The cover of Purton Magazine features a vibrant photograph of a bowling green. In the foreground, a concrete path is lined with lush flowers, including tall white and yellow foxgloves and clusters of bright pink dahlias. The bowling green itself is a well-maintained, bright green lawn, with a white bench visible in the distance. The background is filled with dense green trees under a clear blue sky.

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Purton Bowls Club basking in the sunshine as it hosted the first Carnival Bowls tournament on 1 July. Full match report on page 63. Photo: Heather Ponting-Bather

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<i>Services: Holy Days 7.0pm, Sundays 9.30am Mass.</i>		

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From the Editors

As the country basked in the heat of the summer sun and shared in the excitement of England's impressive run at the World Cup in Russia, Purtonians too have been busy making the most of this most glorious time of year.

The Carnival Fete showed that the dedicated, but dwindling, Carnival Committee is just as adept at organising the perfect accompaniment to sporting success as they are at organising processions. Our cover image this month shows the Bowls Club, where the first ever Carnival Bowls Tournament brought people together across generations, many trying the game for the first time. Find out more about all of the Carnival activities, and how you can join in and help, from page 63.

Ultimate success may have eluded England this time, despite their terrific performance, but, closer to home, a trio from Purton Bowls Club were the winners at the British Isles Women's Bowls Council Championships, taking the triples title with an impressive victory over the Welsh team. The details are on page 24.

We are fortunate to have some many opportunities to play and enjoy sport here in the village. If your tennis skills need a bit of a refresh, then Purton Tennis Club offers individual or group coaching to get you back on top form. Of course, if the World Cup has whetted your appetite for football, the new season of the Wiltshire Senior League begins on 18th August. As Alan Eastwood suggests on page 60, why not come along to the Red House this season and "support our lads"? The Purton players would value your support and enthusiasm.

Away from the grandstands, Year 6 pupils from St Mary's School enjoyed an action packed week away in Bude making wonderful memories at the close of their final year at Primary School. You can read more about what they got up to on page 48 Brandon Forest students have also been out and about, with a Business Studies trip to Italy and Year 7 students spending at week at PGL, as Scarlett Gregory tells us on page 51.

On page 32, Jill Watts reports on the Historical Society's fascinating outing to the 'other' Purton, on the River Severn, to view the deliberately beached ships and boats along the river bank. How fortunate we are that Gloucestershire's Purton isn't the only one with so much to offer, as you'll see in this month's issue.

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Flowers supply enough
pollen for bees to make
1lb (454g) of honey
– see page 30

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Teddy bears enjoyed
their Purton Carnival
picnic at the Red House
– see page 63

>£6,700

Raised by the amazing
people of Purton during
this year's Christian Aid
activities – see page 53



New Youth Club 9-11 year olds

Purton Parish Council is working with Community Mentoring Support (CMAS) to trial a youth club provision in Purton. Commencing 5th September at the Village Hall from 6.15 to 7.45pm we will be running a youth club for Purton resident children only. All children brought along will have to provide address details and a sub of 50p per session towards activities. A snack bar will also be available so please bring along some pennies. Funding has been provided by Purton Parish Council for this initiative. More details to follow once up and running. Please support to ensure its continuity.

Fun in the Sun - Free holiday activities In Purton

Sports coaching for children 5-11 years old at Millennium Hall, Church Street, Purton SN5 4DT. 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd August from 10-11.30am.

Community Working

Purton Parish Council and St Marys Church have been awarded a "Care of Churches Award 2018" from the Diocese of Bristol for its work on the tree project in the Churchyard.

Rewarding Challenge for a Purton resident

St Mary's CE Primary School is seeking to appoint a Co-opted School Governor. The school is located in the heart of village of Purton where you will find our children 'Learning Together' in faith, love and friendship. As governors we aim to ensure that all children, including those who are disadvantaged, feel valued and special and enjoy attending a school which has a strong Christian ethos. Twelve meetings per school academic year and additional time for dedicated committees, training, school visits and events. Governors meetings are usually held in the evenings however training, school visits and some meetings will take place during the school day. Please apply in writing, stating your relevant skills and interest in the position (no more than 1 side of A4) to the Clerk to the Governors at clerk@st-marys-purton.wilts.sch.uk

Annual Footpath Walk

The annual parish walk is to be held on the first Sunday in September (2nd). Location and route to be agreed, but the normal 4 miler is planned. Meeting at College Road Lay-by at 2pm. Bring suitable clothing, shoes and drinks - lets hope for some good weather but maybe not too hot!

Play Area Revamp

Purton Parish Council are considering options to revamp the play area known as Venture Play Park at Dogridge. If you would like to take part in a fact finding exercise please complete a survey on our website at: www.purtonparishcouncil.gov.uk/News.aspx or attend our next Councillor Surgery being held on Saturday 8th September 2018 from 10-12 in the Village Hall and have your say.

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Become a Dementia Friend

Do you belong to a Community Group or business in Purton? Can we come to one of your meetings or premises and run a Dementia Friends Session? Say YES, make a difference and allow us to show that as a community we care. Make Purton Proud say yes to 45 minutes of your time to make a difference to those suffering and caring. Alternatively come to one of our Dementia Friends sessions being held at the Village Hall on the following dates: 14th Sept 10am & 7pm, 22nd October 10am and 7pm, 14th November 10am and 7th December at 10am and 7pm.

Councillor Surgery

Do you have concerns or questions regarding Purton that the Parish Council can advise or help with? Come along and have an informal chat on Saturday 8th September and Saturday 3rd December 2018 from 10am to 12 noon.

No meetings held in August

September Meetings

10th September 2018	Council meeting
24th September 2018	Purton War Memorial and Village Centre Charity

Memory Stones

The Parish Council sadly has no room left for memorial trees in the Cemetery however we are offering a memorial option at the entrance of the cemetery in the form of a natural stone engraving. If you are interested please contact the Clerk for more information.

Planning (Approved with Conditions)

18/03945/VAR	Land at Ridgeway Farm Land off Purton Road. Removal of condition 12 of planning permission 17/03069/FUL to remove
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	the requirement for evidence of dwelling achieving an energy performance at or equivalent to level 4 of the code for Sustainable Homes..
18/04278/FUL	7 Witts Lane. First floor extension over existing ground floor extension.
18/04387/FUL	Highridge Close. Single storey front and rear extension and garage conversion.
18/02962/FUL	68 Pavenhill. Expansion of existing single storey rear extension and adding a second storey to create a larger kitchen/dining area downstairs and a new bedroom with en suite upstairs.
18/03763/CLP	26 Restrop Road. Erection of conservatory.
18/02799/FUL	11 Vastern Close. Two storey side extension.
18/01907/FUL	17 The Farm Proposed detached garage.
18/02073/TPO	The Manor House. T1 Yew – 20% crown reduction, T2 Sycamore – Fell, T3 Beech – 20% crown reduction, T4 Elm – Fell, T5 Elm – Fell, T6 Sycamore – Fell, T7 Sycamore – 20% crown reduction, T8 Holly – 10% crown reduction, T9 Yew – 20% crown reduction, T10 Elm – Fell, T11 Sycamore – Fell.
18/03234/FUL	24 Waite Meads Close. Proposed single storey rear extension and extension to front and rear dormers.
18/03000/FUL	22 Station Road. Alterations & refurbishment including change of use of shop area to dwelling & erection of detached garage.
18/03207/CLP	15 Jubilee Estate. Certificate of lawfulness for proposed rear extension.
18/03389/FUL	Brockhurst Farm, Greenhill. Side and first floor extension to existing garage to provide ancillary accommodation and single storey infill extension to main house.
18/03517/CLP	39 Vasterne Close. Proposed loft conversion with larger dormer to the rear elevation. Tile hanging – colour to match the existing roof.

Refused Application

18/03532/FUL Folly Down Farm. Proposed stables and haybarn.

Appeals

APP/Y3940/W/18/3202551 Outline application for a residential development of up to 81 dwellings and associated infrastructure with all matters reserved with the exception of access.

Footpaths

If anyone wishes to sponsor kissing gates in the village, please contact the office.

Charities

Purton War Memorial and Village Centre charity are currently looking into a revised sign for the centre to show case the facility and all that are available.

We have set up a “GIVEASYOULIVE” site for the Purton Institute and Village Hall Charity which once subscribed allows donations to be generated through online shopping. No fees, no charges, free to register. Please take a look, share the link between family and friends and lets raise some pennies. www.giveasyoulive.com/

Community Speed Watch

The trained volunteers have been regularly carrying out speed watch sessions at the determined sites and have recently been questioned regarding the speed limit throughout the main road in Purton (Station Road/High Street). Please be advised that although there are stickers on lamp posts, wheelie bins etc. stating 20mph the statutory speed limit is in fact 30 mph.

Community Speed Watch (CSW) is a locally driven initiative where active members of the community join together with the support of the Police to monitor speeds of vehicles using speed detection devices. Vehicles exceeding the speed limit are referred to the Police with the aim of educating drivers to reduce their speeds.

Speeding continues to be a concern for many communities. Volunteers receive appropriate training and are supported by the Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) staff.

If you are interested in knowing more and how you can be a part of this community initiative please either contact Paul Grigg on chezneymb@hotmail.com or Debbie Lawrence on clerk@purtonpc.eclipse.co.uk or call the office on 01793 771066.

How to contact the Parish Council

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Website www.purtonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Parish Council's letter box – The letter box can be found 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 know” photographs and much more. If you have 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 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 and sign up today.

We welcome submissions for publication in the next edition of *Purton Magazine* from the local community and from readers further afield. Copy deadline is the 10th of each month. Please email mail@purtonmagazine.co.uk

Purton & District Age Concern



By the time you read this report our committee should have chosen the photographs for our 2019 calendar. Thank you to everyone who has submitted photos to Peter Berry, he had a flurry of entrants towards the closing date and thank you Peter for co-ordinating the calendar production. The calendars should be available to purchase from the beginning of September, please contact Peter on 778119 for more information. Calendars will also be on sale at our events until the end of 2018.

John Macdonald recently retired as street warden for Glevum Close. I'm pleased to inform you this month that Chris Jefferies has agreed to take over from John. Chris will be known to many on her patch already but I'm sure she will introduce herself to all on 'her' patch during the coming weeks. Thanks Chris for becoming a volunteer with Purton Age Concern, I'm sure you will enjoy being a street warden.

Next is a plea from Tony... Have you borrowed one of our wheelchairs? If so, please can you contact Tony on 770696 to let him know as he has forgotten who is using them at the moment. Also, if anyone has a wheelchair they no longer require would you consider donating it to Purton Age Concern, we are always on the look-out for good quality wheelchairs to add to our collection, again please contact Tony on 770696. Thank you.

Future Events

Day Trip to Weston-super-Mare - On Wednesday 1st August we will have our annual village outing for all ages to Weston. The coach will leave Purton at 9am and return from Weston at 4pm. The cost is £15 for children and OAP's and £17 for others. (food is not included). If you would like to go and haven't booked a seat on the coach please contact your street warden as soon as possible as there may still be places available.

Minibus Shopping Trips - Hazel Woodbridge, our minibus co-ordinator has informed me the Friday shopping trips on the minibus in August will be as follows;

Friday 10th August to Marlborough, leaving Purton at 8.45am and **Friday 24th August to Cirencester**, leaving Purton at 9am. Please contact Hazel on 770862 to book your place.

Jumble Sale - We will be holding a Jumble Sale at the Village Hall on Saturday 1st September at 2pm. Jumble can be left at the Village Hall between 12pm and 1pm and the sale starts at 2pm, so put the date in you diary and come along and see if you can bag yourself a bargain or two! We will be holding a raffle during the jumble sale, donations of raffle prizes will be much appreciated. Thank you.

Mystery Tour - Our next mystery tour is Wednesday 5th September with a 2pm start. Cost including tea is £15.00 for village pensioners and £17.00 for non-pensioners and people from outside our area. Please contact your street warden to book your place before Monday 27th August.

3Bs x 2 Evening - Our next 3B's evening is on Friday 5th October at 7.30pm in the Silver Threads Hall. The cost is £7.00 and includes a two course supper, bring your own drinks and glasses. Bingo tickets will be available to buy separately. Admission tickets usually sell out very fast, remember there is no entry on the night without a ticket, so if you would like to attend please contact Jenny Barnes on 770339. Transport is available, please contact Hazel Woodbridge on 770862 to book a seat on the minibus.

Past Events

Outing on Severn Valley Railway - 52 people attended this trip and I have to admit to a bit of trepidation at being responsible for their safe return. I needn't have worried because everybody came back to the coach when they were asked to and the atmosphere was fantastic. The train ride was very hot (no air-conditioning in these old trains) but at least we could have all the windows open and purchase drinks on the way. The staff at the Severn Valley stations were very polite and helpful and all the stations looked fantastic with hanging baskets and pots of flowers strewn all along the platforms. We were dropped off the coach at Kidderminster and then picked up at Bridgnorth. Tim, our driver, seemed to know just about everybody on the coach and the comments between him and various others was enjoyable. Zeta started off the singing on the way back and many old tunes were sung, mostly in tune, all the way home. Thanks to everybody for making it such a nice 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 01380 861155.

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 (New volunteers are always welcome.)

Tai chi - We hold Tai chi sessions each Thursday at 2pm in the Millennium Hall. There are places available so if you would like to give it a go please contact Steve Rouse the instructor on 07956359924 or email him at wroughtonbodybalance@gmail.com.

