

# Purton Magazine



August 2016

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## PURTON CONTACTS



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<i>Holy Days</i>	<i>7.00 pm Mass</i>	<i>Sundays 9.30 am Mass</i>

## From The Editors

Last month's magazine was being printed before certain outcomes were known – and not just the humiliating defeat of the England football team by Iceland; and no, not the shop.

Just 4 weeks later and so much seems to have changed. At least the participation in the EU referendum was satisfyingly high and now we are slowly coming to terms with all that leaving the European Union could entail. But that's a rather long term view compared with the speed with which we have a new Prime Minister (the 13<sup>th</sup> during our Queen's reign) and a radically reshaped government already coming to grips with current affairs. With the attempted military coup in Turkey resulting in over 250 deaths and some 6,000 arrests, we should be really grateful for our democracy, even if the outcomes are not always what we might have chosen as individuals.

Participation in our village events is actively encouraged and enjoyed by many. For example, our front cover shows members of Bradon Forest's Lower School Drama Club performing a Viking Adventure and thoroughly entertaining all who attended, as described on page 25. Another example is on page 13 when Purton's Amateur Dramatic Society are joining forces with our Historical Society on Sunday 11 September. They will be producing another series of playlets loosely based on life in Purton 100 years ago and are appealing for more participants; we are assured that no acting experience is necessary.

If appearing in public yourself is not quite your thing, then there is another opportunity to take part in different village event, this time based on musicals. Entries for the Purton Scarecrow Trail are requested by 31 July with the event happening over the weekend 17/18 September and further information can be found on page 14. Before then, the Royal British Legion's horticultural show is in the Village Hall on Saturday 27 August where readers' produce will be displayed with prize giving at 6 pm – see page 19.

Participation in many other village clubs continues over the summer with, on page 28, the Bowls Club welcoming at least 8 new members from the "Purton Clubs Together" day in May while the cricket and tennis clubs on pages 26/27 continue to be doing well in their various competitions.

We are really very fortunate to have lots of people taking part in different local activities that do so much to shape our community.

**£4**

for a freshly cooked  
2-course meal at  
Purton Luncheon Club  
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**27 Aug**

is the date for REDFEST;  
a new initiative at the Red  
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**2,275m**

is the new height reached  
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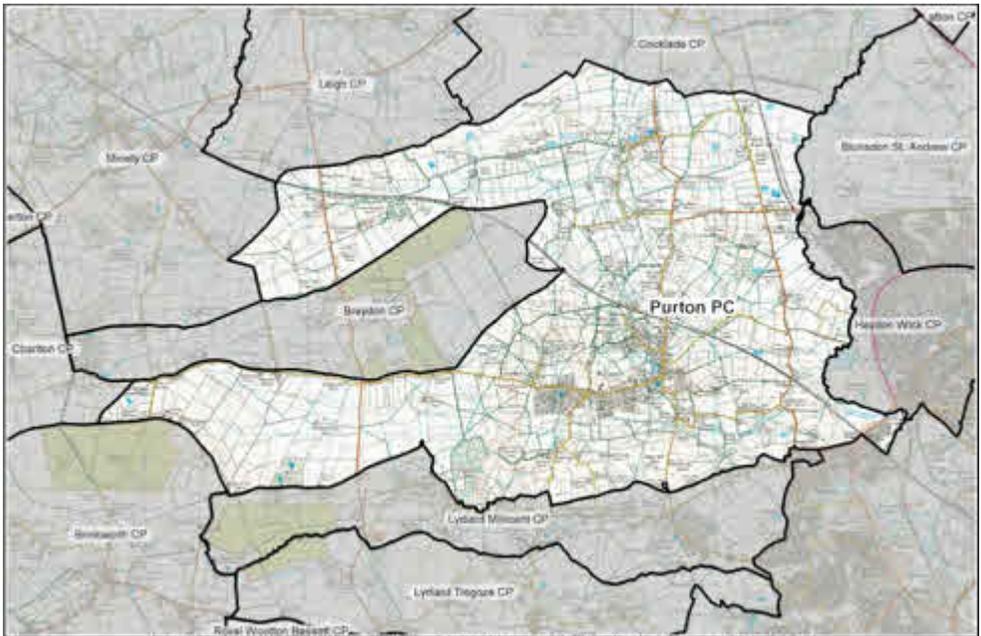
## Parish Council News



### Re-Designation of Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 Application for Designation of Purton Neighbourhood Area Wiltshire Council have received an application for the designation of Purton Parish as a neighbourhood area from Purton Parish Council. A decision to designate the proposed area will result in modification of the existing 'NEW-V Neighbourhood Area' as designated on 14 May 2013.

You can view and make comments on this proposal on our website ([www.wiltshire.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplanning](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplanning)). You can also make comments by email ([neighbourhood.planning@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:neighbourhood.planning@wiltshire.gov.uk)) or by writing to us at Spatial



Planning, Economic Development & Planning, Wiltshire Council, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge, Wiltshire BA14 8JN. A comment form can also be downloaded from the website address above. **The Closing Date for Comments is: 5 pm on 10 August 2016.**

### Purton Parish Council Needs You!

The Parish Council has the option to co-opt a Councillor to fill the current vacancy. If you are interested in your community and how the Parish Council forms its decisions and provides the services, please contact the Clerk on (01793) 771066 or email for more information [clerk@purtonpc.eclipse.co.uk](mailto:clerk@purtonpc.eclipse.co.uk).

**Council Meeting Dates** - No meetings are held in August.

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## Updated “Walks of Purton” Booklet

The Volunteer Footpath Team has begun work on this project and would welcome help from anyone interested in walks/maps etc with a bit of time to spare. Help is needed in many areas - e.g. selecting and checking out walks; designing and illustrating route maps; composing directions and descriptions of interesting features/historical notes. If you would like to contribute to this village project in any way, please contact Paul Dempsey on 07796 378136 ([paul.dempsey@live.co.uk](mailto:paul.dempsey@live.co.uk)) or the Clerk on [clerk@purtonpc.eclipse.co.uk](mailto:clerk@purtonpc.eclipse.co.uk)

## Planning and Highways

*Permission Granted – with Conditions.*

- N16/02616/FUL The Old Farmhouse, Bagbury Lane. First floor extension, rear extension, front and rear porch with steps. external terrace, new windows and French doors to ground floor, internal alterations.
- N16/02895/FUL 3 Bamford Close. Proposed single storey rear extension.
- N16/01597/FUL Purton Village Hall, Station Road. Erection of new timber double garage.
- N16/02384/FUL Hayes Knoll, Purton Stoke. Conversion of cart shed to holiday accommodation.
- N16/03016/FUL 2 Upper Pavenhill. Rear extension.
- N16/01956/FUL Church Farm, Braydon. Erection of replacement dwelling and redevelopment of existing stables and farm building in association with the private equestrian use of the associated land, including temporary accommodation associated with proposed redevelopment revision of 15/12163/FUL.
- N16/03087/FUL 15 Waite Meads Close. Single storey rear extension and Juliet balcony to first floor bedroom.
- N16/03224/FUL Derryfield Farm, The Common, Minety. Amendment to Consent 15/08799/FUL to include alterations to the main dwelling and re-positioning and alterations to the garage to form garaging and annexe accommodation over and associated works.

## Parish Annual Walk

To be held on Sunday 4 September, meeting at the layby by the Vets, aiming to leave at 2 o'clock. We are proposing to Walk number 4 from Book 1 of Walks in Purton; Ringsbury Camp and Greenhill. It will not be exactly as the book as we want to include the new footpath 161. The distance is about 4 miles and will include some stiles.

## How to contact the Parish Council:

Telephone number 01793 771066, email address: [clerk@purtonpc.eclipse.co.uk](mailto:clerk@purtonpc.eclipse.co.uk)  
Website [www.purtonparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://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.

## Facebook, Twitter and Website

Just one click away will see you interact with the Parish Council. Events, road closures, meet the staff, “did you knows”, photographs and much more. If you have

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an event in the Parish that you would like us to promote on any of the above media sites please contact the Clerk on [clerk@purtonpc.eclipse.co.uk](mailto:clerk@purtonpc.eclipse.co.uk) or call 771066.

Find us at: Facebook – Purton Parish Council, Twitter - @PurtonPC

On our website you can join up to receive regular updates 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 [www.purtonparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.purtonparishcouncil.gov.uk) and sign up today.

## News from The Trustees

### **The Village Hall**

We are pleased to say that the loop system is available for use in the Village Hall. When booking the hall, you must say if you want the keys to set it up. We had a good attendance of hall users when a demonstration was put on by the installers (the same ones who did St Mary's Church). It seems a good job as I have tried it out personally and I am sure it will be beneficial to people who use hearing aids and, of course, it incorporates a loud speaker system that will benefit all users.

If you have any problems, please contact the Council Office.

### **Purton War Memorial & Village Centre**

The Tennis Club is well into its summer season – I say summer season because now they have their floodlights they have a winter season as well. They appear to be doing well in competitions but what I think is the brilliant side of the Club is their coaching scheme, bringing on all these youngsters for the future. Good luck to you all and well done the Tennis Club.

