNER

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