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 10th August from 2-4pm and costs 50p and 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

Purton and District Age Concern Mini Buses

For several years, the cost of transport in the minibus to either the Doctors or Dentist in the village has been just £1. During that time our costs have risen both for maintenance and everyday running cost such as diesel therefore it has been decided that the minimum fare should be £2 per person for these trips to the surgeries as from September 1st 2018. Many people very kindly have given more for these trips for which we are extremely grateful.

If you need to book an appointment and need transport, please call me on 770862. It would be very much appreciated if you can possibly avoid between 11 and 2p.m on Tuesdays and Thursdays as we are covering Lunch Club, however we realise this is not always possible but we will do our very best to meet your appointment.

We are now getting very short of both drivers and shotguns so If you think that you might be able to give time to the Mini buses whether as a driver (you just need a normal car licence) or shotgun then please give me a call and have a chat, even if you can only help occasionally you would be made most welcome.

Hazel Woodbridge BEM, Mini Bus Co-ordinator 01793 770862

Purton Carnival



Purton carnival would like to thank all of you in the village for your support at the events we have held this year. We have raised some money and we hope to be able to put this to good causes at our AGM on the 19 August

You are welcome to come to our AGM at the Silver Threads Hall at 19.30. We will announce what we have achieved this year and hopefully will give information of how we will proceed next year.

We have been a very small committee of only four people (one of whom is retiring) and we will be needing some help to put on the events next year. Whether you can help with a certain event or if you want to join the committee and have a say about what events we run and where the money raised is donated, we need your help. Please come to the AGM or contact me on tru.gough@gmail.com

I would like for the carnival procession to happen again along with our other events but without your help on the day and a little leading up to it we are not going to be able to do it next year.

We hope you have enjoyed this year and will continue to enjoy the events we host. Now, if you are from Purton, are not a business and would like to send us a request for money for something for the village then please email me at tru.gough@gmail.com by the 18 August and we will decide at the AGM. Thank you for your continuing support of our events.

Purton Carnival Committee

A Tribute to Cyril Walters

I felt that I wanted to write a tribute to a very unassuming man – would ‘unsung hero’ be a better phrase? - the person I am talking about is Cyril Walters who died at Ashgrove House after a short illness.

Cyril was born in Swindon where I assume he lived until later on in life – I do not know much about Cyril’s early life. For his National Service he served in the Grenadier Guards. I can imagine him in his uniform on parade because I always found him to be an upright, smart, clean and tidy person. While in the army he served in Cyprus and Germany. When he left the army – I don’t know if this is in the right order – but he did work for Courage Brewery in Old Town. I wonder if he worked for Simmons Brewery before, as Courage bought Simmons out. Mind Cyril was the ideal chap to have as a drayman as he did not drink. He also worked for Yorkshire Imperial Plastics before going on to work for St. Ivel Dairies at Wootton Bassett, where he finished his working life. Anyone who knew Cyril would know that he would not sit down and do nothing when he retired so he had a part time job delivering and collecting cars for Goodman Brothers at Chelworth trading estate. I think that covers most of his working life.

Now I am not sure whether the next piece is quite right but I am pretty certain that Cyril lived in Stone Lane at one time as he would go to the Nine Elms at Shaw and play darts. Now why I’m pretty certain that this is fact is because Cyril and Jackie (Shailes) did a lot of their courting in this area and, as we all know, they later got married. Perhaps they lived in Stone Lane after getting married but I do know that they eventually lived in Witts Lane before moving to the Peak. Cyril lived there until he became ill and had to go into the Cedars before moving on to Ashgrove House.

One of Cyril’s pleasures was playing bowls – now was he an original member of Purton Bowls Club when they played outside the Red House where there is a putting green now (this was sadly damaged last month)? The Bowls Club formed when the Tennis Club moved to where they are now, as the area of the putting green was formerly tennis courts. The three tennis courts could no longer be accommodated when the road was altered and the corner was cut off. I am pretty certain that Cyril played there before the Club moved to the old kitchen gardens where the Bowls Club plays now. Few people realise all the work that has gone on – all voluntary – to achieve what we have today and I know Cyril was always to the fore when anything wanted doing. In fact, he was a member of the green keepers team that maintained the green. Cyril enjoyed his bowls league matches in the week and friendly ones at the weekends. When I said earlier about him being smart – Cyril looked immaculate in his Bowls Club uniform – I can still see him walking along Church Path carry his woods. Something tells me that Jackie was involved with preparing the teas for the visitors. You can imagine those lovely teas with all home made delights! When Cyril packed up with the green maintenance team through ill health he acquired another important role and that was marking the rinks out that were to be used that day.

This was an everyday job so that no rink got over used. Mind, I have heard through the grapevine that there were nasty rinks and friendly rinks that Cyril would know about, so it would pay to keep on the right side of Cyril! It was about twelve years ago that he could not do any more through health reasons but he had certainly done his bit and more to make the Bowls Club what it is today.

Another of Cyril's roles was doorman at the Red House, where he would check to see if you were a member or not. Then, of course, he used to like to go and watch the football matches at the Red House. I can see him now puffing away on his pipe a little bit more when Purton was under pressure. Cyril enjoyed gardening and I bet he found a difference moving from the clay in Witts Lane to the brashy soil at the Peak. I never worked out whether he loved gardening that much or whether it was an excuse to have another pipe of tobacco.

What about his involvement with Purton Age Concern. In a voluntary organisation you need people you can rely on and Cyril was certainly that. Well it all started when Jackie became our street warden for the Peak. Of course, Jackie was Cyril's wife so we had two for the price of one so to speak. Cyril would come to our monthly meetins along with Jackie and that was it. Everything we did he was involved in. What about the Horse Show, gymkhana and Dog Show that we used to run at Purton House thanks to Mr and Mrs Barker. This was a week's work in the evenings to set up and then all day Saturday for the Show and clearing up all day on Sunday and Cyril would be there with the rest of us. Cyril's main job on the Saturday was on the gate and he was on duty the day the Princes William and Harry came to our show along with Princess Diana. Cyril was a bit worried as they shot in without paying – he was a stickler for making everybody pay – but the detectives came back and sorted it out. What I thought was marvellous was how they did not allow any reporters in. They were all lined up along the fence trying to get a shot of the two princes but, with everyone's help, we were able to give Diana and the princes a free and easy time wandering around the stalls etc. buying sweets etc. like any other children.

What about when Christmas came along – Cyril would be our Father Christmas. He would hand out sweets etc. to the children at our market stall, also to the elderly at our Christmas parties. Ian and Jane's children loved it when he was dressed up. Then there was the carol singing around the pubs – a few more in those days – and Cyril would do the collecting. Cyril got the job as our Father Christmas because the committee said I got miserable doing it and I must say he was much better than me. (The general opinion was that I got miserable because I couldn't have a sip of beer through my beard!) If that was not enough Cyril also became a minibus driver and we all know what that entails. (We are always looking for volunteers and I am sure you would find it very rewarding although not moneywise as all our members are volunteers.)

Cyril has not enjoyed the best of health over the last twelve years. First he was

admitted to the Cedars Care Home where he stayed for about six years before being transferred to Ashgrove House where he has been lovingly cared for at his home there as that is how he thought of Ashgrove House. The care he received there was 110%. At the end he was in hospital for a few days but nothing could be done so he came home to die and be amongst friends who would look after him, make him comfortable and do everything possible so that he wouldn't be alone – in fact two members of staff were with him when he passed away.

It is lovely some of the things they get their patients to do. Two of Cyril's favourites were making figures and animals out of clay and also doing colouring, especially banners for parties etc. We are so lucky to have such a home in Purton where they treat everyone as part of a big happy family. Cyril was still part of the village and the staff would take him with others to our 3Bs evening (bingo, bangers and beans). It was always a pleasure to have him back amongst us. He would attend other village events and was principal guest at our less able Christmas party. He was always at the Remembrance Service at the Cenotaph. It was so kind of Ashgrove House to keep him in touch with village life.

To Jackie, Ian, Jane and John and their families we offer them our prayers. We are thinking of you at this sad time and Cyril, thank you for being your kind, thoughtful, helpful self – one of nature's perfect gentlemen.

Tony Price

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Cheese and Wine evening – raising funds for Brighter Futures at GWH Friday 19 October, 7pm, Purton Village Hall

The PPG will be holding a Cheese and Wine evening on Friday 19 October, 7pm in Purton Village Hall, to raise money for Brighter Futures at GWH. Cat Newman from Brighter Futures will be our speaker. Please reserve the date. Tickets (£8.50) will be available from the beginning of September.

Brighter Futures has been raising funds to provide Radiotherapy in Swindon so that patients no longer have to travel to Oxford for this treatment. At the moment around 700 patients a year make the 70 mile round-trip journey to the Churchill Hospital in Oxford for radiotherapy. Treatment usually lasts for a period of 4-7 weeks, made up of daily visits.

The Oxford University Hospitals is investing £18 million in order to bring this much needed facility to Swindon and Brighter Futures is fundraising £2.9 million which will contribute towards the purchase of important clinical equipment within the building.

The new radiotherapy unit at the GWH site will be a satellite of the Oxford Cancer & Haematology Centre which is based at the Churchill Hospital in Oxford and specialist OUH staff will undertake the treatment of all those patients who attend the new facility in Swindon.

Around £2.3 million has already been raised out of the £2.9 million appeal to provide radiotherapy treatment in Swindon.

Carers' Plus award for Purton Surgery

The GP Accreditation Panel met on Tuesday 26 June and the PPG is delighted to tell you that Purton Surgery has been awarded the Gold Plus level for the GP Accreditation year 2017-18. There will shortly be a Certificate displayed in the Surgery.

Receive PPG information by email

This Newsletter and other PPG information is sent to five local magazines for inclusion and also to Purton Parish Council and to Cricklade Town Council (see their websites and the Noticeboard in Cricklade Town Council Office window). In addition you can receive PPG information by email; simply email your request to: groupforpatients@gmail.com and you will be added to the group list. In accordance with our email protocol all emails are sent blind copy.

Serving patients in Purton, Cricklade & surrounding communities
Sheila Fowler, Secretary, Purton PPG

Purton Bowls Club



Our magnificent trio of Chris Mitchell, Julie Jones and skip Alison Fail lifted the British Isles Women's Bowls Council Championships triples title at Belmont Bowls Club in Belfast.

The Wiltshire team won last season's Bowls England ladies national triples championship at Royal Leamington Spa to earn the right to represent their country in Northern Ireland.

Purton had a bye in the preliminary round of the triples on Friday in Belfast but then were drawn against Scotland in the semi-finals. They led 6-0 after five ends but only 7-6 after being pegged back at 10 and then fell behind 9-8 at 13. They upped their game with a tremendous finish winning ends 14-18 scoring 10 unanswered shots to beat Scotland 18-9 and claim a place in the BIWBC triples final against Wales who had beaten Ireland 18-10.

On Saturday In the final the first half of the game was extremely close with Purton and Wales tied 5-5 after five ends and 10-10 at 10 ends. We then dropped a three on the 11th end but never looked back from this point winning the next six ends with a run of 1-5-2-2- 4-1 to lift the British Isles Women's Bowls Council triples title with a crushing 25-13 victory over Wales.

How can you follow that! These three ladies have achieved something that has never been done in Purton before, and not even in the whole of Wiltshire by any other team. Congratulations to all of them, where do they go from here?

Continuing with the ladies, they are currently 5th in Swindon and District league having played 8 games, won 6 and lost 2. And in the afternoon games currently 4th, having played 5, won 3, drawn 1 and lost 1.

The men are currently 4th out of 15 in the Wiltshire League, so good results there. We are also 4th out of 13 in Division 1 of the Swindon and District League, so doing very well this year. Obviously good selections being made by the team selectors!

We were pleased to host the Carnival bowls competition and had some fun on the green with all ages having a go, I hope all that joined in enjoyed themselves. My thanks to the members that turned up to police the event.

Some sad news, Cyril Walters who has been in Ashgrove for a number of years, has died and I would like to pass on the club's condolences to the family at this sad time. Cyril had been a member of the Bowls Club for many years, but as Tony Price will be writing an obituary and including his memories of Cyril's bowling I will leave it to him, so please read his article.

Peter Berry

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*

Purton Annual Flower Show-Arts-Craft-Produce

Saturday 18th August 2018 at the Village Hall

It is now only a few weeks before Show day. It is proving to be a very hot Summer, and no doubt some of us will have resorted to rain dancing. But as yet to no avail! We are all looking forward to seeing this year's entries. To ease our plight, we would greatly appreciate exhibitors to send in entry forms prior to the show. Either to a committee member, via email as below, or on Thursday 16th August at the Redhouse from 7.30 – 9.00pm. We will still accept entries on show day if it is not possible to send in before the day.

The Industrial section has 4 new classes this year.

For the bread maker's, Class 69 2lb/1Kg White Loaf, made by hand. Class 74 a 1lb/454g Jar of Honey.

We also have specific classes for Under 16's- 4 x Square flapjacks, and one for the male member's of the community "Make a cake of your choice". Not forgetting all the usual favourites, plus the Show stopping cake, which we introduced last year.

We look forward to welcoming all Exhibitor's from 9am and the General public from 2pm.

Schedules are available at various locations or any committee member. Please contact me for any further information.

Lorna Robinson-Wardle, Secretary. Tel: 01793 778013 or 3rwardles@gmail.com

Health & Wellbeing Champion

Just a quick word to remind you all that I am around for general help and support on a wide variety of issues including transport, mobility and safety around the home and reducing the feeling of loneliness. Give me a call on 07557 922020 and leave a message. I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Ellen Blacker Tel: 07557 922020 or email: ellen.blacker@wiltshire.gov.uk

Purton Profferings

Unwanted items available free can be recycled here with a two-line classified advertisement; contact details are on page 4.