The Bowls Club is also well into its season and doing very well – the most important thing is to enjoy your sport. The green always looks immaculate – it must be one of the best in the county, so congratulations to all concerned.

The Football Club will soon be into its season and they are hoping to fare better this season with more teams. Here again, I hope they have an enjoyable season. Talking of the Football Club, the Trustees are hoping to hire out the kiosk full time every day. For further details, contact the Council Office - and see the advert on page 2..

We are all very concerned about the Red House Social Club – whether it can continue in its present form. We are meeting with their committee to see what the position is. The licence comes up for renewal next April.

*Cllr. TONY PRICE, Chair of Trustees*

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

OFFERED: Tri-wheel walker and 4-wheel walker with seat both in good condition.  
Tel 01793 770659

OFFERED: Free to good home BOSCH electric lawnmower in good working order.  
Please contact Val Stump 07402 242508

*To advertise in this section please contact Purton Magazine (address on page 4).  
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## Purton & District Age Concern



Mick Hull recently stepped down from organising the T'ai Chi group. There is now a rota of people willing to complete the weekly register and collect the money to keep the classes running. Thanks to those who have agreed to help out on the rota.

After many years as a volunteer with Age Concern, June Harris has decided to step down from her role as street warden. I would like to thank June for all she has done for the pensioners on her patch; she has struggled with ill health in recent years which hasn't been easy for her so she deserves a well-earned rest. Thanks also go to Maureen Griffin who has taken over from June as the new street warden for Highridge Close.

### Future Events

**Day Trip to Bournemouth** - On Wednesday 3 August we will have our annual village outing for all ages to Bournemouth. The coach will leave Purton at 8.30 am and return from Bournemouth at 4 pm. The cost is £13 for children and OAPs and £15 for others. (food is not included). Come along and join us for a fun day out! To book your place, please contact your street warden before Monday 25 July.

We will be holding a **Jumble Sale** at the Village Hall on Saturday 3 September at 2 pm. Jumble can be left at the Village Hall between 12 noon and 1 pm and the sale starts at 2 pm, so put the date in your diary and come along and see if you can bag yourself a bargain or two!

Our next **Mystery Tour** is Wednesday 7 September with a 2 pm start. Cost including tea is £13 for village pensioners and £14.50 for non-pensioners and people from outside our area. Please contact your street warden to book your place before Monday 29 August.

### Past Events

**Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration** – We were worried about the weather on the morning of the event so made the decision to set up inside the Red House with just the BBQ outside under the gazebos. We put up a sea of red, white and blue bunting, flags and balloons around the rooms and a display of past and present photos and posters for all to see what Age Concern gets up. At 2 pm people started arriving and the tea and coffee starting flowing as well as drinks from the bar. Hot dogs, burgers, cream teas and cakes were available to buy. There were games and a quiz to keep everyone entertained until the band began to play. The band was excellent and the music was enjoyed by everyone. At 4 pm we gave a toast and sang Happy Birthday to the Queen, then at 5 pm the winners of the games and quiz were announced and the prizes were handed out.

It was a lovely afternoon and we have received wonderful feedback. Our thanks go to Phil and Tina at the Red House, Mark Blackwell and his musicians for providing the music, Zeta for making the scones, and to everyone who made cakes and everyone who helped out on the day, there are far too many of you to name individually but your help was much appreciated.

**Trip to Gloucester Docks** – Almost 60 people enjoyed a lovely day out in

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Gloucester. It was our most popular outing so far this year. Several people have asked if we can return there again next year as they didn't have time to fit everything in.

**Coffee Morning in Bentham** – What a lovely morning we had, the weather was very kind to us, windy and cool but no rain! It was a very busy morning, due to the wonderful number of people who came along to support us. Our grateful thanks go to Jackie & Dick Scott for hosting our coffee morning at their home again this year. Thanks to everyone who baked cakes, donated raffle prizes, tombola prizes, books and items for the bric-a-brac stall. Special thanks go to Joan Frost for selling her lovely plants and donating the money to us and to Margaret Carter who baked all the delicious biscuits we had with our coffee. We made a total of £776.30 on the day, which is a fantastic amount. We are extremely grateful to all who came along to support us and to all who helped on the day.

### **Information**

**Fire Service & Bobby Van** – If you need a smoke alarm fitting or checking please contact the Fire Service on 0800 038 2323. If you need the Bobby Van please call them on 01225 794652.

**Minibuses** – Please contact Hazel Woodbridge our minibus co-ordinator on 770862 if you would like to book the minibus.

If you are thinking of volunteering as a driver or “shotgun” (driver’s assistant) on the minibuses please contact Andy White the minibus secretary on 771656 or email him at [andywhitepacmb@gmail.com](mailto:andywhitepacmb@gmail.com) (New volunteers are always welcome.)

We hold **T'ai Chi sessions** each Thursday at 2 pm in the Millennium Hall. There are places available so if you would like to give it a go please contact Louise Tidman on 772558.

**Friendship Club** – The Friendship Club is run by the Silver Threads committee and meets monthly in the Silver Threads Hall, it is open to all village pensioners. Please contact Jenny Barnes on 770339 for more information. The next meeting will take place on Friday 12 August from 2 to 4 pm and costs 50p which includes tea/coffee/biscuits. The minibus is available for anyone who needs transport; please contact Hazel Woodbridge on 770862 to book your place on the minibus.

*LOUISE TIDMAN*

## **Health and Wellbeing Champion**

Ellen Blacker. Tel: 07557 922020 or email [ellen.blacker@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:ellen.blacker@wiltshire.gov.uk). Please contact me if you think I can help or support you with transport, home or personal safety, feeling lonely or finance.

## **Purton Guide Dogs**

We had a stall at the Purton Carnival Fete on 2 July, the weather wasn't too bad in the end, and we made £61.65 on the day. Thank you for your continued support.



*BRIAN DAVIES, for the Purton Support Group*

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## David Alan Seviour: 26 April 1953 - 8 July 2016

My dear husband passed away on Friday 8 July after a short illness suffering lung cancer. As was his wish, his body was donated to medical science, hence the reason for not having a funeral.

I'm sure there are some people who will find this odd, so I thought it best that you read his wishes and then perhaps you will get a better understanding of why, as a family, we are honouring them in this seemingly unconventional way.

We would also like to add our thanks and appreciation for all the kind acts that the "angels" of Purton have been doing for us. Without all the love and support of everyone, I'm not sure we would have coped.

Finally, special thanks to the staff at Purton Surgery, Prospect Hospice and Malmesbury Community Nurses for taking such good care of Dave.

*BERNICE, PENNI, ELENA & JOEY*

Dave left the following Living Will:

### **In the event of my death**

I have bequeathed my body to Oxford University for medical research. However, should that bequest not be accepted for any reason, then my preferences for my funeral arrangements are as follows:

I wish for any of my organs that could be used for transplantation to be so used.

I wish to be buried in the most environmentally-friendly and low-cost way possible, ideally in a cardboard coffin in a natural burial woodland.

I do not wish my burial place to be marked in any way, nor for any other form of memorial to be erected/planted anywhere.

I do not want any flowers.

I do not want to ask for any donations in lieu of flowers. If, at that time, anyone feels they wish to make a charitable donation, then they should do so to whatever charity they choose, but I would prefer this not to be 'in my memory'.

I would not choose to have any form of memorial service. However, I recognise that this may be something that others would like for their own benefit, in which case I would have no objection. I would, however, request that if such a memorial service were felt to be necessary, it should not be of a religious nature.

Finally, I appreciate that some of my preferences may be rather stark for my successors, who may feel that they 'simply have' to do something different. I fully accept this. I will be dead and it will not, therefore, cause me any particular problem. But I would ask that anyone making funeral arrangements for me does so fully understanding my personal preferences, even though these may be considered to be unconventional and uncaring. This, I can assure people, is not the case. I am just an individual with my own way of looking at life.

*Dave Seviour, 23 September 2014*

## Obituaries

*Purton Magazine* is always willing 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.

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## Mary Summers: 2 June 1926 - 3 July 2016

Mary Summers was born Phyllis Mary Gibbs on 2 June 1926 in Chippenham Cottage Hospital. She weighed just 3 lbs.

Mary was the eldest daughter of Arthur and Edith Gibbs (nee Lawes). She had a younger sister Margaret.

Mary married John Harold Summers on 8 April 1950 at Causeway Methodist Church, Chippenham. Mary and Harold had met in the Infant Class at Westmead School when Mary had broken her arm and Harold had to complete Mary's sewing as a punishment for bad behaviour.

In 1951 their first daughter Linda was born, and they moved to Oate Hill in Chippenham where they were to live until 1989. Four more children, Anne, Jean, David and Robert followed. Mary devoted her life to raising her family.

She was also an active member of St John's Ambulance, which she joined during World War 2 and retired from service in 1993. During this time, she received many awards and certificates. She provided first aid cover at events across Wiltshire for many years, and also taught first aid.

In 1989 Mary and Harold moved to Purton, where Mary played an active part in the village Women's Institute and until recent years attended Historical Society meetings.

After Harold's death in 2007, Mary continued to attend Silver Threads Coffee and Chat and the wonderful Purton Luncheon Club.

In December 2015 after a fall, Mary moved to Goldenley Care Home in Forest Lane, Chippenham, close to her childhood home in Wood Lane.

She was very happy and settled here and enjoyed being taken care of. She enjoyed visits from old friends and her family. She continued to play board games with her great-grandchildren until a few weeks before her death. Mary liked being surrounded by her family.

She was never happier than sitting in the sunshine in her conservatory, with the local papers, magazines and crossword puzzles.

Mary died peacefully in her sleep on Sunday 3 July 2016.

The cremation was at Semington on Monday 18 July, 2016. Donations, if wished, for Purton and District Luncheon Club to Jones Undertakers, Market Place, Chippenham, SN15 3HP.

*JEAN MORRISON, daughter*

## Cricklade Country Market

Locally made and grown pickles and preserves, pies, cookies and cakes, original presents and cards, seasonal plants, fruit and vegetables ... everything is handmade, home cooked or home grown by us, just for you.

Find us at "The Club at Cricklade" On Fridays 29 July and 26 August, 9 to 11 am. Coffee, tea and cakes available too.

Please call Nikki on 01793 751845 to place an order or for further information about the market.



# Purton Magazine 10 Years Ago ...

In the August 2006 issue of Purton Magazine there was a very informative article about the then new community liaison

committee that had been formed to discuss Hills' plans to develop part of the Parkgate Farm site for hazardous waste disposal.

Readers learnt that there was a critical need for hazardous waste disposal facilities in the UK with the number of permitted sites reducing from over 200 to less than 10 following changes in legislation. The Parkgate site's great advantage is being located on a deep deposit of highly impermeable Oxford clay some 100m deep.

That band of clay only occurs in isolated areas across England but makes for one of the best geological settings for all types of landfill which only takes place in the top 10 metres. As each phase of the landfill is completed, a minimum of a one metre layer of engineered clay is used to cap the site to create a total seal. Top soils are then replaced on top and the site can be returned to agriculture.

Elsewhere in the magazine 10 years ago there was an article from Ps and Qs about renewable energy. It helpfully listed a wide range of alternative energy systems available to home owners. It concluded with the comment that with prices dropping over recent years back then, it had become a more feasible option than previously. Now, 10 years later, it would be interesting to read an update on 2016 renewable energy options and costs.

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## Purton Remembers World War 1

Back in 2014, Purton Amateur Dramatic Society in conjunction with Purton Historical Society performed a number of playlets around the village based (loosely) on a recruitment drive. This year, the two societies will be putting on another series of playlets based on life in Purton in 1916. Once again, a rather large amount of artistic licence will be involved.

The playlets will take place on Sunday 11 September, beginning at the area outside the old North View hospital, moving to Play Close and ending at the Village Hall car park. There will be teas and snacks available plus a licenced bar, talks and films in the Village Hall, to give a slightly more realistic idea of what went on in 1916. We'll also have children's games from the era and a sing-song to finish with. There is no admission charge so please come and join us to commemorate Purton's role in a significant event in British history.

TONY RICHARDSON

### Sunday 11 September 2016

Participants required, no acting experience necessary. Please join us in costume to parade down the village.

If you wish to join us in the playlets please contact Lindsey on 771890 as we start rehearsing late August.



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## Scarecrow Trail 2016

### Sat 17/Sun 18 Sept on the theme of “Musicals”

If you receive your magazine in time, please have your entries in by 31 July 2016. Any shops or businesses in the village could put a scarecrow in their window; “sponsor” a scarecrow on the trail, or offer a prize.

The trail will be held on Sat 17 & Sun 18 September.

If you would like to be involved or to ask for more details, please email us on [info@purton-scarecrow.co.uk](mailto:info@purton-scarecrow.co.uk) or contact Ali on 01793 772579 by 31 July 2016. Please let us know your name, address, email address (if you have one), telephone number and postcode and then we will be in touch with you to give you more information.

Please also tell us your 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> choices for a musical: if they have already been taken we will ask you to choose another.

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## Swindon Men Deliver Peak Performance

The award winning Swindon-based Wessex Male Choir has just returned from the Alta Pusteria International Choral Festival in the beautiful Italian Tyrol. They sang alongside over 80 choirs from 18 different countries in a variety of locations up and down the Pusteria Valley.

The Choir certainly hit the high notes during the opening event of the Festival, performing at an altitude of 2,275 metres (7,460 ft) on the summit of the Plan de Coronas (*pictured*), where they enjoyed a very warm reception from the festival goers and the other choirs.

Guy Edwards, the Choir's Chairman said: 'We could not have asked for a more beautiful location: clear blue skies surrounded on all sides by the mountains. It is a memory we will cherish for many years to come. We made many new friends and received invitations to go and sing in Australia and Canada'



The Choir received a standing ovation at a concert in the Gustav Mahler Hall in Dobbiaco. Later, the Choir processed through the streets of Sesto with the other choirs and sang in the main square, where the Choir's Musical Director, Katrine Reimers, had the honour of conducting the massed choirs of over 3000 voices in a rendition of Verdi's Chorus of the Hebrew Slaves (*Va, Pensiero*).

Once again, the Wessex Male Choir has won international acclaim for its performances and has helped to put Swindon on the map. The Choir will be holding a 'Real Men Sing' open evening on 27 September at the Church of Christ the Servant, Elstree Way, Abbey Meads, Swindon at 7.30 pm. Why not go along for an informal 'try' and join them for a beer afterwards? We have 6 members from the Purton and Lydiards area who would help introduce you - contact [membership@wessexmalechoir.co.uk](mailto:membership@wessexmalechoir.co.uk)

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## Purton Rainbows, Brownies & Guides



It's great to be able to make the most of the lighter evenings during the summer term and get out and about.

For the last Rainbow meeting of the Summer term, the Rainbows walked to spend some time in Puffin's garden at The Peartree at Purton. The weather was warm and sunny and the Rainbows enjoyed an ice cream and played games. As it was Jay's last meeting at Rainbows, the girls gave her some gifts and flowers to say thank you for all the time she has given to Rainbows and guiding in Purton over the years. You may know Jay better as Janet Saunders and her contribution will be greatly missed. The unit also said goodbye to Caitlin, Heidi, Imogen, Jessica, Kanna and Sicelly who, having been in Rainbows for a long time, are now looking forward to having lots of fun when they join Brownies. Also joining the party were Mandie and Rebecca who have volunteered to help at Rainbows from September which is great news.

1<sup>st</sup> Purton Brownies went out litter picking along Church Path and were pleasantly surprised by how little litter they found there, although unfortunately the same could not be said of the area around the old infant school building. The reward for the Brownies' hard work was a water games evening the following week; the risk of getting wet always keeps excitement levels high!

Did you see 1<sup>st</sup> Purton Brownies in the Purton Carnival procession? They were dressed as minions, a joint walking group with Purton Cubs. They enjoyed preparing props and dressing up for the occasion and did really well with the walk through the full length of the village.

2<sup>nd</sup> Purton Brownies' outdoors adventure was to Lydiard Park where they tried out the orienteering courses. Those who had tried it on Brownie Holiday enjoyed it so they had some experts. The weather was kind to them, as it was the following week when they had a sports evening followed by a couple of water games.

There have been special meetings for both new and long-standing members of 2<sup>nd</sup> Purton Brownies. Layla, Bella and Lydia had their promise ceremony at which four Brownies also completed their Hostess badge. Another week Niamh and Layla (a different Layla), two who are about to go on to Guides, planned a cinema-themed evening. They had a quiz, popcorn, games, made up a short play and of course had food - no celebration is complete without it.

We're very lucky to have the Wiltshire North County campsite close by just outside Wroughton. The Guides met there one week with exclusive use; they had a campfire with a sing song as well as making campfire cones. For the uninitiated these are ice cream cones stuffed with chocolate chips and marshmallows, wrapped in foil and then left to melt in the embers. The following week they shared the site with 100 other Guides taking part in various camp related activities. This was part of the campsite's fun week when units from across the guiding County of Wiltshire North go along for outdoor activities making the most of the site's facilities. 1<sup>st</sup> Purton Brownies were there for one of the Brownie evenings too.

Camping and camp activities has definitely been a theme for the Guides recently. They've already been prepping for their summer camp by tent pitching,

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making washing-up stands and tying bedding rolls. In between the camp theme, the Guides and Rangers celebrated Fathers' Day by inviting their Dads to play rounders. There was some very healthy competition!

For more information about the units in Purton, either for girls joining or for volunteering, please contact District Commissioner Rachel Mead by phone on 07729 462054 or by email at [braydondc@wncounty.org.uk](mailto:braydondc@wncounty.org.uk). You can also register interest at [www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested).

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## Purton Evening WI [purtonevewi.wordpress.com](http://purtonevewi.wordpress.com)

Our June meeting had a definite Spanish flavour, although it would be fair to say that we had to have a vivid imagination as far as the heat of the sun beating down on us and clear blue skies were concerned, as our British weather didn't want to join in the fun.