- Free to a good home: Epson Perfection scanner 3490 Photo. Not much used and now surplus to requirements McLean: 01793 770525
- Green hose on reel; available free and ready for collection. Tel: 771018
- Unwanted varnished wood headboard with 2 light fittings, approx 7ft long. Please phone 01793 770157 for further details.

Purton Post Bag



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, these details may be withheld from publication if requested.



Cover star Sue's donations continue

I just wanted to thank Purton Magazine for printing my article about my London Marathon experience. Thank you also for putting the photo of myself and my Mum on the front cover. This was a bit of a surprise but a lovely one! Off the back of my story being printed, another £120 worth of donations have been forthcoming from the fantastic people who live in this village, so I quickly got over my embarrassment of seeing my face all over the village and focused on the positive! So once again thank you!

Sue Giles



Four-legged friend returned safe and well

I would like to thank everyone who helped look for my little dog when he went missing last month. I think half of Purton joined in the search for him. A very special thanks to the gentleman who heard Bobby yelping and found him tangled up in brambles. He was lost for 6 hours and I am so glad I live in a village with such community spirit. Riders were

even going to saddle up their horses to see if he had run down towards Red Lodge. Also thanks to the kind lady who brought out a bowl of water for him to drink after he was found. I am so grateful to all who helped and so thank you all again.

Una John, Malthouse Farm



Dear All in Purton Parish

This is just to inform you that I'm going to have a short refreshing break from August 13th until November 24th. I have a few plans and I've booked into a retreat for one thing, something I should do really every year!

If you need any help with Baptisms, Marriages or Funerals, please email Rosie Harris: administrator@stmaryspurton.org.uk or contact her on 770077. She works at the Vicarage on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9.30am. I will be about the village for the occasional service that I've promised to do. This is not a sign that I'm around to take all the services! A rest is a rest after all! God bless you all and stay well! Bye for now,

Revd Judith Wells

Ten Years Ago...

August 2018 marks the 10th anniversary of the creation of "Purton Profferings". The first item to be offered in August 2008 was a sturdy garden shed. Of course, there is no indication of whether or where it went but the feature has been a success and continues when information is received. It is one of those little things that help a village become a community. Remember, the ads are free but the goods must be free also!

The magazine took on a holiday feel, but there was a poignant report of a visit to a small island off the east coast of America called Ocracoke. In 1942 a British trawler, HMS Bedfordshire, was torpedoed by a U-boat. All hands were lost but just four bodies were washed up on Ocracoke. The locals donated land for a cemetery which is, over 70 years later, still maintained by the US Coast Guard and recorded by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. The family visiting, attended by the Coast Guards, laid a wreath from "the villagers of Purton" in memory of all those who died. In contrast to the massive cemeteries in Flanders, it is believed to be the smallest British war cemetery anywhere. It cannot have many visitors; maybe it's time for another from Purton?

The local band with the dubious name sent an account of a trip to our twin village of Héric. It had gone to play during the French national music weekend. Linguistic skills were not evident on either side, but the music went down well and the beer even better.

During a clear-out at the Council Offices, a trunk labelled "Purton WI" was found and opened. It contained mostly evening dresses from the 40's and 50's. There were pictures of some of the glamorous gowns being modelled by members, but none of the Charleston dress or the three pairs of bloomers.

The last page ended with a note from the Cricket Club archives. In 1899 "the annual subscription for playing and running (?) members" was 3/6 or 17.5p. That's just a third of the price of this magazine!

Purton Scarecrow Trail

Scarecrow Trail reminder: Sat/Sun 8/9th September 2018.

Fun for all the family: as well as the main scarecrow trail we have a mini one for younger children. Prizes to be won and you can vote for your favourite scarecrow as it will also receive a prize.

Tickets and trail maps will be on sale and refreshments will be available around the village. For more information visit our Facebook page (and please like it to share the fun) www.facebook.com/PurtonScarecrowTrail/

Purton & District Gardeners' Guild



From the few conversations I had with Mike Benson prior to our June meeting I thought that we would be in for a lively evening when he came to present his talk, 'More than Honey'. And so it proved to be!

His first foray into beekeeping was during the war years when a female teacher, realising that extra sugar rations could be gained by those involved in the food side of the war effort, applied to keep bees. The application was successful and soon Mike and five other pupils were invited to take part in the project. This proved to be a successful undertaking and the promised increase in sugar rations was realised. After leaving school in 1947 it was to be another 60 years, following his retirement, before Mike was to look at a beehive again.

He soon realised that nothing had changed and beekeeping became his hobby and in his own words, his 'pleasure in life', and he is now chairman of the Swindon & District Beekeeping Association

Facts about bees followed thick and fast.

Apis Mellifera is the Latin name for the Honey Bee, a beehive colony consists of approximately 60,000 bees, including one Queen, worker bees and drones.

In winter this number lowers to about 25,000. In January when snow is on the ground, the bees form themselves into a ball within the hive protecting the queen in the centre. By performing a continuous rotation from the centre to the outside, each bee maintains its own body warmth.

The purpose of the drones is to mate with the queen and then 'live off the fat of the land' until they die.

The queen bee, bigger than the other two, lays about 1000 eggs a day until September, the worker bees hatching in early May. She lives for about 3 years, supported by the worker bees, who exist to clean the cells, collect pollen to feed the queen and the larvae, whilst producing wax, building combs and protecting the hive from wasps and other predators.

At this point we were introduced to the 'living' beehive that Mike had brought along and, ably assisted by Diana and Mary in bee suits, he began to instruct us in the 'mechanics' of the hive.

Before disassembling the hive the bees needed to be calmed. Diana gingerly demonstrated how this is achieved, by puffing smoke into the hive using a 'smoker', an implement usually filled with smouldering hay or cardboard.

Gradually they removed each layer of the hive until the brood box was exposed. As the dividers were reached and removed, we realised this was a demonstration hive only. Rather than the 'living' contents of the hive, each divider held a picture of the colony, showing the honeycombs and the queen surrounded by the workers

and drones. These were passed around by Richard Bunce, Mike's able assistant for the evening and another well qualified beekeeper, who enthusiastically fielded all the questions from members.

As scientists can now attach antennae to the backs of bees to follow their flight path, this has enabled them to establish the scientific fact that to produce 1lb honey requires 1152 bees to travel 11,200 miles, visiting 4,500,000 flowers to collect pollen en route.

A honey and mead tasting followed, with members partaking of both runny and set honey as well as sweet mead and raspberry mead.

Mike explained that the process for producing mead is the same as that for wine making, using a demijohn.

The healing power of honey is well known, and for that reason Mike supplies honey, produced from his hives in Bentham, to Great Western Hospital in Swindon, where it is used to help ease bed sores and ulcers on patients.

He refuted the idea that honey cures hay fever. However he advocated that taking ½ spoonful of honey per day from February - end of June can prove beneficial. This must be honey 'local' to the area in which you live (shop bought honey would have no benefit). The reasoning behind this is that by the time pollen starts to trigger hay fever, usually in May, the pollen digested from the honey is already in the system rendering some beneficial immunity.

So what are the bi products of the wax produced by bees?

Well beeswax, hand cream, lip salve and candles amongst others.

So why do bees swarm?

In April, May and June the queen lays eggs. The hive begins to fill quickly. When the hive is too full the queen leaves taking half the colony with her and leaving one new queen behind to take over the hive. Those that have vacated the hive, swarm until a new home is found, a hole in a tree or in a roof for example or in some cases collected by a beekeeper to set up a new hive.

This was a fascinating talk all the more enjoyable for Mike's humorous approach giving much cause for the lively 'buzz' around the hall. Pardon the pun! We are in for a treat when he returns in January, following our AGM, to present a film portraying a year in the life of a bee. One for the diary.

Congratulations to the winners of our competition, '3 Fragrant Roses'.

1st Maureen Griffin, 2nd Mary Read and 3rd Doreen Freegard.

Lynda Warren will be joining us at 7.30pm on 28 August in Silver Threads Hall to present her talk entitled 'World War II, Wartime Kitchen Garden'. The competition will be 'An old garden tool'.

New members and visitors welcome.

Margaret Goodall (Secretary 770906)



Guided Walk around Cirencester – Re-scheduled

Due to the very hot weather it was decided to postpone the walk arranged for 7 July 2018. The walk has been rearranged to take place on Saturday 15th September 2018. Full details will be published in the September magazine.

There is no monthly meeting in August. Meetings will resume as follows:

Thursday 27 September 2018 at 7.30pm - Paul Wilkins at Purton Village Hall 'The House'. This presentation will explore the world of the Highworth and Swindon poor Law Union during the 19th Century.

Thursday 25 October 2018 at 7.30pm - Martin Collisson at Purton Village Hall 'William Marshall – the greatest knight.'

Autumn/Spring 6 Week Courses

Many of you will have attended or be aware of the Autumn and Spring courses that have been run by the Purton Historical Society for numerous years. The courses consisted of 6 individual lectures covering different aspects of a particular historical subject or theme and were researched, compiled and delivered by historian Paul Booy with much assistance from Eve Booy. Paul and Eve have decided after many years to retire from running the courses and the PHS is investigating the possibility of continuing them in a slightly different format. We are, therefore, looking for volunteers as follows. You do not have to be a member of the PHS to take part.

Required for the Lectures

It has been suggested that the subject of the first course could be 'Women in History'

Presenters would be required to research and give one lecture each per course.

(Mr Booy will deliver an individual lecture and we already have some experienced volunteers from the Society).

An evening meeting lasts approximately 2 hours which includes an interval of at least 20 minutes. A meeting could consist of 1 lecture or 2 shorter lectures.

Required for the practical side of the course

An administrator to prepare and distribute details, collate entry forms and collect entry fees.

People to help prepare the Silver Threads Hall for lectures and to clear up afterwards i.e. assemble chairs and re-position tables etc.

Someone to take the register at meetings.

Someone to take responsibility for preparation of tea/coffee in the interval plus additional helpers.

An Information technology expert who could give any required technical advice and help set up equipment etc at meetings.

If there are enough volunteers it is proposed to form a sub-committee to organise a first course in the spring of next year, 2019. There may be some remuneration for lecturers but this would need to be agreed by the sub-committee. If you are interested in volunteering for any of the above or have questions and would like to find out further details please contact Marion Hobbs on 01793 770185. We look forward to hearing from you. New Members and visitors always welcome

Tony & Janet Neate, E mail: tjneate57@gmail.com Tel: 01793 770117

Purton Museum

Purton Station Exhibition continues to be on display. We are delighted to have added a 19th century timetable. Also two new displays on College Farm House and Thompson's Garage. These three displays can be viewed until late September 2018. The Museum is open Wednesday 2.00pm to 5.00pm and Saturday 10.00 am to 12.30pm.

Marion Hobbs, PHS Chair

This year Purton Museum will be commemorating the end of WWI, 100 years on in an extensive, ambitious exhibition. From 6th October until Saturday 24th November the museum will be transforming its contents and be displaying World War I artefacts, objects, photographs and memories. To achieve this we are reaching out and asking for your help ...

If you have a piece of WWI history in your house, or have a story to share please get in touch. We would really appreciate anything you are happy to loan to the museum for a period of 2 months. We understand that these items will be extremely valuable and we will be taking great care to store, display and look after all objects donated for the exhibition. If interested please email either Beth: bethaney23@icloud.com or Marion: roy.marion@btinternet.com Tel: 01793 770185. Thank you so much in advance.

Beth Farnham, Museum Curator

Purton Historical Society Outing

On Sunday the 24th June the Purton Historical Society travelled by coach to Purton (Gloucestershire) on the River Severn to view the Purton Hulks, old ships that have been deliberately beached along the river bank to await scrapping.

Our knowledgeable and very amusing local maritime historian guide, Paul Barnett, gave us the colourful history of at least ten of the wrecks. A ships' graveyard but serving the useful purpose of preventing tidal erosion of the Severn riverbank - the longest river in England but also with the strongest tidal flow (The Severn Bore), from overflowing and breaking the banks of the Sharpness Canal, which runs parallel (and very close) to the river all the way from the sea to Gloucester Docks.

The canal was used by large ships to carry essential cargo, such as coal, oil, wood, food etc., to the City. The wrecks were ships of all types, made of wood, iron or some from concrete, and the party saw at least ten of them, our guide gave us the history of each, some now ancient monuments and on the National Register of Historic Vessels.

A beautiful walk back along the canal took us to the Old Malthouse Pub where we had much needed refreshments and a slap-up carvery lunch. A drive back to Purton in a cool coach and another enjoyable day out with the Historical Society. Why not join us for our next trip? You don't have to be a member.

Jill Watts, teddington1940@gmail.com

Guide Dogs

I had a stall at the morning part of the Carnival Fete, it was relatively quiet, partly due I guess to people getting ready for the afternoon events and the football etc. I received £17 in donations, £15 from the Guide Dog Tombola and £33.71 from trading goods sales, a total of £65.71.

I have also received a cheque for £60 in respect of the used postage stamps, which Purton Surgery, and others around Swindon, plus various other people who kindly collect them for us. Many thanks for for all your continued support.

Brian Davies. On behalf of Purton Support Group.

Dead Man's Hand by Seymour Matthews

This is a captivating thriller which twists and teases in a singular and exciting manner. At first it might seem to be another, typical Agatha Christie as two couples are lured to an Italian villa where murder then takes place. But things are not that simple and certainly not what they seem as twists and turns that tease the audience eventually lead to the point where the Dead Man shows his hand. If you know anything about poker you may understand the reference. Who is the murderer and what do the murdered have in common? The answer is not revealed until the final intriguing twist.