Our speaker reflected on his time as a smallholding owner in Spain back in the 1970s and 80s. The whole family and some alcohol-charged locals seemed to be involved in one way or another in the refurbishment project of rather tired looking agricultural buildings and a house - and the so called swimming pool required a certain amount of vision if you had hoped to complete a few lengths after indulging in those mouth-watering calorie free (?) paellas and a glass or two of sangria! The small Spanish fishing villages were rapidly becoming tourist filled bustling towns with skyscrapers beginning to dominate the skyline and our speaker would soon be joined by many more Brits wanting a second home in sunny Spain.

A drop of sherry and some tasty tapas along with various Spanish mementos brought in by members rounded off an interesting evening.

Our next meeting is on 14 August at Purton Village Hall at our usual time of 7.30 pm. Mandy will be bringing us *Fashions for the Mature Lady*, so don't forget your purse and cheque book, come along dressed in your favourite outfit and we can talk clothes and the need for retail therapy!

HELEN DIXON, 01793 770648

## A message from Alexa ...

Plans for a local Men's Shed Club (or two) are coming along really well, with a lead Shedder (John Loran) and a core Shed group established. Support from Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service has meant that we have two potential venues in the Fire Stations at RWB and Cricklade. If you'd like to get involved in the setting up of the Club, please contact your Community Engagement Manager at Wiltshire Council, Alexa Smith on 01249 706610 or [alexa.smith@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:alexa.smith@wiltshire.gov.uk)

Wiltshire Council's Area Boards hold pots of funding for local communities to access. The Community Grant Fund offers up to £5,000 capital funding for projects like: village hall repair/upgrades, new play park equipment, regeneration of footpaths and cycle ways, or new equipment for a community project. The Youth Grant Fund is accessible for projects working with 13-19 year olds. Up to £5,000 for revenue and capital projects, meaning you could apply for staffing costs for a project and/or the equipment to run it. Again, contact Alexa for details.

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## Carnival News

Purton Carnival Committee would like to thank all who took part in this year's Carnival. We hope you enjoyed it and are looking forward to next year's on Saturday 1 July 2017.



Although 2016 Carnival day is over there are still other 2016 events to enjoy:

- Family Quiz at the Angel Pub on Saturday 6 August at 6.30 pm
- September Bingo at the Silver Threads Hall, Wednesday 28 Sept at 7.30pm
- Quiz at the Royal George, Friday 25 November 7.30 pm
- Christmas Bingo at the Silver Threads Hall, Wednesday 7 December 7.30 pm

If you would like to join the committee or have any suggestions for future events or for Carnival themes please join us for our AGM on Sunday 21 August 7.30 pm at the Silver Threads Hall. All welcome.

If you have suggestions for where some of the money could be spent please also attend the AGM or email the committee ([Committee@PurtonCarnival.co.uk](mailto:Committee@PurtonCarnival.co.uk)) by 18 August. Some of the criteria: the money must stay within the village; it cannot benefit only one person; it must be for something tangible

*KEVIN LAW, Purton Carnival Chairman*

## After 8

When the programme was planned, we optimistically imagined that we would be sitting outside on a balmy evening at the end of June. With this in mind, a suitable garden was chosen for the 'mini olympics'. Not surprisingly, and to the relief of some of us who weren't sure about our sporting talents, it was 'rained off'. Showing no signs of 'stiff upper lips', we made unseemly haste indoors to enjoy Diane's hospitality.



Eight of us nibbled home-made treats (no sugar, of course) and played some nostalgic childhood games instead. 'Taboo' definitely challenged our lateral thinking. Next, we tried a sedate form of bingo which would have been scorned by serious bingo players who play a much speedier game.

By the time we came to play charades, we were getting a little distracted. This became more and more interspersed with anecdotes from our younger days as we gradually metamorphosised into 'grumpy old women'. Did Scarlett O'Hara from 'Gone with the Wind' actually have TWO skirts for her birthday or was it Diane's childhood friend? Children don't know how lucky they are these days. Did Jane Eyre have a pink frilly dress or was it Eve's nightmare frock given to her by a doting grandmother? We all had to wear home-made clothes didn't we? The Very Hungry Caterpillar seemed to crawl through our happy childhoods when we roamed unaccompanied through the fields, walked to school on our own and could find all our retail requirements in the many village shops. Those were the days!

A final game of 'Taboo' proved to be a challenge too far. When we started to confuse the rules with charades, we knew that it was time to say our farewells.

*MARY HODGES*

The next After 8 meeting is: Tuesday 23 August, Lunch at The Bolingbroke at **12.30** with a walk after lunch for those interested.

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## Purton Diary - August 2016

2	Tu	2.00pm	Silver Threads Club: Purton Entertainers
3	W	8.30am	Age Concern Village outing to Bournemouth
4	Th	10.30am	Communion at St Mary's Church
6	Sa	6.30pm	Family Quiz at The Angel (Carnival)
7	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 at St Mary's Church
9	Tu	10.00am	Purton Probus at The Red House: <i>Sheep</i>
		11.00am	Songs of Praise at Ashgrove House
10	W	7.30pm	Purton Yacht Club at The Royal George
11	Th	10.30am	Songs of Praise at The Cedars
12	F	9.30am	Age Concern Minibus to Swindon
		2.00pm	<i>to 4pm</i> : Silver Threads Club Friendship afternoon
14	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
15	M	10.00am	Purton Churches together children's activity days start at St Mary's School ( <i>to 17 August</i> )
16	Tu	2.00pm	Silver Threads Club: Musical Companions
		7.45pm	Royal British Legion at the Red House
17	W	2.00pm	Communion at Ashgrove House
		7.30pm	Purton Evening WI at Purton Village Hall: Mandy Hughes - <i>Fashion for the mature woman</i>
21	Su	8.00am	Family Communion at St Mary's Church
		10.30am	Morning Worship at the Methodist Church
		10.30am	Communion at St Mary's Church
		7.30pm	Carnival AGM at Silver Threads Hall
23	Tu	10.00am	Purton Probus at The Red House: <i>Peru - In Search of Paddington Bear</i>
		2.30pm	Communion at White Lodge
		12.30pm	After 8: Lunch at the Bolingbroke
26	F	7.30pm	Gardeners' Guild at Silver Threads Hall: Steve Quinton - <i>The History of Painswick Rococo Garden onwards</i> : REDFEST on Green outside Red House
27	Sa	3.00pm	Royal British Legion Flower Show at Purton Village Hall (auction and raffle at 6 pm)
		2.00pm	
28	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
29	M		<b>Summer Bank Holiday</b>
30	Tu	2.00pm	Silver Threads Club: Sing-a-long

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## September

3	Sa	2.00pm	Age Concern Jumble Sale at the Village Hall
7	W	2.00pm	Age Concern Mystery Tour - with tea included

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### Every week

Tu	9.00am	to 11am:	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	9.00am	to 11am:	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
	2.20pm		Pram Service for pre-school children at Methodist Church
F	10.00am	to 11.30am:	Tea, Coffee & Cake at The Cedars

### Moon Phases

● 2 August      ● 10 August      ○ 18 August      ● 25 August

If your Club or Organization's Events are not included in the Diary Pages, contact:  
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## Purton Branch Royal British Legion

### Horticultural Show



The show is taking place at the Village Hall on **Saturday 27 August** with staging of exhibits from 9 to 11 am – vegetables, flowers, preserves, baking, arts and crafts, flower arranging and children's classes. Bring along your produce and have a go. Schedules will be available from our local butcher Andrew's shop and Toomers Garden Centre, Stone Lane or David Herbert, Chairman of the show on 770002.

The show will be open to the public from 2 pm with prize giving, auction and raffle at 6 pm. There will be refreshments available during the afternoon and it is an enjoyable village occasion also we usually make a good profit for the British Legion Poppy appeal. We have a web site where the schedule is on view – [www.purtonshow.wordpress.com](http://www.purtonshow.wordpress.com).

Sadly, this could be the last show because we have run the year's show without a show secretary. We have all been doing the secretary's work between us and struggling with fewer committee members. Unless someone comes forward to take over the secretary's job and we gain a few more committee members there will not be a show next year which would be a shame, as this kind of show is an important part of rural life.

Please give it some thought – the committee only meets three or four times during the year, so come along to the show and see what it's all about, or talk to David Herbert (770002) or one of the committee members.

Many thanks

**THE SHOW COMMITTEE**

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# Great War Project

## Part 37: August 1916

### **Purton men mobilised in August 1916**

#### *To France:*

Randle Charles Barrington-Foote, Royal Field Artillery.  
John Richard Alison, Hampshire Yeomanry Carabiniers.  
Harry Sutton, Royal Berkshire Regiment, Labour Corps.

#### *To Army Remount Depot:*

Charles Morse, Army Service Corps (Remount).

### **Mesopotamia**

The 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion Wiltshire Regiment was on a route march towards Amara. There were high levels of sickness in the battalion and **Daniel George Bull**, of Upper Square, Purton, died on 31 August 1916. He is buried at Basra War Cemetery. Formerly employed by the GWR Company in Swindon in the locomotive and carriage department, he is listed on Swindon's Roll of Honour.