This is an exceptionally well constructed play that will keep your attention and have you guessing to the very end. Definitely one that is not to be missed. Directed by Dennis Breakespear, with a cast of 6 characters, the performances are from Wednesday 26th to Saturday 29th September, 7.30pm at the Arts Centre, Old Town, Swindon.

Tickets at £12 (£10 concessions) are available by telephone from 07517698083 or email: bookings@phoenixplayers.com. For payment by credit/debit card go to www.swindontheatres.co.uk Find out more about the Phoenix Players at www.phoenixplayers.com



Purton Evening W.I.



Our June meeting's speaker was Linda Dowsett who gave an very entertaining talk on 'My journey to the weakest link'. She was a very hard-working lady for Guide Dogs for the Blind, as when her husband died she had donations at his funeral, and approached the society and had a Guide Dog named Gordon after him. She has since raised thousands of pounds and financed the training of three more dogs.

Her grandchildren encouraged her to go on The Weakest Link as they said she always knew the answers. Her auditions were many and varied. She first had to answer 20 questions and got 16 correct. She had to go to Bristol for a screen test and recite a poem. She eventually received a letter telling her she'd been accepted and was told to take three outfits, dress code smart/casual with no white, black or navy, spots or stripes. They were taken to the make-up room and were told not to cross Anne Robinson as she was a difficult person! Anne had no contact with the contestants, other than asking the questions, and between each round she left the stage.

Linda did not win, but was voted off in the third round. She was interviewed on local radio, appeared on the Hairy Bikers show and the Great British Bake Off. She was an excellent speaker and had us laughing all the way through her talk. We then had tea and biscuits and moved on to the business part of our meeting. Chris Sheppard thanked the WI for the donation of £40 which was sent to Miranda House in memory of Dave, her late husband. We shall be having a table top sale on 10 November and our August meeting takes place on 15th, when we'll have a vintage picnic and bring a favourite book from childhood.

We're always looking for new members, so why not come along to one of our meetings and find out what we do.

Jill Herbert

*For more information call Barbara 01793 770818 or Janet 01793 772146
we will be pleased to hear from you.*

Cricklade Country Market

Our next market Friday 31 August, 2-4pm, At The Jenner Hall Cricklade



Locally handmade, home cooked or home grown produce straight from us to you! Find delicious pies and cakes, scones and cookies, jams and pickles, plants and beautiful original gifts... Pop along for a delicious afternoon tea or come in for after school refreshments too!

Future MARKET DATE: September 28th. Please call Nikki on 01793 751845 to place an order or for further information about the market.

Children invited to join Mischief Makers at Wiltshire libraries

Wiltshire libraries are calling for children to sign up to read six books this summer as part of Mischief Makers, Summer Reading Challenge 2018.

The Summer Reading Challenge asks 4-11 year olds to borrow and read any six library books over the summer. The theme for the 2018 Summer Reading Challenge is Mischief Makers, inspired by the much-loved children's title Beano, which celebrates its 80th anniversary.

Children will explore a map of Beanotown to find a hidden treasure chest full of pranks and become ultimate mischief makers! As children read library books for the Summer Reading Challenge, they will receive special stickers, some with mysterious smells. By adding these stickers to their map, young readers will help Dennis, Gnasher and friends solve clues and discover the treasure, having lots of fun and adventures along the way.

To take part in Mischief Makers, all children need to do is sign up at their nearest library where they will be given a colourful collector's map of Beanotown to keep a record of their Summer Reading Challenge journey.

Mischief Makers launches in libraries across Wiltshire on 14th July 2018 and runs until 8th September.

There's a whole programme of events and activities planned at Wiltshire libraries for families over the summer to celebrate the Summer Reading Challenge. Just contact your local library or go to www.wiltshire.gov.uk/libraries to find out how to take part.

Sue Wilkinson, CEO of The Reading Agency said: "At The Reading Agency, we believe that everything changes when we read and we know from our research how much fun families and children have when taking part in the Challenge. Mischief Makers offers intergenerational



Join in this summer at **Purton Library**

Open: Mon 2-5pm, Tues 2-7pm,
Wed 10am-5pm, Fri 2-5pm



BEANO



appeal and we hope this family friendly, accessible theme will inspire more children than ever to read over the holidays and make use of their local library throughout the summer and beyond.”

The Reading Agency is the leading charity inspiring people of all ages and all backgrounds to read for pleasure and empowerment. Working with our partners, our aim is to make reading accessible to everyone. The Reading Agency is funded by the Arts Council. www.readingagency.org.uk

The Summer Reading Challenge is excited to be working with Beano in their 80th anniversary year. This iconic comic, recently refreshed for a new generation of fans, will bring its unique humour to the Challenge to help us celebrate reading, creativity, friendship and fun! Beano Studios creates hilarious, rebellious entertainment worldwide including, digital content on www.beano.com, TV shows (catch Dennis and Gnasher Unleashed on CBBC) and the legendary comic and No.1 selling annual.

Hello from The Cedars Care Home



What's been going on?

We've just returned from a very successful trip to Weston-super-mare and those residents that we were able to take all said they thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

We've had various musical entertainers and even line-dancing this month so we are keeping everyone as active as we can in the hot weather. I'm not complaining but we would like some rain for the garden!

Would you like to join us sometime?

We welcome anyone who might like to join us for an activity or share their hobbies and interests with us. As previously mentioned here are some of the activities we enjoy... Board games – anyone good at Scrabble, Cards, puzzles? We have a few residents who love to do these things so why not pop in and share the pleasure? And every Tuesday around 11ish we have Exercise to Music. Perhaps you enjoy a form of exercise that you think our residents might enjoy such as Thai Chi, which I improvise occasionally? If so do pop in a chat with Jane. I'm always looking for fun ways to keep our bodies moving.

We have invited Purton toddlers to join us for a bit of music and movement over the summer. I'll let you know how it goes!

All change on Activities

We have a new full time Activities Coordinator Christina Deriu who has some great plans for our future activities – SO WATCH THIS SPACE! Please do contact us if you would like to pop in and see what you might like to help us with - Chris or Jane. Please email, Jane Pitcher j.pitcher@osjct.co.uk, Tel: 01 793 772036 and speak to one of us, or pop in for further details. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

Jane Pitcher, Cedars OSJCT, j.pitcher@osjct.co.uk

Purton Village Diary - August 2018

1	W	9.00am	Age Concern Village outing to Weston for all ages
2	Th	10.30am	Communion at the Live and Let Live, Upper Pavenhill
3	F	2.00pm	Friendship Group at the Silver Threads Hall
		until 5th	Festival on the Farm at Purton Farm Shop
4	Sa	10.00am	Purton Methodist Church Coffee Morning at 35 High Street
5	Su	8.00am	Communion at St Mary's Church
		10.30am	Morning Worship at Purton Methodist Church
		10.30am	Family Service at St Mary's Church
		6.00pm	Evensong at St Mary's Church
9	Th	11.00am	Songs of Praise at The Cedars
10	F	8.45am	Age Concern Minibus to Marlborough
12	Su	8.00am	Communion at St Mary's Church
		10.30am	Morning Worship at Purton Methodist Church
		10.30am	Communion at St Mary's Church
14	Tu	10.00am	Purton Probus Club 'Wonderful Engineering' at the Red House Lounge
		11.00am	Songs of Praise at Ashgrove House
		2.00pm	Raymond Roland with Poems and Yarns at Silver Threads Hall
15	W	2.00pm	Communion at Ashgrove House
		7.30pm	Purton Evening WI vintage picnic
18	Sa	9.00am	Royal British Legion Purton Branch Annual Open Flower, Arts, Crafts and Produce Show at Purton Village Hall
19	Su	8.00am	Communion at St Mary's Church
		10.30am	Morning Worship at Purton Methodist Church
		10.30am	Family Communion at St Mary's Church
		2.30pm	Brass band play at the Red House
		7.30pm	Purton Carnival AGM at Silver Threads Hall
22	W	10.00am	until Fri 24, Purton Churches Superhero activity days at St Mary's Primary School
24	F	9.00am	Age Concern Minibus to Cirencester for all areas of the village
25	Sa	10.00am	Carnival Treasure Hunt starting at Pips Community Café, Purton Club function room
26	Su	8.00am	Communion at St Mary's Church
		10.30am	Morning Worship at Purton Methodist Church
		10.30am	Communion at St Mary's Church
27	M	12 noon	Bank Holiday Charity Tea Party at The Maharajah
28	Tu	10.00am	Purton Probus Club 'Life in Royal Navy Submarines' at the Red House Lounge
		2.00pm	Ashgrove Choir entertain at the Silver Threads Hall
31	F	2.00pm	Cricklade Country Market at Jenner Hall

September

Sa 1	2.00pm	Age Concern Jumble Sale at Purton Village Hall
Su 2	2.00pm	Annual Parish Walk from College Road layby
W 5		Purton Methodist Church Harvest Supper
Sa 8		and Sun 9th Purton Scarecrow Trail.

Every week

M	7.00pm	to 8.00pm	Purton Village Voices choir practice at the Red House Skittle Alley (term time)
Tu	9.00am	to 11am:	Purton Toddler Group at the Village Hall (term time)
	12 noon		Luncheon Club at Silver Threads Hall for over 60s
	7.30pm		Bridge Club at the Red House
W	10.00am	to 12 noon:	Coffee and chat at Silver Threads Hall
	2.00pm	to 5.00pm:	Purton Museum open, free of charge (Apr-Nov)
	6.30pm		Rock Solid at Purton Methodist Church
Th	9.00am	to 11am:	Purton Toddler Group at the Village Hall (term time)
	12 noon		Luncheon Club at Silver Threads Hall for over 60s
	2.00pm	to 3pm:	Age Concern Tai Chi at Millennium Hall
	2.20pm		Pram Service for pre-school children at Purton Methodist Church (term time)
F	10.00am	to 11.30am:	Tea, coffee and cake at The Cedars
Sa	10.00am	to 12.30pm:	Purton Museum open, free of charge (Apr-Nov)

Every month

1st Wednesday	Story Time at Purton Library for pre-school children
2nd & 4th Tuesday	Purton Probus at Red House lounge
3rd Monday	St Mary's Fellowship of Women at Purton Methodist Church
3rd Tuesday	Royal British Legion meet at the Red House

Moon Phases

- ☉ 19 July ○ 27 July
☾ 4 August ● 11 August

If your Club or Organisation's events are not included in the Diary pages, contact Purton Magazine c/o In Touch Design & Print, 2 College Road, Purton, Tel: 772954 or email: mail@purtonmagazine.co.uk

Great news – from 30 July you'll be able to recycle even more plastics and cartons in your blue lidded bin!

Sign up online for email updates

www.wiltshire.gov.uk Please rinse and squash your recycling Wiltshire Council

The advertisement features a central image of a blue recycling bin with various items placed next to it, including a plastic bottle, a carton of juice, a carton of breakfast cereal, a tube of toothpaste, and a container of mustard. A circular graphic with the text 'Sign up online for email updates' is overlaid on the image.

Purton Twinning Association

In June members and friends of the Twinning Association visited Heric in France for the annual 24 Tandem race. This year the Purton team of Becky, Jos, Bev, Tony, Peter and Chris, dressed as Vikings and kept the bike moving for the whole 24 hours.

We met many of our French friends who made us feel very welcome.

Food, wine, beer, chat (and lots of kissing) made up for a fun weekend.

This was the 30th time the Tandem race was run and may possibly be the last, but the organisers ensured that everything went well - with live entertainment and a fabulous firework display on the Saturday night.

Over the years lots of people from Purton have visited Heric and all have had a great time; and we look forward to seeing our French friends again in the near future.



Lois gets her skates on

This is our talented daughter Lois. Lois has been very sporty from a young age not letting major surgery on her hip at 18 months old hold her back and last autumn wanted to give ice hockey a go. She really enjoyed her first session and we continued to take her every week. After just 6 months she was invited to join the Swindon Wildcats Academy under 13s and under 16s top kittens squad. Lois is aiming high and one day would like to play for Team GB.

We are seeking sponsorship from a local business or individuals who would like to help invest in her future and join us for the ride. This will be put towards monthly training, annual registration and equipment costs.

Please contact Stefanie or Greg, Tel 07840275969 or email sgee1@talktalk.net if you are interested.

We would love to hear from you.



Over the Badminton jumps without a horse?

The local Rotary Club of the South Cotswolds is again organising its Badminton Horseless Team Event – a fun-run over the world-famous Badminton Three Day Event course. This annual event, which has been organised and hosted by the Rotary Club of the South Cotswolds since its inception, is now in its 35th year. It is held by invitation of the Duke of Beaufort and is held on his estate, Badminton Park. The all-terrain course takes the runners and canicrossers (runners with dogs) along country tracks in sight of the deer herds, and through fields and woods.

The event is an opportunity for runners to experience the unique surroundings of Badminton Park and try out (or go around) many of the familiar obstacles on the Three Day Event course. The event raises money for Rotary Charities and allows runners to seek their own sponsorship for their own charities. Over the years the event has raised many hundreds of thousands of pounds for charitable causes through entry fees and sponsorship.

This year's event is on Sunday, 30 September 2018. Registration starts at 08:30 (on-line pre-registration is available and gets you free car parking; car parking is £5 on the day); the race itself starts at 10:00. Adult entries are £15; junior (aged 15 or under) entries are £10. Runners can enter as individuals or in teams for 5k or 10k distances. Individual times are provided through professional chip-based timing from Full On Sport. For details of the event and how to enter please visit either; www.fullonsport.com/event/badminton-hte-2018-5k--cannicross/profile www.fullonsport.com/event/badminton-hte-2018-10k--cannicross/profile

We Record ...

Baptism at St Mary's Church

24 June 2018 Annie Eliza Houston

08 July 2018 Jasper Richard Andrew Clatworthy

Funeral at St Mary's Church

04 July 2018 David Brian Pearce (66)

Interment of Ashes in Purton Cemetery

10 July 2018 Kay Lesley Lewis (71)

In Memoriam

3 August 1918 Reginald Arthur Jones, 2nd Battalion the Loyal North Lancashire Regiment, drowned at sea. He is remembered on the Hollybrook Memorial, Southampton.

11 August 1918 Albert Leach, 15th Battalion Tank Corps, died of wounds, aged 31. Albert is buried in Adelaide Cemetery, Villers-Bretonneux. He is remembered on the Purton War Memorial and on the memorials in St Mary's Church.

25 August 1918 Frederick Thomas Bailey, 10th Battalion, Tank Corps, killed in action, aged 30 and buried in Grevillers British Cemetery.



Christian Aid Curry Night

Once again the Christian Aid Curry night held at The Maharajah on 19th June was a huge success. Many thanks to everyone who came and helped us raise a magnificent £436 towards Christian Aid funds.

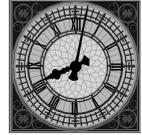
However, if it wasn't for the continued support of Khalique and his staff at the Maharajah these enjoyable curry evenings wouldn't even be possible. Perhaps many of you are unaware that Khalique has been supporting the village to raise funds for Christian Aid in this way since 2005! To date he has helped us raise almost £5,000! What a wonderful contribution to a community charity event.

Purton is so lucky to have such a community spirited businessman and resident living amongst us as he also supports other fundraising events by hosting them in his restaurant. The annual Tea Party held on a bank holiday Monday for the local Age Concern and the Indian children's charity for instance.

So it is with heartfelt thanks to Khalique and his team at the Maharajah from all of the Christian Aid team and the Purton community that he continues to contribute to our village life in such a positive way.

Libbie, Mary, Kate and Wendy

After 8



Well we never did get to solve the question which came first the chicken or the egg, we decided to leave that to greater brains than ours and we'd go and explore Cricklade instead. Helen organised a great trail around the town, she'd even arranged the glorious weather for us.

We found out where a highwayman had been hanged (Salisbury), where we could learn drumming or even details of the attractive maple floor of the Town Hall and its cost. We even discovered a tiny door which welcomed gnomes. If you look carefully around the centre of Cricklade you might find it. A discovery that some made was there were further questions on the reverse of the paper. The end of the trail led back to Helen's where we enjoyed Pimms and fresh mint tea together with nibbles. Due to the heat all the chocolate biscuits had to be eaten... such is life. Some decided that Cricklade was so interesting that they would take the family, well we had already found out the prices of the onion bhajis.

After a pleasant hour in the garden catching up on flooded holidays, problems with jellyfish, the US Custom's dept. and escape rooms, we got around to planning our next event, which is our Summer Social at Christine's on Tuesday July 24th.

Our thanks to Helen, for all her hard work in giving us such an enjoyable trail and hospitality. I'm sure that my grandson will be doing the Cricklade trail next time he comes.

Marion Andrews

Church Floodlighting

July 30 The church was floodlit in memory of **Albert Parkinson** on the occasion of his birthday. Dearly loved and sadly missed Husband, Dad and Grandad.



August 4 St Mary's will be floodlit to celebrate what would have been the 100th birthday of **William Fowler**. From Dawn, Stephen and Vikki

Please note: St Mary's Floodlighting team would like to apologise most sincerely to the family who booked floodlighting one evening for a member of their family, but the lights failed to come on. Unfortunately there had been a power-cut which affected the clock: so the lights came on at 8am instead of 8pm. We do our best to make sure that this sort of thing happens as rarely as possible, as we know it is a huge disappointment to all concerned.

If you would like the Church floodlit for a special date, occasion, or memorial, please contact Libbie on 771018. The cost is £20 for one evening and it would be helpful if the date is booked at least a month before the chosen night. A short announcement can also be published in this magazine at no extra cost.

The Great War Project

Part 61: August 1918

The War at Sea

On 3 August, Australian troop ship HMT Warilda was carrying wounded from Le Havre to Southampton and was clearly marked by red crosses. It was sunk by a German submarine and 149 aboard lost their lives. One of these was Reginald Arthur Jones, aged 30, a former gamekeeper of Braydon, Purton. He had been serving in Egypt with the Army Service Corps, 2nd Battalion the Loyal North Lancashire Regiment and was being returned to England via France with malaria. Reginald's grave is the English Channel but he is remembered on the Hollybrook Memorial, Southampton.

Western Front

The 2nd Battle of the Marne had turned from defence into an Allied offensive in July. Three French armies and 5 American divisions forced the Germans to withdraw their armies from the Marne by 3 August. French forces had already retaken Soissons on 1 August. General Ferdinand Foch was declared a Marshal of France on the 6th as a result of these victories under his command.

On the 8th, Canadian, Australian, British and French forces broke through German lines with 600 tanks at the Battle of Amiens (Montdidier in the French sector). The RAF dropped 1,563 bombs and fired 122,150 rounds of ammunition in support of ground troops who forced the German troops back to the Hindenburg Line. German General Ludendorff referred to this as the "Black Day of the German Army". The German command threw in their final reserves, but the Allies continued to push forward in a string of victories which became known as the "Hundred Days Offensive".

On 11 August, the 15th Battalion Tank Corps was at Dog Wood, near Villers-Bretonneux, where they were resting and maintaining tanks for the next operation. Albert Leach, son of Thomas and Sarah Leach, of Wootton Bassett Road, Purton, died of wounds, aged 31, on 11 August. A family story tells that Albert was run over by his tank while he was sleeping underneath it together with another tank man. Albert was buried in Adelaide Cemetery, Villers-Bretonneux. Albert is remembered on the Purton War Memorial and on the memorials in St Mary's Church.

The Battle of Amiens ended on 12 August and is regarded as the last great battle on the Western Front. The last bombardment of Paris by the Kaiser Gun occurred on 15 August.

The French began a new offensive on 17 August (2nd Battle of Noyon) and the British advanced in Flanders on the 18th (Outtersteene Ridge). Over the next few

weeks, Allied forces retook Merville, Noyon, the Aisne Heights, Albert and Roye with particular successes for the Canadians who broke through the Hindenburg Line on 28 August.

The 2nd Battle of the Somme started on 21 August with the 2nd Battle of Bapaume. Frederick Thomas Bailey (pictured) was born in Purton, though his parents had moved to Brinkworth and his family home by 1918 was at Cambria Place in Swindon. Frederick was serving with the 10th Battalion, Tank Corps attached to the New Zealand Division which had 8 tanks in action on 25 August. Their objective was to secure the Bapaume road and move east if possible. Five tanks reached their objectives and the New Zealanders occupied Bapaume the next day. The highly strategic position of Mount Kemmel was evacuated by the Germans on 31 August. Frederick was killed in action on 25 August, aged 30, and is buried in Grevillers British Cemetery, Pas de Calais. His name is included on Swindon's Roll of Honour.

The War in the Air

A raid on England on 5 August was the last one and the airship involved (L70) was destroyed. Over the war there had been 51 airship raids against the UK in which bombs had been dropped. There had been a further 8 attempted raids and 59 aeroplane bombing attacks. On 11 August, L53 became the last German airship to be destroyed in the war when it was shot down off the Dutch Frisian coast.

USA

The only battle of the Great War to be fought on United States soil occurred on 27 August, when US Army forces skirmished against the Mexican Army and militias and their German advisors at Nogales, Arizona. The American victory resulted in the establishment of a permanent and agreed border between Mexico and the USA.

Britain

20,000 London policemen went on strike on 30 August for increased pay and union recognition. Inconceivable in previous years, it showed the growing strength of the union movement as well as a realisation at home that the end of the war was close.

Russia

The allied intervention in Russia continued with the Expeditionary Force capturing Archangel on 1 August and sparking a pro-Entente (anti-Bolshevik) revolution there on the next day.

On the Pacific coast, British troops landed at Vladivostok on 3 August and were reinforced by the arrival of Japanese troops on the 11th. Meanwhile the British government had issued a statement (6 August) to the Russian people that it had no intention of interfering with Russian politics, despite its already having troops in north and south Russia and at Vladivostok. In fact, on 10 August, the British commander in Archangel received instructions to help the White Russians (anti-Bolsheviks). Not everything was going the allies' way and on 16 August a force of US troops were overrun at Archangel by Bolshevik troops.

The same day, however, the Czechoslovak legion fought a successful battle at Lake Baikal (Siberia) against the Red Army.

On 24 August, the White Russian leader at Vladivostok, General Dmitry Horvath, organised a coup d'état and on the same day, at Dukhovskaya (130 miles north of Vladivostok), Bolshevik forces were defeated by a combined allied force of French, Czech, Cossack and Japanese troops together with one British battalion.

The Russian capitals were not safe either. On 17 August, Moisei Uritsky, the Petrograd head of the secret police (Cheka) was assassinated. Lenin himself was shot and wounded, in Moscow on 30 October, by Fanny Kaplan, a member of the Socialist Revolutionary Party, but he survived. These events spurred the Soviet government to reinstate the death penalty after it had been abolished in October 1917 – Fanny was executed by firing squad on 3 November.

On the 31st, Captain Cromie, the British Naval Attaché, was murdered by Bolsheviks at the British Embassy in Petrograd.

The New Republics

On 13 August, the Czecho-Slovak people declared war on Germany and the British government formally recognised them as an Allied nation. Czechoslovakia didn't become an independent country until October 1918 after declaration of independence from Austria-Hungary at Prague.

Rick Dixon

Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers

Two promise ceremonies this month: five new members for 1st Purton Rainbows and 2nd Purton Brownies had Summer, Ruby, Millie and Amy making their promise. At the Brownie promise evening some of the existing Brownies completed the hostess badge which included putting on a music quiz and a beetle drive. At the other end of scale, 2nd Purton Brownies also said goodbye to Bella who is progressing to Guides in September; for her last evening they had a teddy bears' picnic.

The sunny weather has seen the various units outdoors. 1st Purton Rainbows visited Lotmead Farm where they enjoyed picking (and sampling) the strawberries, playing in the park and visiting the farm animals including watching the cows being milked. The girls took their strawberries home to share with families. 2nd Purton Brownies went to Lydiard Park where they did bark and leaf rubbing and used their butterfly idials to identify butterflies (although most seemed to hide from them!). As well as playing rounders, wide games and enjoying the local play park, Guides joined with girls from Melksham and Neston for an outdoor activity day at our Guiding Centre in East Tytherton to practise their skills for summer camp. This included preparing lunch, putting up tents, making bedding rolls, first aid and collecting wood in order to toast marshmallows.



We are very lucky to have our beautiful County campsite nearby, just outside Wroughton. As part of the campsite's fun week celebrations, both Brownie units attended sessions there (with hundreds of other Brownies) for plenty of crafts and games with a safari theme. For Fathers' Day, the Guides and a number of Dads went to the campsite for a campfire; they also cooked campfire cones (ice cream cones crammed full of marshmallows, chocolate and nuts which are then wrapped in foil and cooked on the embers) and played lots of wide games. Guides were also lucky enough to join others from Melksham and Neston to go glamping in the Mendip Outdoor tented village. Whilst there, they went caving, climbing, skiing and played frisbee golf.

One element of our promise is to develop our beliefs so it's important that we (young and not so young) take time to consider what we believe in and what's important to us. 1st Purton Brownies completed Girlguiding's 'Future Girl' challenge. This involved the Brownies considering issues which were important to them, ranging from animals and the environment, to bullying, equal opportunities and gender stereotyping. They explored some of these issues through drama and thought about how they would address them if they were in positions of power. The findings from the evening have been fed back to Girlguiding who are aiming to gather the thoughts and opinions of up to 10,000 young members from all age groups across the UK. This is to make sure that Girlguiding remains relevant and provides girls with what they need to thrive.

To mark 90 years since the Representation of the People (Equal Franchise) Act became law (granting equal voting rights to men and women over the age of 21) the Guides hosted a tea party to celebrate this historic moment. Guides made bunting, pin wheel decorations and ribbon badges. On the night of the EqualTeas Tea Party, the Guides hosted representatives from St Mary's Church, local schools, the Parish and Wiltshire Councils, the WI and Girlguiding Wiltshire North. Tea was drunk, home-made biscuits enjoyed and bingo played. All this while discussing democracy now and our vision for the future.

For more information about guiding locally, please contact District Commissioner Rachel Mead by phone on 07729 462054 or by email at braydondc@wncounty.org.uk. You can also register interest in joining (girls or volunteers) at www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/ Find us on Facebook too: www.facebook.com/GirlguidingNorthWiltsDivision

Does your community project need help?

Many large companies now have community days each year, where their employees go out into the community to help support various projects needing a few extra pairs of hands. One of our companies is looking to have a community day where they come out en masse on a specific date to complete community challenges! Please get in touch if your community project needs some extra help on 5th September 2018.

*Janice Townsend, Volunteer Centre Swindon Tel: 01793 420557
www.swindonvolunteers.org.uk www.involveswindon.co.uk*



St Mary's 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.

Our Yr 6 pupils have returned from their Residential in Bude having spent a wonderful action packed week experiencing new challenges. The children participated in activities such as canoeing, rock climbing and abseiling, and learnt about team-work, communication, fear and achievement. They all learned new skills and discovered new talents and despite being somewhat weary as the weather was extremely hot, they all returned with a real sense of achievement. Thanks to all the staff who attended and to all the children who were a credit to St Mary's and themselves.