### **Ireland**

The Irish revolutionary Roger Casement was executed by hanging on 3 August at Pentonville Jail in London. In 1965 Casement's remains were repatriated to the Republic of Ireland.

### **Battle of the Somme**

The Somme campaign, still in its 2<sup>nd</sup> phase (commenced in July), continued with the Battle of Delville Wood (14 July - 15 September) which secured the British right flank. It also saw the first action by the South African 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Brigade.

The Battle of Pozières Ridge (23 July - 7 August) saw success for the 1<sup>st</sup> Australian Division, among others, as the Reserve Army took the plateau north and east of Pozières village, overlooking the village of Thiepval fortified by the Germans. Meanwhile, the Battle of Verdun to the south dragged on to a costly French victory as German troops were withdrawn north to bolster forces on the Somme. The 1<sup>st</sup> Battle of Verdun ended on 30 August 1916.

### **Romania**

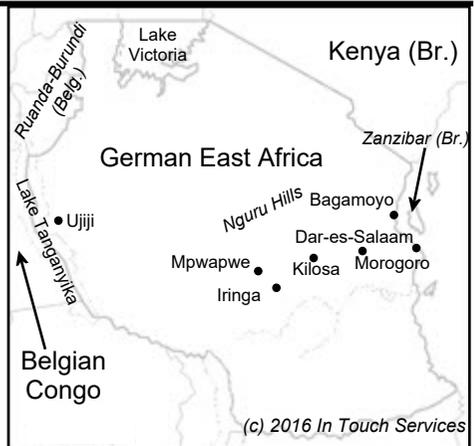
During August, the Kingdom of Romania entered the war on the side of the Allies.

On the 25<sup>th</sup> Russian forces crossed the River Danube into Dobrudja (the Black Sea coastal province of Romania), to assist the Romanians who then had the wherewithal to declare war on Austria-Hungary on 27 August and mobilise their forces. The following day, Romanian forces crossed into Austro-Hungarian Transylvania, and Germany declared war on Romania, for attacking its ally. By the 29<sup>th</sup>, Romanian forces had occupied Brasov in Transylvania. Romania cut off diplomatic relations with its southern neighbour, Bulgaria (also in the Central Powers alliance), and Turkey declared war on Romania.

**Africa:** German East Africa was under attack on all sides. (The colony became Tanganyika after the war and Tanzania upon independence in 1964.)

Although Belgium was part of the main front line in Europe for the duration of the war and its government was in exile, the Belgian Congo still had active forces. Belgian forces occupied Ujiji, on Lake Tanganyika on 3 August.

On 5 August, the main body of the British forces in Kenya began an advance through the Nguru Hills, and during the next 3 weeks captured the towns of Mpwapwa, Kilosa, Iringa and Morogoro in the central region, and Bagamoyo, the colonial capital (75km north of Dar-es-Salaam).



**Italy:** On 6 August, the Italian army initiated the 6<sup>th</sup> Battle of the Isonzo, against Austria, along the River Isonzo which today marks part of the border between Italy and Slovenia. Italy captured Gorizia on 9 August.

Italy declared war on Germany on 28 August, having previously been in alliance with Germany up until the outbreak of war in 1914. Italy had previously said that it could not fight alongside Germany, if Germany was at war with Britain.

**Other News:** Happier news was that Robert Baden-Powell published *The Wolf Cub's Handbook* in Britain during August. This established the junior section of the Scouting movement, the Wolf Cubs (modern-day Cub Scouts).

*RICK DIXON*

## **Urgent Call ... for outing to The Royal Hospital Chelsea: Tuesday 27 Sept**

This is the last call for our trip to The Royal Hospital Chelsea, and to date we have insufficient numbers to make the trip viable, so if you wish to come I need to know by **14 August at the latest**.

The Royal Hospital is Grade I and II listed and a beautiful legacy left to us by Charles II who had the vision of providing a home for veteran soldiers in the centre of London and which was brought to life by architect Sir Christopher Wren.

The Hospital has been providing a home to the Chelsea Pensioners for over 300 years; anyone who has served as a soldier in the British Army aged over 65 who is on their own is eligible and in more recent times that has included women.

We shall have a 2-hour tour led by a Chelsea Pensioner and some free time.

You do not have to be a member of the Historical Society to join us on this outing. The cost is £25.

For more information or any questions please contact Helen on 01793 770648. Booking forms are available from the information stand at the Library or can be downloaded from the Magazine's website [www.purtonmagazine.co.uk/phs-chelsea](http://www.purtonmagazine.co.uk/phs-chelsea)

*HELEN DIXON*

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## Purton Historical Society

Day out to Waddesdon Manor, Bucks

On 18 June, forty-five members of Purton Historical Society had a superb day out at the National Trust's Waddesdon Manor, originally the magnificent home of the Rothschild banking family, which was built in 1874 in the 16<sup>th</sup>-century French château style to display art treasures, porcelain, English portraits, Old Master paintings and stunning gold and crystal pieces, set in elegant interiors.



Following the tradition of entertaining guests lavishly we, too, were treated to a "Feast Day", thanks to a food festival which was taking place on the day we visited, with over forty different food and drink stalls to browse. This was all in a setting of musical performances from a marching band, a choir in an aviary full of exotic birds, a modern jazz quartet to a crazy bicycle piano! We could even learn to dance the Cha-cha-chá, and enjoy many other diversions in the wonderful gardens.

It refrained from raining and we had a great (if exhausting) day out! A real surprise and looking forward to our next day out at Chelsea.

*JILL WATTS, teddington1940@gmail.com*

### Future Dates

**Sunday 11 September** from 3 pm: Purton's Commemoration of WW1, in conjunction with Purton Amateur Dramatic Society. Contact Lindsey 01793 771890 or Sue 01793 772581.

**Thursday 22 September** at 7.30 pm in Purton Village Hall: The Golden Age of Coaching – Martin Way

**Tuesday, 27 September:** Coach outing to Royal Hospital Chelsea - see page 31.

**Thursday 27 October** at 7.30 pm in Purton Village Hall: Martyn Gibson - *Tunnel Masters, Arsonist and the Great War*

New Members and visitors always welcome

*TONY & JANET NEATE, tjneate57@gmail.com*

*Tel: 01793 770117*

## Purton Luncheon Club

We have seen a bit of a drop in numbers recently, as is often the case during the summer months, so we would be delighted to welcome some new faces. For only £4 you can enjoy a freshly cooked 2-course lunch (special diets can be catered for) with tea and coffee and the opportunity to catch up on village news and meet up with friends both old and new. If transport is a problem then, for a nominal sum, the Age Concern minibus team will spring into action and bring you to the Silver Threads hall and then, once you are fed and watered, take you home again. If you would like to join us for a good value and tasty meal in the company of others or if you have any questions, please ring Pat on 01793 771331.



*DIANA THOMBS, Chairman*

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## ■ LITTER

Most of the people of Purton are aware on the niceties of the village and the people within it. Why is it I wonder, that parts of it have to be spoilt by a minority? I refer to my daily walk from Proud Close along the path that emerges by the Bus Stop at Willis Way.

I am always trying to avoid the dog mess and the greenery that overhangs the path, making it a problem for the elderly and partially sighted. (Don't the owners have a responsibility?) Plus collecting cans and litter deposited by the morons that know no better. I notice that almost every Sunday morning, there are more cans and litter and also the seat outside of the Surgery is the 'Local Litter Depository'.

I think the many aspects of the Law, Schools and Parents are all failing us and why should we, as a community, have to clear up after the individuals who take no pride in their village and themselves!

*Chris Gleed*

PS: Many thanks to you all involved in the process of the magazine. It has credit in Purton and beyond! Lovely! My relatives in Melksham love it!

## ■ RED HOUSE SOCIAL CLUB

I would like to thank the many people who attended the Red House AGM to voice their thoughts and concerns about the Red House Social Club. I am pleased to say we have 4 new committee members with good fresh ideas the first being our "REDFEST" on 27 August. (See Purton Placard for details). We also have future events in the pipeline which will enhance the Red House Social Club and the Village Centre. We have in place a questionnaire, open to all, for your thoughts on the Red House as to future activities/events and these are available within the club.

*Terry Crumbie, Chairman*

## ■ HM QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

I would like to thank Mike Looker, Louise and all the members of the committee of Age Concern for the wonderful event they put on for the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration at the Red House on Sunday 12 May.

Thank you for your hard work in making this a memorable village celebration.

*Inez Gale*

## Purton Churches Together Summer Activity Fun Days

The Purton Churches will be running activity days for children aged 7-11 years. The theme this year is 'Creation' and children will be able to take part in sports, cookery, science, arts and crafts, visits, walks, woodwork and much more. The fun days will take place from Monday 15 to Wednesday 17 August from 10am-3pm at St Mary's School, College Road. To find out more contact Kathryn Bartlett (778059) or Kim O'Brien (770703).

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## My Farewell to Playclose Pre-School

As many of you are aware, from September there will be some changes at Playclose Pre-School as, after 13 years, I will be handing over the reins to Sarah Grigg.