A huge thank you to everyone who supported Sports Day last month. The weather was very kind to us and the children enjoyed participating in all the different sporting challenges on offer. Special thanks to Mrs Lambe for organising the whole day and to Mrs John and her KS2 Dance group who performed for us in the opening ceremony of both sessions.

On Friday 6th July we had a wonderful experience at the North Wilts Legacy Games at the County Ground, Swindon. Our dancers did an amazing job of opening the ceremony, our KS1 children competed well and our KS2 team won! Well done to all.

We are extremely pleased to be able to report that we now have a brand new de-fibrillator located in the Reception area of the school. Funds for this kindly came from Purton Under 5's Playgroup, who



donated the money to us after they disbanded. We thank them for this gesture and are reassured that our staff and pupils have this vital piece of equipment on hand, should a medical emergency ever occur. All our staff have been trained on its use by Mr Rogers and we thank him for his time too.

Staff News:

We say farewell and thank you to Miss Richardson (currently on maternity leave), Ms Ford, Miss Bragg and Ms Garros, who are all going on new adventures next year. We will certainly miss them all and wish them the very best for the future.

Last month, following the retirement of Mr Waldron, we welcomed a new caretaker to the team called Mr Stokes. He has settled in well and we have kept him very busy!

We wish all children a relaxing summer holiday and look forward to seeing them on Tuesday 4 September 2018 refreshed and ready for another academic year of learning.

We do currently have spaces in most year groups, so should you be thinking of coming to join us, you are warmly welcome to look round the school prior to submitting an application. Visits can be arranged through the school office admin@st-marys-purton.wilts.sch.uk or by phoning us on (01793) 770239.

For more information about our school and all the exciting learning opportunities that take place, visit our school website <http://www.st-marys-purton.wilts.sch.uk>

Mrs Naomi Clarke, Head Teacher

School Governor

St Mary's CE Primary School is seeking to appoint a Co-opted School Governor. The school is located in the heart of village of Purton where you will find our children 'Learning Together' in faith, love and friendship. As governors we aim to ensure that all children, including those who are disadvantaged, feel valued and special and enjoy attending a school which has a strong Christian ethos. At St Mary's, a highly motivated and dedicated team ensure that all children aspire to achieve their full potential, both academically and socially.

Commitment: Twelve meetings per school academic year and additional time for dedicated committees, training, school visits and events. Governors meetings are usually held in the evenings however training, school visits and some meetings will take place during the school day.

Salary: This role is voluntary. **Closing date:** Friday 7th September 2018

Interviews: Week commencing: 10th September 2018

We are looking for someone who:

- Is keen to support a school where there are high expectations for the outcome of pupils and a culture that enables both pupils and staff to excel;
- Is committed to undergoing appropriate training in order to provide effective support and challenge to the school leadership team;

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- Recognises that the need for pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is at the heart of the school's work, underpinned by the school's Christian values;
 - Is able to be flexible with their time, and fully committed to the role, in order to attend a range of Governor events;
 - Has vision to shape the future of the school with a clear strategy that considers the views of all key stakeholders and protects the longer term interests of St Mary's and the community of Purton.

Ideally we would like applicants with some or all of the following skills:

- Strategic Management
- Accountability
- Compliance
- People Management

We will offer you:

The chance to work with a team of governors, who are highly dedicated, welcoming and receptive to new ideas; the opportunity to support the school Leadership team in shaping the lives of the young people in our community

Please apply in writing, stating your relevant skills and interest in the position (no more than one side of A4) to the Clerk to the Governors at clerk@st-marys-purton.wilts.sch.uk Further information on being a school Governor can also be found at www.nga.org.uk

St Mary's CE Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All applicants will be subject to a full Disclosure and Barring Service check before appointment is confirmed.

Purton Tennis Club

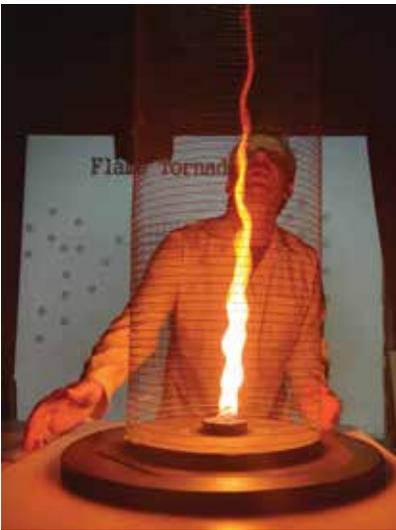


This certainly is the right weather for tennis this year! Wimbledon will have been and gone so time to get out your racquets and come up and join us! Coaching is available individually or in group sessions if you need a refresher.

Our leagues will soon be finishing so hopefully all teams will have done well.

It is our annual "Miller Tournament" – open to all and raising money for Prospect & HASAG – on Sunday 9th September so come and watch whilst you are doing the Scarecrow Trail. As always follow us on facebook and twitter or for information: www.purtontennisclub.com

Lindsey Hall



We were delighted to welcome nearly 400 Year 5 pupils from St Mary's, St Sampson's, Oakhurst, Haydon Wick, St Francis' and Haydonleigh schools for our Science WOW shows. Members of the Bradon Forest School Science Department shared a number of experiments, too dangerous for primary school classrooms, with the pupils and their teachers. Pupils learnt about the science behind what they had seen and they have all been invited to create a poster showing their learning.

Business Studies trip to Italy

In the May half term the Business Studies department took a group of students to Sorrento in Italy. As well as a wonderful exercise in experiencing culture, students were also able to focus on facets of Business Studies, Geography and History.

The first day comprised a visit to Bougainvillea Gelateria to make lemon sorbet and Nutella ice-cream, and eat it! The host made our students more than welcome and was extremely engaging, inviting different members of the group to get involved with the process. They then went onto the Limoncello shop where the experience was reminiscent of the scene in Charlie and the Chocolate Factory when the children were invited to taste everything they see. Whilst they couldn't sample the best thing to come out of Sorrento (Limoncello), they were able to sample the sweets.



Day 2 saw a visit to the lovely island of Capri, arriving in style on a jet catamaran from the marina in Sorrento. The group then transferred to a laser boat and sped around the island with the wind and the spray and a bit of commentary from Bradon Forest's own Geography teacher, Mr. Kershaw. A chair lift ride to the top of Mount Salerno from the beautiful little town of Ana Capri gave stunning views over the Bay of Naples. That night the group enjoyed pizza at one of Sorrento's leading pizzerias. The five day trip's other highlights were Mount Vesuvius, Pompeii, a visit to a pasta making factory and a wonderful ride along the Amalfi coast and a visit to the town of the same name.

Leader of the trip, Business Studies teacher Mrs Hawley, said "As always, our Bradon Forest students were impeccably behaved, and it was a pleasure to spend 5 days in their company. What great ambassadors they were!"



Senior Prefect and Peer Mentor training

After formal application and interview processes for the roles of Senior Prefects and Peer Mentors our Key Stage 4 students undertook a day of training in order to support them in these leadership roles at Bradon Forest. They

undertook a variety of tasks to provide them with the skills they will need for these important roles within the school. The Peer Mentors were soon able to put these skills into practice when the new Year 7 students came on their induction days.



Year 6 pupils visit Bradon Forest for their induction days

4 and 5 July saw over 200 Year 6 pupils come to Bradon Forest for their induction days. Mr Johnson, Head of Transition and Year 7, welcomed them before they spent time with their new tutors. Each of the eight tutor groups were supported by Year 10 Peer Mentors who accompanied them throughout their two days helping them learn to navigate the site. We look forward to seeing them all again in September.

Year 7 visit to PGL, Boreatton Park

Our annual Year 7 visit to Boreatton Park took place over the first weekend in July. Student Scarlett Gregory reports:

My favourite activity was the giant swing because it was very challenging. I really pushed myself and went out of my comfort zone. The main meals were good but the highlight was the delicious all you could eat salad bar. The problem solving was also a highlight because it built up my teamwork skills. Fortunately the weather was dry however we experienced the hottest days of the year.



Christian Aid

To everyone in Purton, we want to pass on our heartfelt thanks for the amazing fun and success we had during Christian Aid Week this year.



Almost everyone in the village was involved in one way or another - through various village activities, little red envelopes, taking part in the quiz or eating some of the delicious meals provided during the week. We had an exceptional year this time:

It all kicked off with a great evening of Murder Mystery, provided by PADS... the 'whodunit' was acted out in front of us all whilst we ate home-made lasagne and then apple cake. Thank you PADS for helping us raise a magnificent £669 that evening.

Then we had a record-breaking Plant Sale (raising £342), Cakes, raffle and bric-a-brac at the Top Shops which brought in another amazing total of £782 altogether... astonishing! Thanks to all those who grew plants and baked cakes for us.

We had a Café-style Breakfast in the Methodist Chapel... a first... it was joyous... and there were other breakfasts that took place in the village...thank you to all nine involved. Over £440 raised at these Breakfasts! And after the Breakfast we had a very special Christian Aid Service and welcomed anyone and everyone from the village, to learn more about the work of Christian Aid.

The Methodist Ladies also provided a Lunch and Khalique provided a Curry Night... both were really happy community events which provided opportunities for people to share and talk and get to know each other more...and all for a good cause! (More about Khalique's considerable contribution to Christian Aid over the years has been written elsewhere in the magazine. His generosity is now legendary in this village!)

A One-off this year was a Birthday Bring & Share in the Church to celebrate two ladies reaching the big 70! People piled in with food and other contributions and the collecting bucket for Christian Aid benefitted by yet another £510...unbelievable!

Throughout the month there was the infamous Quiz for sale, which raised another £470... awesome! The winner this year was Lorraine Goodhall, of High St, Purton.

And an exquisite Quilt was up for grabs, if people guessed how many patches of material were involved in the design and making... the answer was 431 pieces!

All in all we have raised over £3,685 this year from the various events: And another £2,713 was raised in the little red envelopes...for which huge thanks to all collectors and all givers. Hopefully, with Gift Aid bringing in another £322, altogether we shall have raised over £6,700. For such a small village as Purton this is exceptional and we are truly grateful to you all for contributing. Christian Aid Charity is so grateful... and also amazed at our village, yet again. P.S. If anyone has an envelope still waiting to be collected please give me a ring: 771018 . Thank you for your patience!

Libbie: 771018: Mary: 770505 and the Christian Aid team

Purton Placard



BANK HOLIDAY TEA PARTY CHARITY EVENT

Let's do it again!

MONDAY 27th AUGUST 2018
12:00 to 4:00pm
Venue: The Maharajah

- Free tea, coffee, home made scones and cakes.
- Freshly made to order Indian Sweets and Savouries.

All Donations go to both charities (Special Needs Hostel, Udaipur, India and Purton Age Concern).
Join us at : The Maharajah, 6 High Street, Purton, Wilts, SN5 4AA
Phone: Khalique Ali: 01793 770990, Wendy Johnson: 01793 771749

CALLING ALL SUPERHEROES..

**Purton Churches
Superhero Activity Days**
Wednesday 22nd - Friday 24th August
10am-3pm
St Marys School Hall, College Rd, Purton
For Children in years 2-6

**Sports, Craft, Science, Cooking, Music, Storytelling,
Writers, and much more!**

Registration forms handed out via the school or register on the day.
Voluntary contribution to cover costs £5 per child per day.
Wear old clothes, bring a packed lunch & spending money for 'tuck shop'.
Run & supervised by DBS checked adults.
For further information email: ostwoodes@stmarys.wilts.nhs.uk

PURTON AGE CONCERN

Outing to Weston

for all ages on Wednesday 1st August.
Coaches leaves at 9am, returning from Weston at 4pm. Cost - £15 for children/OAPs £17 for others (food not included). Book your place with your street warden.
Come and join us for a fun day out!

Jumble Sale

Saturday 1 September at Purton Village Hall.
Sale starts at 2pm, items can be left from 12-1pm

Mystery Tour

Wednesday 5 September, coach leaves Purton at 2pm. £15 for village pensioners, £17 for non-pensioners, and those from outside the village.
Tea included

PURTON METHODIST CHURCH

Coffee Morning

Saturday 4th August,
10am-12noon at 35 High Street
Cakes, bric-a-brac, raffle, tombola, Tea/Coffee £1. Proceeds to the Methodist Church refurbishments

Harvest Supper

Wednesday 5 September, with musical entertainment at the Methodist Church, further details and tickets £10 available from Church Stewards

The Royal British Legion
Purton Branch
**Annual Open Flower Arts
Craft and Produce Show**
Saturday 18th August 2018

To be held at Purton Village Hall
Staging between 9.00am—11.00am
Open to the Public from 2.00pm

**Refreshments, Raffle
Auction at 5.00pm**

Schedules available from
Andrew Hiscock's Butchers, Toomers Garden Centre,
Hair by Val & Jodie, Purton Farm Shop
Further details from David Herbert, Tel 770002

Put the kettle on...
Make a brew, make a difference!



Afternoon Tea

Saturday 8 September, 2-6pm at The
Gingerbread House, 5 Church End, Purton,
SN5 4EB - immediately next to St. Mary's
Church, opposite the entrance to Purton
House. Hosted by Christine Seals on behalf of
Prospect Hospice.

Join us for an afternoon of refreshments,
the opportunity to buy some fantastic local
goods as well as the chance to win some
amazing raffle prizes while supporting
the care Prospect Hospice provides to our
local community.