The Pre-School was first established in 1974 and my involvement began in 2000 when my two youngest children attended. To quote a cheesy advert from the 1980s “I liked the playgroup so much, I bought the company”. I took over from Wendy and Helen in 2002, and they were big shoes to fill. The Pre-School was already thriving with a welcoming atmosphere. I hope that during my time here I have maintained that ethos while adapting to the changes required to meet the needs of the children and families we have worked with.

This would not have been achieved without the help of a lot of people. Over the years, my husband Stephen and my four children have been a huge support. At the very start I had the help and support of the “Friends of Playclose Playgroup” - all volunteers who gave up their time to help fundraise for things such as the fire escape, climbing frame and flooring. I have also been very lucky to have had the support of some wonderful staff over this time and especially Janine and Lynn who have been here 20 and 15 years respectfully.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the congregation of Purton Methodist church for their support. I cannot thank all the individual people but I would especially like to thank Linda, Bob, Brian, Bernice, Sheila and Sylvia, for all their help and assistance whether that be unblocking drains, making sure the room is warm or taking Mr Redhouse on some fantastic holidays.

It has been a lot of hard work, but at the same time extremely fulfilling. During my time at Playclose Pre-School, I've had the pleasure and privilege of seeing many children, babies in some cases, blossom into wonderful children and in the case of some of the first children into wonderful young adults.

It is now time for me to put my family and myself first, as my children begin their journeys into the world and also to ensure I have the time to help my father and Stephen's parents as they enter their twilight years.

I have the utmost confidence that Sarah will not only carry on the tradition of Playclose Pre-School being a friendly, welcoming and educational environment, but that she will build on this and take it even further.

Most importantly thank you to all of you for your support as without you and your children there would not be a Pre-School. I wish you all, and of course the children all the best for the future and please keep in touch as I would love to know how their journeys continue.

*DAWN PHILIPS x*

## 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. Minibus available – contact Richard Woodbridge, tel. 770862.



### **A Viking Adventure** (see cover picture)

'Den Pesky Solen' (The Pesky Sun) was the 2016, epic Viking adventure presented by Lower School Drama Club. The 'Vikings', with the assistance of their directors, devised, scripted, and staged the family fun adventure which was full of danger, storms, ship wrecks, dragons, two-headed bird monsters, grim reaper Doris, and a ship load of soggy Vikings!

Rehearsals began in March. 'Erik the Viking' by Terry Jones was used as a stimulus for workshops - cast, crew, and directors explored themes, characters, and possible stories. Through rehearsals the ensemble created text, scenes, costume, and props. Before you could shout "Land ahoy!", "By the all-seeing eye of Odin!", or "In the name of Thor's Hammer!" a Viking production had invaded the Bradon Forest Theatre to conquer the imaginations, and thoroughly entertain all who attended.

'Den Pesky Solen' opened its four-show run to Year 5, and Year 6 pupils of St Mary's Primary School in Purton (who certainly left the auditorium full of viking spirit!) and finished the run to the general public who giggled, laughed and cheered from beginning to end. 'Den Pesky Solen' was the latest play in a long line of youth theatre productions which Bradon Forest Theatre, in Bradon Forest School, has been proudly presenting for over 30 years.

### **Alan Ponsford Speaks to Most Able Year 9**

Alan Ponsford, award-winning designer, entrepreneur & engineer from Capoco Design, came in to speak to 80 of our most able Year 9 students. The presentation and Q&A session, arranged through Speakers for Schools, was about the impact of global population growth and sustainability.

Mr Ponsford challenged the group right from the offset, asking them who there was going to change the world. The answer? All of them!

*"Thank you to Mr Ponsford for an inspiring and engaging talk. He has opened these students' eyes to a world outside of Swindon and inspired a flurry of research!"* - Mrs Chappell.

### **Geography Field Trip in Oxford**

Miss Cole reports: Year 9 students visited Oxford at the end of June to get a taste of GCSE Geography fieldwork. Students were using a variety of fieldwork methods to investigate how environmentally friendly Oxford City Centre is. They continued work on the investigation back in school and have presented and analysed the results. The staff would like to thank all students for their excellent effort and behaviour, which made the experience a most enjoyable one.

### **Open Events**

We have had a fantastic turnout for our Open Events in July 2016, thank you to all the parents that attended. Our next Open Evening is at the beginning of the new term in September 2016;

Open Evening: Thursday 15 September: 6 to 8 pm

Open Morning: Saturday 17 September: 9.30 to 11 am

Open Week: Monday 26 - Friday 30 September: 9.15 to 10.30 am

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## St Mary's CE Primary School

As we near the end of Term 6 all the children seem very settled and they are looking forward to working in their new classes in September as they move up the school. We also look forward to welcoming our new Reception children, many of whom have already visited the school in preparation for the transition to Primary Education.

**Collective Worship:** This term we focused in school on the value of Perseverance. Teachers often say that perseverance is something that many children find difficult, so through whole school assemblies, class worship and activities related to this value, we hope to help the children understand this more clearly.

### Recent Events

**Art Week:** The last week of Term 5 was our annual Art Week. This year the children focused on the skill of pattern. Every child designed and painted a fish for a whole school piece of art work based on the book "Only One You" by Linda Kranz. This beautifully illustrated book was full of wise advice for a young fish to follow as he moved on and was chosen to support our class worship theme on wisdom. Examples of children's work can be seen at the front of the school and certainly brighten up the entrance to the building!

**Christian Aid:** The focus for Christian Aid this year was to raise money for people in Bangladesh; to provide worms to help them turn mud into healthy compost. This year we decided to place as many coins as we could in the shape of a worm. We were trying to make our "worm" longer than the longest worm in the world which is 6 metres. Thanks to generous donations of coins from parents our "worm" measured 31.8 metres. A great achievement and we raised over £70.

**St Mary's Book Club:** As a club we have experienced a few adventures this year. Our biggest, we feel was to write to Her Majesty the Queen to ask her about her interest in books as part of celebrating 'World Book Day' and of course to send our special 90<sup>th</sup> birthday wishes.

We were so thrilled to receive a reply from Her Majesty on 21 April to thank us for our kind wishes and for thinking of her on such a special occasion. The letter and card was shared throughout the school and we have a very unique memento in school of that day!

As a club we had the opportunity to act out the story of 'We're going on a Bear Hunt' by the author Michael Rosen to our community playgroups, Purton Under Fives and Purton Playclose. On two consecutive Thursday lunchtimes the children enjoyed watching and listening to

a unique version of this famous story with the addition of a very different ending ... Everyone enjoyed a picnic lunch on the school field, whilst soaking up the sunshine!



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## **Year 6 Residential – Bude**

Our Year 6 pupils have returned from their Residential in Bude having spent a wonderful action-packed week experiencing new challenges. Reports on our Twitter Account from Mr Payne left parents in no doubt that their children were enjoying themselves ...

*Monday* - We attempted high-ropes and canoeing. You can see how much fun was had (and how much was achieved) in the photo above!

*Tuesday* - They've kayaked, surfed, climbed, been bouldering and even braved the high ropes - what a day!

*Wednesday* - We headed off in different directions today to undertake a wide variety of activities: dragon boating, abseiling, mountain biking, surfing and caving.

*Thursday* - We took to mountain bikes and surfboards, they worked in strategic teams on an assault course, guided each other through dark tunnels and problem-solved their way out of tangled ropes and tyres playing hide and seek - blindfolded!

Throughout the week children learned about team-work, communication, fear and achievement. They learned new skills and discovered new talents.

They learned about challenge and team-spirit. They learned about others and they learned about themselves, and some of these things will stay with them forever.

Thanks to all the staff who attended and to all the children who were a credit to St Mary's and themselves.

We wish all children a relaxing summer holiday and look forward to seeing them on 1 September 2016 refreshed and ready for another academic year of learning.

For more information about our wonderful school and all the exciting learning opportunities, visit our school website [www.st-marys-purton.wilts.sch.uk](http://www.st-marys-purton.wilts.sch.uk)

Visits to the school are warmly welcomed and can be arranged through the school office [admin@st-marys-purton.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-marys-purton.wilts.sch.uk) or phone us on (01793) 770239.

*Mrs NAOMI CLARKE, Head Teacher*



We hope to emulate Andy Murray and Heather Watson's brilliant successes at Wimbledon with silverware of our own by the time you read this.

The Mixed C have already secured the Division 3 crown and our congratulations go to Mary Turner (captain), Tracey Knights, Alexa Rutter, Ethan Gunton, Daniel Horsell and Ashley Stevens. The Mixed A are currently 'neck and neck' with Swindon A at the top of Division 1 with both teams having exactly the same number of points and sets but we have a few more games! The Men A face Wootton Bassett twice with the winners set to win Division 1 and the Men B are currently second but still have to play the top team, Highworth A.

Other teams doing well are the Ladies A and the Ladies B who are currently 2<sup>nd</sup> in Division 1 and 2 respectively.

The Khaliq Cup will be played for on Sunday 21 August and it is hoped that we get a good sunny day.

*NICOLA GARDNER*

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## Purton Cricket Club *purton.play-cricket.com*



At the halfway stage of the season the senior teams are doing extremely well with the 1<sup>st</sup> XI in third position in the WEPL Wiltshire league while the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI is at the top of its division with 144 points.

Several young players aged from 9 to 25 are making excellent progress and could well go on to emulate Craig Miles who is in the Gloucestershire Cricket Club squad that is doing very well in all 3 competitions this season.

We are hoping that the girls in the squads will come and support Wiltshire Ladies in the match against Cornwall Ladies to take place on the Purton ground on Sunday 28 August. We are, as always, pleased to see villagers supporting our teams.

### Matches in August

1 <sup>st</sup>	U15 v Goatacre	2.00pm	14 <sup>th</sup>	U15 v Chippenham	2.00pm
6 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> XI v Marlborough	12.30pm	20 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI v Devizes	1.30pm
7 <sup>th</sup>	U11 v Swindon	10.00am	27 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> XI v Trowbridge	12.30pm
13 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> XI v Great Bedwyn	12.30pm	28 <sup>th</sup>	U11 v Wanborough	10.00am

### Matches in September

3 <sup>rd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI v Great Bedwyn	1.30pm	4 <sup>th</sup>	U15 v Swindon	2.00pm
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JOE GARDNER

## Purton FC



The new season commences in early August, and Purton will be running sides in the Uhisport Hellenic League Div 1 under the management of Justin Miller and Paul Hunt with the Reserve 'Dev' side under the management of Pete Temple and Daniel Allen at the helm on Saturdays and Ryan Philips running Purton Redhouse and Steve Scarrott running Purton Freshbrook FC in the Swindon Sunday League on Sunday mornings.

By the start of the season some friendly games will have been played and training sessions twice a week took place in July also.

On the management side Alan Eastwood remains Chairman and Hon Sec but Wendy Phillips after ten years' service has stood down and Phil Storey has taken over that role. Along with Terry Crumbie, Phil is also a Commercial Officer of the club with Gary Norman as Youth Development Officer and Andy Cowan management member.

The Club has lost Colin Richards the Club's groundsman for many years who will be sadly missed but the club is receiving great assistance from John Matthews.

We are again grateful to Mr Keith Trowbridge of Ashgrove House and First City Homecare for again being its Main Club Sponsor and the Club owes a lot of thanks to all those who have responded to the Club's call for the sponsoring of matches, donations and match-day sponsorships that will be included in the Club's match-day programmes.

The Club hopes that as many villagers will turn out and support the sides this season. Attendances in the past have been great; more turning up would be welcome.

ALAN EASTWOOD, Chairman

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## Purton Bowls Club



Our Clubs Together day in May produced eight new signed up members and the possibility of a few more to come. That is a great result and, thanks to our coaching staff, we have started to introduce these new members into the friendly games. I would like to welcome all our new members on behalf of the Club.

The weather has meant games being cancelled and, in the case of the mens' and womens' league matches, having to be re-scheduled which puts more pressure on the incumbent captains trying to make up teams. However, Mike and Sue Crouch, our captains, seem to cope very well, and we are all grateful for their efforts.

Friendly games have also been affected and Andrew and Maggs have been working hard to cope. They also did a wonderful job on the Queen's birthday celebrations day when they did all the catering, Andrew making all the cakes and the best coronation chicken I have ever tasted. Well done to them. We all came dressed for a garden party, and had a bowls competition amongst ourselves.

The Smithy trophy competition was played on 3 July and was won by Maureen March, so well done to her; she is a very good player. This is another Club competition that pairs up players randomly and they play 4 sessions of 6 ends each.

We are still running our Friday evening coaching sessions from 6.30 pm so, if you want to try Bowls, just turn up. Come along with flat shoes and have a go.

*PETER BERRY*

## Purton & District Darts League



Established in 1946 the League has now been running for 70 years.

A special mention must go to our Chairman Alun (Bim) Herbert who decided to resign at the end of the season. He joined the committee in 1962 and has spent 14 years as a committee member and 40 years as Chairman. A massive thank-you goes out to him from everyone associated with the league. He has however agreed to remain as president but will be taking a less active role.

With only twelve teams this season the league finished early this year with finals night played on the 1<sup>st</sup> April. The results were as follows:

**League Winners** were the Club at Cricklade (CAC) and Runners-Up was shared between the Charrins Bar A (CA) and the Purton Club West (PCW). **Singles League Winners** were the Cricklade Club, R-Up the Purton Club West. **Singles Winner:** Jim McDonald (CA), R-Up: Lee Evans (CAC). **Pairs Winners:** Lee Evans & Paul Boulton (CAC), R-Up: Pete Knight & Stuart Howells (PCW). **Ladies Singles Winner:** Claire Feary - Charrins B (CB), R-Up: Lisa Martin – Purton Club C (PCC). **4-A-Side Winners:** Charrins A, R-Up: Red House B (RHB). **Colliers Cup Winners:** Angel A (AA), R-Up: Bell Inn (BI).

High scores achieved this season are as follows;

2 x 170 starts from Adam Woolford (RHB) and Jim McDonald (CA). 88 x 180's – with 16 of those scored by Lee Evans (CAC). There was three 9 dart 401's by Lee Evans(CAC), Tony Mouldon(CAC) and Neal Woods(RHB). Highest Finish was 161

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by Tony Mouldon (CAC). Ladies High Scores ALL go to Claire Fiery (CB) – with 112 Start, 4 x 140's and 88 Checkout.

Next Season starts on 8 September. Team registration will be at the AGM starting at 8 pm on 18 August at the Angel Inn, Purton, SN5 4AB. We are actively looking for two or three teams to join the league. If you are interested in entering a team of 4 players or just want to play, please contact us and we will do our best to accommodate you.

*MARTIN RICHELL secretary@purtondarts.com*

## Purton Probus

On **14 June**, **Bill King** gave a talk on the 9<sup>th</sup> US Air Force. The Ninth Air Force, originally the U.S. Middle East A.F., became operational in November 1942. Its air support of the British and U.S. Armies in North Africa against Rommel were critical. In October 1943, AOC Major General Bremerton was ordered to move the 9<sup>th</sup> HQ to England to build a Tactical Air Armada for the coming invasion of Europe. By D-Day 1944, it had become the largest air force ever assembled under one command – 250,000 personnel with 3,500 aircraft in 1,500 units with additional supply-line installations for spares, engines and fuel, shipped in trans-Atlantic through Liverpool.



During the invasion their massive parachute and glider drops were guarded by P47 Thunderbolt Fighter/Bombers, P38 lightening and P51 Mustang Fighters. Within hours of the beach assaults, the 9<sup>th</sup> Engineers were building airstrips in Normandy, giving direct support to the front line troops. Thereafter, by continuously moving fighters to strips just behind the front lines, the “Ninth” enhanced the progress of the Allied Armies from Normandy to Berlin. This proved to be the most effective use of air ground co-operation in the history of warfare.

Bill, our speaker, stressed that the role of the 9<sup>th</sup> was as a Tactical Air Force supporting ground troops, while the 8<sup>th</sup> had a strategic role flying from bases in the UK. Since WWII, the 9<sup>th</sup> has continued its role of readiness while providing Tactical Air Power in peacetime, in Korea, in Vietnam and in the Middle East. The talk was illustrated by images of WWII aircraft, airfield installations and personnel.

On **28 June**, **Dennis Cartwright** presented “Along the River Kwai”, the circumstances which led to the presence of the Japanese in Burma and the decision to build the Burma Railroad. The “Sakoku Edict” of 1636, issued by Tokugawa, Shogun of Japan, in resentment of Catholic teaching, committed the country to 200 years of isolation from the rest of the world until the mid-nineteenth century. After a Dutch attempt to reopen trading, the U.S. Navy, in 1853, steamed into the Bay of Edo with 4 warships and a letter of demand from the US President to open trading negotiations, the initial intention being to protect US shipping which was already trading with China.

Under duress, the first trading agreement was signed in 1856. From here on Japan's slow-burning aggression was borne of a conviction that they were being exploited by the West. The intensification of this feeling led to expansionism and ultimately to the attack on Pearl Harbour on 7 December 1941. In the Sino-Japanese war of 1894-5, Japan gained its first real foothold on the Asian mainland

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forcing China to recognise Korean 'independence' and to cede Taiwan. In 1900 the Japanese assisted the USA and an 8-nation alliance to crush the Boxer Rebellion and reinstate Chinese rule. In 1904 the Russo-Japanese war exposed the weakness of Russia and the strength of Japan. The Annexation of Korea followed in 1910 and in 1931 the Japan invasion of Manchuria.

In 1937 the second Sino-Japanese conflict began, which would not finish until VJ day, 1945. Having occupied China, September 1940 saw the Japanese march through French Indo-China (Hanoi) and, in December 1941, Thailand. (Bangkok is almost 3000 miles from Tokyo). Ambition to take Burma and extend their Empire to the Frontier of India initiated the building of the Burma (Death) Railway - 258 miles through dense and hilly jungle to join the Bangkok railway to a railway on the Burma coast at Thanbyuzaya.