Purton Scarecrow Trail

Sat/Sun 8/9th September 2018.
Fun for all the family! Main trail
and children's trail. Prizes to be
won and vote for your favourite
scarecrow. Tickets and trail maps
will be on sale and refreshments
will be available around the
village. For more information
visit [www.facebook.com/
PurtonScarecrowTrail/](http://www.facebook.com/PurtonScarecrowTrail/)

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**PURTON CARNIVAL
AGM**

Sunday 19 August, 7.30pm at the
Silver Threads Hall

Treasure Hunt

Saturday 25 August, 10am from
Pip's Community Cafe, Purton
Club function room

Groups are invited to submit forthcoming
events in, for, and on behalf of the community
Email: mail@purtonmagazine.co.uk



A Book I will Always Remember

long. As usual, the copy deadline is the 10th of the preceding month and our contact details are on Page 4.

Have you read a book that you will always remember, either recently or many years ago, serious or funny, fact or fiction? Each month we are publishing a review of a book that has meant a lot to a particular reader, especially the reason why it was so memorable. Purton Magazine readers are encouraged to send in a personal review of their favourite book; it need not be very

The Humans by Matt Haig

A Cambridge University professor has just discovered the answer to solving prime numbers, a discovery which will potentially unlock the mysteries of life, create a massive leap forward in technology and put an end to mortality. An extra-terrestrial race hears of this and fear for the universe with this information in the hands of a primitive animal such as mankind. They send one of their kind to earth to assassinate the professor before he can publish.

The alien, coming from an immortal species that lives an existence without bodies and in a utopian world, suddenly finds himself materialised in the body of the professor, naked, in the middle of the M11. He is promptly run over and “killed”. To the surprise of the medics in attendance he comes back to life, runs away from the scene and finds himself in a motorway services, still naked and confused. With the ability to absorb information by speed-reading, the alien absorbs the information in a copy of Vogue in the bookshop, as his knowledge base of mankind, before escaping to Cambridge, still naked, where he is arrested and sent to hospital presumed suffering from concussion.

The alien’s progression through discovering about his human persona and what it is to be human is humorous and insightful as he sets about tracking down anyone who might have been told even part of the mathematical secret ... they too will have to die to preserve the secret. But, in the shape of the professor, he is accepted as such by his “wife” and “son” who cannot tell the difference between the alien and the late and socially inept professor.

Eventually, guessing that the wife and son too must know something of the secret, the alien’s superiors require that they be killed off as well. But the alien has begun to love them ...

This is a book that can be read for the story itself, which is immensely funny, or as a long hard look at what it is that makes us human. I would recommend it to anyone but warn you not to read it in public if you are afraid of suddenly laughing out loud.

Rick Dixon

The other side of the gate

I normally write in bed: it's quiet, relaxing and warm and usually I'm most awake at midnight, hence why my father nicknamed me Midnight Jonny! Tonight (9th July) I'm sitting outside (23:00) and it's 20°C. During recent and forthcoming weeks, the weather will no doubt dominate most conversations! This year has been particularly difficult due to the extremes of weather: the long winter took its toll on morale and financially, it was expensive as we had to buy more straw to bed and silage to feed. Spring didn't afford us much time to prepare the fields and now, this extended heatwave brings more problems.

The farm sits on a seam of coral rag, which I believe stretches from Bremhill, near Calne, to Highworth. It's a narrow ridge of limestone characterised by the Jurassic fossils found within the stone. Quarry Farm was clearly named after the small quarry here and the upper parts of the quarry face are still visible. This would have been around 1400-1500AD and was called a Puk Pit and there are a few others in the village: one at Foxmill Farm, one at the allotments along Church Path and one opposite The George and there are probably more. These little pits quarried stone for buildings and my house, along with a few of our barns, are made from it, as are my sister's house and the Jones' two houses next door - they even named one Puk Pit Cottage! They weren't big quarries, but all of the stone was faced by hand. The building in which they did the work still stands today and it has a massive fire place and no back wall! I don't know how deep they went, but when we had a digger, we dug a test hole and it was deeper than the digger arm, about 30 feet! All we dug up was stone clippings. The effort to get that stone up must have been gruelling.

The coral rag is free draining and so this prolonged dry period means we have no grass growth. I'm sure the lack of lawn mower noise is welcomed, but for us, it's a disaster! No grass means no cow food. As I write we have about 3-4 days of grazing left. We use an electric fence to prevent the cows walking over the long grass and ruining it. Twice a day we move the fence to allow the cows to eat a measured amount of grass in that 12 hour period. It's usually gone in an hour! They then roam the farm like sheep nibbling the stubbles! We've been dipping into our winter supplies of hay for weeks so they're not hungry, but this is sure to leave us short for next year. All the farmers are hoping for a short winter!

The barley and some of the wheat has just started to be harvested. We use a lot of straw to bed the cows and this year, we're changing to a loose housing system so we'll need at least double what we had last year and it will probably be three times the price! All the other farmers are now sucking their teeth and holding their head in their hands, whilst muttering 'they're mad!' Well maybe, but maybe not. Here are my reasons: I dislike slurry pits: they smell and are very dangerous for humans and animals. Also, slurry is a valuable quick feed for grass growth, but it doesn't add humus to the soil like straw muck does and oh boy, do we need humus on this coral rag! It's what we call hungry land and any gardeners and allotment keepers will know

exactly what I'm talking about. I cannot get enough onto our land. The land we have at Restrop will soon be getting a generous dose of compost from Hills along with some more manure. The soils are so depleted we need to build up the organic matter. Nothing grows well, it is weak and of an inferior quality. Another reason is that slurry pits are expensive to build. To accommodate storage for 6 months for our cows would cost about £35,000, which is hard to justify when we get so little for the milk. Farm Yard Manure (FYM) can be stacked in fields to compost down so the 6 month capacity needed by law isn't applicable in the same way. Furthermore, there is no closed season for spreading on the land and slurry could run off into ditches or rivers and pollute a water course. FYM does not have spreading restrictions. Lastly, the nutrients found in slurry can evaporate, whereas straw soaks up the nutrients from the cow, holding onto it and when it composts, it doesn't lose these nutrients.



The hot weather has seen an explosion in the amount of face flies bothering the cows. These horrid insects get right into their eyes and have been spreading, via bacteria, a disease called New Forest Eye through our herd, which is particularly nasty. The symptoms are runny eyes, red and inflamed conjunctiva and corneal ulcers in the later stages of infection - it's horrible and I'm treating new cases every day!

This month has been a challenge for calving. Sweetie, our crabby old cow (only 'sweet' at the front end and loves head strokes, but is quick to show you the underside of her feet at the other end), bore a dead calf. Don't know why, just happens sometimes. She's been depressed about it for a while with frequent visits back to where the calf was born, but is now back to her normal Jekyll and Hyde self. The next episode was with Helena: I could see she was getting close to calving at the evening milking, so I kept her in so she would be close and easy for me to check. I did a vaginal examination around midnight to see how dilated she was and to check the calf was facing the correct way. I could tell she had a slightly twisted uterus as on entry, it was like a corkscrew and difficult to get to the calf. I decided it wasn't too bad a twist and so I would check in the night. A 3am check revealed that the twist had eased off slightly and that she was more dilated. 6am and she was ready, but there was still a slight twist. Sometimes as soon as you grab the calf and 'present' it to the calving channel it will relax back into place and all is well. Not so in this case. The two front feet were correct, but his head was back and caught in the twist! As I pulled his legs, the twist only got tighter. No matter what I tried I couldn't get my hand behind his head. Helena is one of our big cows and with her also pushing, it was getting harder and I was getting tired quickly. I shouted to Sarah who was in the parlour milking to call the vet (smart phones don't work well when your hands are covered in amniotic fluid!). Kate arrived quickly from Wroughton and came to the same conclusion as me: this was going to be a side hatch job!

Caesareans on cows are surprisingly quick and are usually done with the cow standing up. It's like a military operating room, but with a straw floor - the sort of environment that would give hospital surgeons nightmares. Helena was injected with copious amounts of lidacane, was clipped, shaved and washed with a strong disinfectant, then doused with surgical spirit. Kate scrubbed up and started cutting through the left hand side of her stomach, through various layers to get to the uterus. I also scrubbed up



as it's often a four handed job! So, skin, muscle, another muscle, inner wall, then finally the rumen. This is the cow's first stomach and is huge, often full of gas and fermenting grass and one of the most difficult parts to control. Every contraction can push this massive balloon out and I cannot express how big and wobbly this can be. Push one side and it pops out the other! Kate administered a drug to stop Helena's contractions, but the body can override this instinct and so, she kept pushing. We needed to find the uterus, grab the calf by his back leg (if it's able to be found) and cut over it. Why the back leg? The joint above the hock has a convenient hand hold whilst the uterus is cut - as soon as you let go, it's tricky to find the hole again! I grabbed the foot, whilst Kate released the uterus; the hole was big enough for the calf and we lifted him out onto the floor. Normally the squeeze through the mother's pelvis dislodges the fluid in the calf's lungs, but this is not the case with a caesarean. I pumped the calf's leg and massaged his chest to clear his lungs and keep his heart beating. To clear the airways, I pinched the inside of his nose (try it, it'll make your eyes water!) and with a small piece of straw, tickled the inner nasal passage (don't try this!), which can be enough for the calf to cough and clear his lungs. Sometimes we hang the calf over a gate to drain the lungs, but it's rather hard to throw a 50/60kg wet, slimy weight over anything! Also, hanging by the back legs may put a lot of pressure on the heart and lungs (don't try this either!) so it's very brief then back onto the ground for massaging. We have a gadget to clear and inflate the lungs; whilst this happened, Kate prepared to close the various holes - no sewing prizes here I can assure you! It's not at all pretty and the needles are long, curved and very sharp. I know this for a fact and it served me right for getting too close to the action! The calf was ok and I scrubbed up again to push the placenta back into the uterus, whilst Kate reduced the hole's width, stitching various layers back together. Helena was then ready to meet her calf; both are doing well and I took Helena's stitches out today.

Sarah and I visited some farming friends near Shaftesbury. They also sell raw milk

so it's great to compare and share stories and techniques. Laura and Mike were left to cover the work: mainly milking, moving fences and feeding hay. Laura noticed Cow 18 (yep, this one has no name.... yet!) was coming on to calve. Mike came to check and called Brian Scott (on call dairy farmer) to come and assess the situation - he then called the vet, as this was a big calf! Now, 18 is another big cow with a voracious appetite; I think her name should be 'Greedy Cow' as she will feeder hop the parlour looking for a few nuts left over from the other cows! Her appetite clearly 'did' the calf too well. By the time Alex the vet arrived, Brian and Mike had managed to get the calf out, but he wasn't at all well. As I understand it, the time it took Alex to get to his car and back was too long for the calf and there was unfortunately no happy ending. 'Greedy Cow' is now doing well and has rejoined the herd. That night away might be the only chance we get this year and then this happens! The same thing happened last year with Brian Scott being called to the rescue whilst we were in Cornwall, but with a much happier outcome. This is one of the reasons farmers don't take holidays!

Jonathan Cook

Purton Football Club

Another season gets underway on the 18th of August our club once again competing in the Wiltshire Senior League. The management team of Neil Lee and Liam Lewis were joined this season by a new coach Paul Farrell, and are underway with training and friendly games are being arranged for the new start.

The club held their Annual General Meeting at the Red House Club on Saturday the 7th of July with the following Officers elected to serve for the 2018/9 season:

Alan Eastwood - President/Hon Sec/Press & Programmes

Terry Crumbie - Chairman & Hon Sec

Andrew Cowan - V/Chairman & Youth and Development Officer

Members - Neil Lee and Liam Lewis - Joint managers

and Paul Farrell - new club Coach and Ryan Phillips - Sunday side Rep

At the recent Wilts League Annual General Meeting held at Corsham in late June the club received a £150 cheque for Purton players being placed third in the sportsmanship awards and I, as Hon Sec, was most pleased to receive a shield and a glass goblet having been chosen as the Hon Secretary of the season.

The club will again be producing a match-day programme and anyone who would like to sponsor the club by having a programme advert, sponsoring a game or making a donation should contact myself on 729844 or Chairman Terry Crumbie on 770597 which would be most welcome.

Look forward to see members of the village coming along to the Red House to support our lads this coming season, any support is really appreciated by all the Club Committee and players alike.

Alan Eastwood, President/Hon sec

Purton Carnival Committee hope you have enjoyed our events

Despite the World Cup being on we have been pleased to see you at our events. We are thrilled England did so well but when it was announced we were hosting events at the same time as England were playing we did get a little concerned. The Quiz on the 3rd July at the Working Mens Club had 3 teams and the game did not disturb us. It was our closest quiz yet, three points separated the winning team from the Wooden Spooners and a tie breaker question was required. Well done to our Brainiacs for attending. You do not need to be the Brains of Britain to attend and have fun, we have a good mixture of questions and styles, and if you would like to request a topic I am always pleased to hear from you.

Because we had not been able to put on a carnival procession this year we tried something new, we made the Fete day bigger, we invited you all to put on table top sales to join our pre organised stalls, we had fair rides and face painting from 11am until 3pm before the Music, Dance, BBQ, Bar and Hog roast was opened for you at 4pm. Again we are thrilled England were doing so well but it took your attention and it was a slow start to our day, which, thankfully was well attended by the Village and some from outside our village too. We would love for you to share your photos on our Facebook page. The Raffle was drawn at the end of the night and winners have been contacted and given their prizes.

Thank you to Ben and our Sound Engineer, Vic for organising the bands and acts, I did not get much of a chance to enjoy them from behind the BBQ but I am led to believe they were fantastic. Thank you to the bands and acts for showing up and making our day so great, and Finally a BIG thank you to the Committee and their friends and family who have helped us at such short notice to put on this event, without the friends and family we would not have given you food and drink and nowhere near as quickly as we did. The Burgers and Sausages on the BBQ were supplied by Andrew Hiscock Butchers and the Hog was supplied by Purton Roasters. The Fair rides were put on by the Reeds, the ice cream van was from Rosina Cooper, Arkell's Brewery supplied the bar. The only thing not supplied by the village was our Medic who I am pleased to say had a very slow day and dealt with only two cuts (they are called blades of grass for a reason, clearly!!)

On the 1st of July we had a Bowls tournament at the Bowls Club, and I, like everyone who attended, had never given Bowls a try, it always seems to be older adults playing Bowls and some of us younger generations are a little wrong in the fact we would not be welcome. This is a skilled game where you have to get as many of your team's woods as close to the Jack as you can. In the photo we have the two winning teams - Team Summers



and Team Nadin, you have the Bowls Team and a couple of the Committee Members. A BIG thank you to the Bowls Club for setting up, making us all so welcome and teaching all of us the basics before they went to their competition in the afternoon, and a Big thank you to Heather for organising the event. We extend out thanks to Purton Farm Shop and Dora's Dairy for providing the prizes for our winners and runners up. You can find out more information about the Bowls Club fixtures by visiting the Club or visiting the website www.purtonbowlsclub.co.uk. The Purton Bowls Club made up the team numbers so all teams could play at the same time and even though they were using their un-favoured hand (left if right handed) they still put on a very good show and scored nearly as many points as us 1st timers.

I was really pleased with the variety and quantities of Teddies that came to our tea party. For an hour on Tuesday 3rd July over 50 teddies turned up with their respective child or adult child to take part in a huge range of crafts before Story time and Picnic. The Teddies that brought their adult child along did a brilliant job at setting up and assisting the children in their crafts, we had roll and sponge painting, colouring in, decorate a cake, sticky pictures of cars and animals and bronze rubbing. I have had wonderful reports from the Teddies that all really enjoyed the event and they are looking forward to it again next year. Thank you to the Red House for Hosting.

We have been a small committee of 4 people, next year one is retiring and another's work is changing, we have not been able to put on the carnival procession this year, if you would like the procession and the hog roast fete to happen in 2019 please come to our AGM, join our committee or be there to support us at an event. Many hands make light work and we are not asking for you give your life to the carnival, a few hours on the big event days. We put on these events so there is something happening in the village for the village. We raise money to cover our costs and any extra is available for requests to be made to the Committee at the Annual AGM. Only committee members can vote on who will get the money that has been requested, Only committee members can vote for the events that are put into the calendar. If you can't make it to the AGM we currently meet the 1st Sunday in a month, you can email me on tru.gough@gmail.com for more details on how to help and meeting dates and locations.

OK Finally – We raise this money so it can stay in the village and help where needed. If you are not a business and would like to request support please send me an email with the details and the committee will vote on it at the AGM tru.gough@gmail.com

Will still have events in the calendar for you

Our AGM - Sunday 19th August 19:30 Silver threads Hall

**Treasure Hunt - Saturday 25th August from 10am at Pip's Community Cafe
Purton Club function room**

**Bingo - Wednesday 25th September and Wednesday 5th December – Silver
Threads Hall**

Quiz - Saturday 6th October and Saturday 1st December Red House & TBC Santa Comes to Purton - 12th – 14th December

As always we have been pleased to see you at our events and hope that you will be there at our future events, for more information on the events we put them on our Facebook page, website, in this magazine, on posters around the village, the calendar we delivered to every house in December and in the Swindon Advertiser, so keep your eyes peeled and we look forward to seeing you again soon.

Thank you from the Purton Carnival Committee

Ella's Fundraising haircut

Ella Mae Fuller age 9 from Royal Wootton Bassett, has recently raised money for The Little Princess Trust. Ella has grown her hair which has taken a long time and she will be donating it to this amazing charity. The hair will then be made into a wig and given to a child in the UK who is having cancer treatment. Each wig costs between £350 and £500 to have made. Ella also thought it would be a fantastic idea to try and raise some money to pay for the wig so with the help of her Mum they set up a just giving page, they decided to try and raise £100 but after only two days they had raised over £300! The total amount raised after having her hair cut is over £800! Ella said she was so happy and amazed at the amount of donations received she wants to thank each and every person that has donated from the bottom of her heart!

Ella had her hair cut at Val's salon, Purton and loves her new look and is even happier knowing she is helping another child with the gift of her hair. Graham Seaman from BBC Wilshire radio was also there to interview Ella and witness the haircut!

Little Princess Trust

Little Princess Trust provides real hair wigs, free of charge to children & young adults that have lost their own hair through cancer treatment and other illnesses. Please visit us at www.littleprincesses.org.uk/



Purton and District Probus Club



On Tuesday, 12th June, Clive Field, from the Cotswold Canals Trust, gave a talk on the restoration of the “Cotswold Canals”. These are two separate waterways which once linked, via the Sapperton Tunnel, the river Severn to the river Thames. The Stroudwater Navigation to the west of Stroud, was opened in 1779 to connect the town to the Severn. It climbed up through 12 locks to Wallbridge and was constructed to accommodate the Severn Trow, a boat 70 ft. long and 15’ 5” wide, and able to carry 60 tons. Ten years later the Thames and Severn Canal extended this route to Lechlade on the Thames – a 29 mile long, cross-country, narrow-boat canal. Loads carried by the larger Trows could be transferred to Thames barges at a huge inland port at Brimscombe, just upstream of Stroud. Regrettably, the through route to Lechlade was abandoned in 1933, and the Stroudwater Navigation finished in 1954. In 1972 a society was formed to protect and restore the Navigation, and later added the Thames & Severn Canal. This is now known as the Cotswold Canals Trust, of which Clive and his wife are active representatives.

Tourists to this area are reminded of the great medieval wool trade of the Cotswolds by the limestone villages and the magnificent churches which often contain memorial brasses depicting the woolsacks at the feet of long-dead wealthy merchants. By the middle of the 16th century, the industry was migrating away from the older wool-towns, Cirencester, Chipping Campden, Tetbury, Northleach and so on, to the valleys lying at the foot of the Cotswold scarp. Here there were swiftly flowing streams which could supply the growing industry with the water power it needed to work the fulling mills that felted the fibre of the cloth. Before the Industrial Revolution spinners and weavers would work in cottages, supplied with wool or yarn by the clothier to whom the woven cloth would then be returned for dyeing and finishing. The Stroudwater area became famous for its dyeing; especially the scarlet that was used for military uniforms. Cochineal from South America was expensive, but gave the brightest red dye. Indigo would be used for blues, so that naval officers also chose Stroudwater broadcloth for uniforms. Exports went all around the world and still today, green cloth is produced for snooker tables and yellow for the manufacture of tennis balls. Innovation in machinery expanded the mills. Spinners & weavers became mill workers. At the height of its prosperity the Stroud area had over a hundred mills, but it could not sustain them all and mergers became all too common. Steam engines now supplanted water power, with the coal being transported along the canal, at first from Staffordshire and later from the Forrest of Dean.

In the 1970 & 80’s, feasibility and engineering studies indicated that the canals could be restored to full navigation and volunteers led the way by re-watering obvious sections and restoring locks and bridges. In 2001, to boost and promote the project, the Cotswold Canals Partnership was formed with the CC Trust as one of the

founder members together with the Stroud District Council and Gloucestershire County Council. The Group will steer the restoration and future funding. The programme to date has transformed a scene of dereliction and abandoned towpath into a waterway and wildlife corridor, now enjoyed by the local community and a growing number of visitors to the area. The restoration, largely funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund and also by the South west Regional Development Agency, has involved civil engineering contractors working in conjunction with a growing number of volunteers. Those volunteers have contributed over 138,000 hours to the project since 2013. Money raising activities, waterborne and waterside, have also been organised and performed by volunteers. A recent promotional event was a visit on February 2nd to Wallbridge Lock by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, who unveiled a plaque to celebrate restoration of the Stroud Navigation from Stonehouse to Thrupp and the reconnection to the higher end of the Thames Canal, via the tunnel. Meanwhile in the East, the Trust now owns the first section of Thames and Severn Canal where it meets the Thames at Inglesham and is working at numerous locations within Phase 2 of the programme, ie, the Cotswold Waterpark section. Our speaker concluded by pointing out that the overall target of the Trust/Partnership is not only to connect the Cotswold Canals to the National Canal Network, but also to enhance the towpath as a long-distance footpath and create interest in local history with Visitor Centres and other attractions along the route. When complete, and there is still much to do, the restoration of the canals will be a praiseworthy and socially beneficial achievement for North Wilts and the South-Cotswold Area.

On Tuesday 19th June, three of our members and their wives joined members of the Highworth and District Probus Club on a 4 day visit to the Headlands Hotel at Torquay. The trip included a visit, on the outward journey, to the Fleet Air Arm Museum, a circuit of Paignton, Dartmouth and Totnes by train & boat, Plymouth harbour and Cotehele House (NT), calling at another National Trust property on the way home. David, Eric and Leon reported a very enjoyable outing, thanks once again to Les Walker, the Highworth Club Social Secretary.

On Tuesday 26th June, Linda Buckland addressed the meeting on “Hearing Dogs for Deaf People”, an independent charity which teaches dogs to be the ears of persons who suffer profound deafness. Linda herself has been deaf since childhood, but although able to lip-read and uses hearing aids, she also benefits immeasurably from her Hearing Dog, Digby, a 4 year old Golden Labrador. The dog is trained to recognise various sounds and to respond with a nudge of its nose or paw and sometimes other indicative behaviour. During her talk, Linda, assisted occasionally by her husband, David, demonstrated the various responses of the dog to different sounds :- A doorbell, the Cooker timer, a telephone, a fire-alarm etc.

Deafness can be incredibly isolating, leaving many deaf people without the confidence to leave their homes, avoiding social situations and feeling cut off from the world. Hearing dogs provide companionship and help to reduce these feelings of isolation,

stress and anxiety. They also build their recipient's confidence. When the highly-trained dog alerts a deaf person to a sound by touching them with nose or paw, it will then lead its master to the source of the sound. In the case of danger, such as a smoke alarm, each dog is taught to lie down so that their owner is aware that there is a hazard.

Training takes up to 18 months, starting with a year living with a puppy socialiser and then followed with specialised 'Soundwork' training at a Hearing Dog training centre. Every hearing dog is specially matched to a deaf person, so that the dog's skills and personality perfectly complements the lifestyle and needs of its new owner. The charity helps the dog to settle in its new home and supports it for the whole lifetime of the partnership. Hearing dogs wear a burgundy-red harness, which helps to let people know that the owner is deaf.

The charity, Hearing Dogs, does not receive any government funding, but relies entirely on the support of individuals, companies and other organisations to continue its life-changing work. Linda is typical of the many who suffer deafness but has taken up the challenge of public speaking to help others. She assured us that having a hearing dog has boosted her confidence and expanded her social activities enormously, as they have done for many other recipients.

The Purton Probus Club meets in the Red House lounge every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month @ 10am. Visitors and new members welcome. August programme ; - 14th Wonderful Engineering, 28th Life in Royal Navy Submarines.

Bob Stevens

Prospect Hospice

Could you become one of our box collectors?

Our collectors are an important part of our volunteering team; collecting boxes within their neighbourhoods. Household boxes are an easy way for people in our community to donate to the hospice and box collectors enable us to continue to raise funds in this way.

If you think you are able to help or would like some more information on this role, then please give Alex a ring on 01793 816163 or drop an email to alexandracooper@prospect-hospice.net.

Passionate about Prospect and want to help more?

The fundraising team are looking for people who are passionate about us and feel that they have got what it takes to become a Super Seller for our Summer or Easter raffles. Our Easter and Summer raffles are a fun way for people to support Prospect Hospice, but with the added bonus of maybe winning one of the thirteen prizes on offer. We need people across our community to promote the selling of tickets to their families, friends, workplaces, social gatherings or at local community events they know of. Our two raffles in 2017/18 raised around £71,000 and are so vital to us raising the valuable funds we need to help us provide the care and support for

individuals with a life limiting illness and their families across our community. If you feel like you can get involved with some super selling and want to find out more please call 01793 816161 and ask to speak to Sarah, Carys or Linda.

Avebury Rocks meets Summer Breeze for a weekend of great live music, 27 - 29 July. Warren Farm, Liddington

This year Avebury Rocks Music Festival has teamed up with the organisers of the popular Summer Breeze Festival to bring you a weekend of live music in the beautiful setting of Liddington Warren Farm. Focusing on new and original music, with a few good covers thrown in, there's sure to be something for all musical tastes over the weekend. The main stage will be hosting everything from folk to rock, and an acoustic stage will showcase some amazing singer songwriters for those looking for a more chilled out vibe. There's also a selection of bars including real ales and ciders, small batch craft gins and prosecco and delicious food from local producers. The festival is family friendly and for anyone wanting a more active start to their Saturday there's a morning walk along the Ridgeway before the day's music starts. The festival raises money for local charity Prospect Hospice, providing specialist and dedicated end of life care within the local community. For more information and to purchase tickets visit www.aveburyrocksfestival.net.

Our annual Garden Fete is back!

Are you looking for something fun to kick start your September? Join us for our annual Garden Fete on Saturday 1st September in the grounds of the hospice in Wroughton (Moormead Road, SN4 9BY). Between 12pm and 4pm the gardens will be jam packed with everything from; craft stalls, tasty refreshments, family fun games, live music, petting zoo, and even a visit from a popular children's TV character.

It is free entry with any donations to the hospice greatly appreciated – we hope to see you there!

Hollie Ricketts, Community Fundraiser