"The Bridge on the River Kwai" & "The Railwayman" tell the harrowing story of the terror sustained by the Allied POWs. The deaths included 6904 British, 2802 Australians, 2782 Dutch and 133 Americans together with the deaths of an estimated 90,000 Romusha, the local natives. At the end, 111 Japanese were tried for War crimes. 32 were given the Death Penalty.

Dennis's talk added a new dimension to the evils of Japan's expansionism. The dropping of the Atom Bombs was perhaps, the only way to defeat Japan and bring the pitiless Japanese back into a Humanitarian World.

Probus meets at 10 am in the Red House every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month. August meetings are: 9<sup>th</sup> "Sheep", 23<sup>rd</sup> "Peru – In search of Paddington Bear". Visitors and Prospective members are welcome to attend.

*BOB STEVENS*

## Purton & District Gardeners' Guild

'Solving problems in the garden with plants' was the topic of the talk presented by the speaker at our June meeting. This was a welcome return visit by Peter Biggs from Wanborough Nursery ably supported by his father or 'gofer' as he good-humouredly referred to him.



Starting with a brief background we learned that in 1991, after six years in college, Peter and his father started their herb nursery in Wanborough. Peter's interest diversified and after re-training for two years as a garden designer he gained a silver medal at Chelsea Flower Show in 2007 for his roof top garden.

They say that when you have worked on one show garden you will either, never want to do another, or you will be addicted. In Peter's case addiction has won the day as he has gone on to win a number of other silver medals and, even now, is leaning towards entering a show garden for the Malvern Autumn Show.

The talk proceeded in the form of 'Gardener's Question Time' with members offering up questions whilst Peter passed around the array of plants he had brought with him to illustrate his answers.

The first question related to a subject we can all relate to, the large number of slugs seen this spring and, in particular, how to eliminate them from a dog-friendly garden where slug pellets are off limits.

Peter explained that because of the mild winter slugs did not hibernate and as

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a consequence there are a greater number than usual munching away on young plant growth.

Choosing plants that slugs don't like such as lavender, thyme, ferns and the hairy-leaved lamb's ears should be considered, whilst broken egg shells, gravel, human hair, dog hair and even a garlic spray are all deterrents.

At this point Peter's father recounted an occasion when a newspaper advert invited readers to send half a crown for which they would receive the means of eradicating slugs. Those who responded to the advert received a toffee hammer together with the instruction to place the slug below the hammer and tap gently. As each hammer only cost six pence the advert proved to be a real money spinner for its originator!

The next question related to plants for a shady, root-bound border.

Peter explained that this is essentially a woodland border, well drained and moisture retentive because of the roots left in the ground. As high summer will produce dense shade, spring or autumn interest plants would be best for this area, plants such as dryopteris, soft shield fern, epimedium and certain grasses.

Other questions included:

□ How do you deal with a non-flowering Wisteria on an east wall?

Answer: Pruning and location is the key. Wisteria like to be warm and don't like their feet in damp. West facing is the best position, as the buds on west facing plants can be spoilt by the sun after a cold night. Prune to two buds in June and prune again in winter to maintain a good shape. The more spurs produced, the more flowers will be generated.

□ How do you split Hellebores?

Answer: Immediately after flowering using the two forks back to back technique to tease the roots apart.

□ When is the best time to sow sweet peas, winter or spring?

Answer: Peter does both. Autumn sown sweet peas produce stronger plants but they will go over earlier in the summer. However, a spring sown batch of sweet peas will soon compensate for any losses.

Judging by the continuing run of questions, the question and answer theme of the talk proved to be very popular with members and Val Faulkner kindly offered a vote of thanks to Peter and his 'gofer' for a most entertaining and informative talk.

It was then time to make our purchases from the brilliant selection of plants available from the nursery and, judging by the numbers gathered around the tables, very few members went home empty handed.

Our competition on the night 'A fragrant rose' was very well supported by members with a gorgeous display for Peter to judge. Congratulations to the worthy winners, 1<sup>st</sup> Maureen Griffin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Diana Thombs and 3<sup>rd</sup> Delia Walters.

We are always pleased to welcome visitors and new members and our next meeting will be at 7.30pm in Silver Threads Hall on 26 July when Steve Quinton will be presenting a talk entitled 'The history of Painswick Rococo garden.'

The competition will be 'A salad from your garden'.

*MARGARET GOODALL, Secretary - tel: 770906*

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## Prayer for Purton

This month the churches in Purton are praying for everyone who lives or works in *Witts Lane, Jewels Ash, Waite Meads Close and Pear Tree Close*.

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 Rev. David Perkins. Their contact details can be found on the inside cover of this magazine. You can give as much or little information as you wish. We don't even have to know a name.

### We Record ...

#### *Weddings at St Mary's Church:*

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| 25 June | Darren James Brown and Nikki Simpkins    |
| 2 July  | David Graham New and Kate Roberta Joslyn |



#### *Baptisms at St Mary's Church:*

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| 12 June | Hugo Francis Lloyd-Poole      |
| 10 July | Charles William Lewis Baldwin |
| 10 July | Grace Elizabeth Jean Forty    |

#### *Deaths:*

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| 3 July | (Phyllis) Mary Summers (90) at Goldenley Care Home, Chippenham |
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#### *In Memoriam:*

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| 31 August 1916 | Daniel George Bull, died aged 27, near Amara, Mesopotamia. Buried at Basra War Cemetery |
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*To add your family announcements to this section contact Purton Magazine. Addresses on page 4. We are happy to include births, marriages, deaths, special birthdays and anniversaries, exam successes ...*

## Church Floodlighting

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| 30 July                   | St Mary's will be floodlit in memory of <b>Albert Parkinson</b> on the occasion of his birthday. Dearly loved and sadly missed Husband, Dad and Grandad   |
| 7 August                  | The Church will be floodlit to celebrate <b>Liz and Clive Rushen's</b> 40 <sup>th</sup> (Ruby) Wedding Anniversary  |
| 31 August and 1 September | The Church will be floodlit to celebrate <b>Eve and Paul Booy's</b> Golden Wedding, which was in July; and the 40 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of coming to live in Purton for the start of the Autumn Term 1976 at Bradon Forest. |



# PURTON PLACARD

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

## **Purton Victory Dance**

10 September at 7.30 pm

At Purton Village Hall

£12pp inc Supper

Featuring U3A Dance Band & Breeze

Contact Richard on 07486 909752 or

find us at

[www.facebook.com/purtonvictorydance](http://www.facebook.com/purtonvictorydance)

## **“REDFEST” (RED HOUSE)**

On the Green

Outside The Red House

**27 August**

Pig Roast

3 Groups Brass Band

Real Ales Teas and Coffees  
available

Homemade cake stall.

Everybody welcome to enjoy a fun  
day in the sun?

## **Brinkworth Show**

Saturday 4 September

11 am to 5 pm

Brinkworth Recreation Field

Crafts, Dog show, Hog Roast, Bar,  
Displays,

Circus skills, classic cars, vintage  
tractors,

animals, Morris Men and more!

For more information, contact:

Rosemary 07941 783816

Karen 07962 041567

PURTON AGE CONCERN

## **Village outing to Bournemouth**

for all ages on

Wednesday 3 August.

Coach leaves at 8.30 am

Returning from Bournemouth  
at 4 pm

Cost - £13 for children and OAPs

£15 for others

(food not included)

Come and join us for a fun day out!

PURTON BRANCH ROYAL  
BRITISH LEGION

## **HORTICULTURAL SHOW**



at Purton Village Hall

on Saturday 27 August

Staging between 9 and 11 am

Open to the public from 2 pm

Prize giving, auction and raffle from 6 pm

Vegetables and flowers, preserves,  
baking, arts and

crafts, flower arranging and children's  
classes

Free parking, free entry, refreshments  
available

*All welcome – join in and enter*

*or come along to admire the exhibits*

Schedules from Andrew the butcher,  
Toomers Garden Centre, David Herbert  
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[www.purtonshow.wordpress.com](http://www.purtonshow.wordpress.com)

## STOP PRESS - Friends of St Mary's Concert

A date for your diary: On Saturday 15 October at 7.30 pm we will be holding a concert of light music at St Mary's Church. We are delighted to welcome *Breeze* and *After Eight* who will entertain us with as varied programme of song, blues and jazz. Tickets will be £12 to include a glass of wine or soft drink. Tickets available from Helen (770648) or Jacky (772523). Accompanied children under 16 free.

**Purton Churches Together  
Summer Activity Fun Day's**  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2016  
10.00 am – 3.00pm

St Mary's School, College Road,  
Purton  
for Children age 7-11 years

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Kathryn Bartlett 778059, Kim O'Brien 770703

PURTON AGE  
CONCERN  
**Mystery Tour**  
Wednesday  
7 September  
Coach leaves at 2 pm  
Cost - £13.50 for  
village pensioners  
(tea included)  
Use your £5 voucher  
and join us for the  
afternoon!

PURTON AGE  
CONCERN  
**Jumble Sale**  
Saturday 3 September  
at the Village Hall  
Jumble can be left  
at the Village Hall  
between 12 noon & 1  
pm  
Sale starts at 2 pm  
Lots of bargains!