

Purton. Magazine

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Purton and District Age Co



Purton Age Concern's new minibus, named in memory of John Blackwell and Joe Ricketts, was presented at the Village Party on 10 June. L-R: Julie & Sue, John Blackwell's daughters, Tony Price, Dave Warren and David Ricketts, Joe's son. See page 14.

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From the Editors

Purton continues to amaze. There cannot be many other communities of a similar size that raises enough money to purchase a seventh new minibus in 32 years – that's a new minibus every 4½ years on average. The photograph on the front cover shows the keys of the latest vehicle being handed over and on page 14 readers will find out why this new minibus has 'John and Joe' painted above the cab and on both front doors.

Therein lies another clue about our community. Any number of busses won't be of much use without drivers and shotguns, the local name for the drivers' assistants, as well as the Co-ordinators who arrange the community service. John Blackwell and Joe Ricketts were, for many years, heavily involved in all aspects of the Purton Age Concern minibus service and naming the latest bus is an appropriate recognition of all they have contributed.

Then, as volunteers become no longer able to play their part, others step forward to take up the reins. Hazel Woodbridge is the current minibus Co-ordinator and on page 23 she describes what is involved in being a part of a minibus crew. Unfortunately, the service is getting very short of both drivers and shotguns just at the moment and readers are encouraged to get in touch with the team if able to help, even if only on an occasional basis.

Purton's generosity towards the annual array of Christian Aid activities also continues to amaze and already the running total has already exceeding last year's total. What a wonderful achievement for all those involved who, in turn, are hugely grateful to everyone who supported and contributed this year: the final total for 2018 will be published in next month's magazine.

Purton and District Gardeners' Guild also had a very successful plants and cakes sale outside the Pavenhill shops realising a surplus of £562 and on page 30 pass on a big 'thank you' to everyone who contributed. Thanks are also published on page 28 for everyone who supported the World Challenge Quiz.

Looking forward there are details of the Purton Carnival events this year which include a Teddy Bears' picnic, family bowls, bingo and a quiz. Also, on page 32 readers will find details of all the arrangements for the Purton Carnival Fete and Pig Roast starting at 11.00am at Play Close on Saturday 7th July. All within our amazing community.

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New Purton Age
Concern minibus since
1986 arrives in the village
– see page 14

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Small actions for One Big
Difference suggested by
research among dementia
sufferers – see page 24

284 every month

People in North
Wiltshire who receive
a cancer diagnosis from
GWH – see page 27



Play Area re-vamp

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 and complete the questionnaire or attend our next Councillor Surgery being held on Saturday 8th September 2018 from 10-12 in the Village Hall and have your say.

Crossing Patrol Vacancy

Wiltshire Council are seeking to appoint a school crossing patrol to undertake duties concerned with the safe passage of children and other pedestrians across the High Street at the end of Playclose. They are looking for someone with a good awareness of road sense and other road users, and good communication skills. You will need to be punctual and reliable with good standards of physical fitness, particularly hearing and vision, and be able to react and move quickly in fast moving traffic conditions.

You will need to be available between 08:25-08:55 and 15:10-15:40, weekdays during term time. This equates to 38 weeks per annum, however, you will be paid for 44 weeks. The current rate of pay is £8.55 per hour.

Full training and uniform will be provided and you will be expected to attend a refresher training session each February half term for which you will be paid an additional 4 hours.

For further information and/or an application form, please contact the school office on 01793 770239 or via e-mail on admin@st-marys-purton.wilts.sch.uk. Closing date for applications is Friday 13th July 2018 at 12 noon.

Councillor Vacancies

We currently have 2 vacancies for Councillor Co-option. If interested please contact the Clerk.

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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.

Purton Historical Society

May Monthly Meeting

Thank you to John Farrow for an excellent and informative presentation on ‘Droitwich and its Canals’.



Saturday 7th July 2018 - Guided Walk around Cirencester

3.00 pm leave Purton / 4.00 pm commence walk. A local guide, William Cooper, will be leading a town walk around Cirencester on Saturday 7th July 2018. It is planned for members and guests to share cars - arrangements as follows:

We will meet in the layby at the bottom of College Road Purton at 3.00 p.m. to arrange car sharing. The walk is scheduled to commence at 4.00 p.m. and will last approximately one and a half hours. Meet outside the Abbey Church in Cirencester. There will be a small charge of £2.00 per person which will be donated to Cirencester Civic Society. Sturdy footwear is recommended.

If you would like to come / require a lift please contact Marion Hobbs Tel: 770185 email: roy.marion@btinternet.com or Tony/Janet Neate Tel: 01793 770117 email: tjneate57@gmail.com

There are no monthly meetings in July and August. These resume on

Thursday 27th September 2018 with Paul Wilkins' presentation 'The House' – This will explore the world of the Highworth and Swindon poor Law Union during the 19th Century. New Members and visitors always welcome

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

Purton & District Age Concern



What a marvellous achievement by all concerned in Age Concern, purchasing our seventh new minibus. Now do not think I am blowing our own trumpet because I am the first to know that we could not have done this on our own without the support we have received in various ways like donations and grants etc. I am not going to mention anyone individually because I am sure to miss out a company, groups, councils, organisation, individuals etc. plus there are all the anonymous donations we have received. I say this but I am going to mention two people – Graham Price, treasurer of the minibus and Louise Tidman,



our secretary, for all the form filling and applications for grants etc. If it had not been for them we would have had to wait a lot longer for a new bus. Could I thank you all most sincerely for all your kindness, your donations and support not only for this bus but all the buses we have had, the first of which was in 1986 - we purchased the first bus to furnish the Cedars day care. We had fought a long battle with Wiltshire County Council, having the support of Esme Smith who was our County Councillor, to have the Cedars rebuilt after they had pulled it down and already built two private houses on the site. However,

they agreed to rebuild it so we thought we should do our bit, hence this is how we came to buy our first bus. This was suggested in the March and we had the bus by September – again people were so kind with their support.

How did we come to have two minibuses? – well when we needed to replace the first bus it was mentioned in committee 'Why don't we keep it to see if it would be needed'. We soon found that it was so that is why we have two buses. I know you all remember that everyone involved with Purton Age Concern are volunteers so you may be thinking were we able to get enough drivers and shotguns? I know that now Hazel struggles to get enough at times and ends up doing extra work herself. **WE ALWAYS NEED MORE DRIVERS AND SHOTGUNS** (that's what we call the driver's assistant) so please have a think about volunteering. Andy White is the secretary and will explain everything. Give him a ring on 771656 – I am sure you would enjoy being part of the team.

It is very unfortunate that Hazel Woodbridge was unable to be at the presentation as she is one of the principals and organises all the drivers/shotguns etc. but, being Hazel, she said 'Go ahead and have the presentation'. Thanks Hazel for all you do and a special thanks to all the drivers and shotguns. It's no good having two buses and no drivers and the same applies to somewhere to keep the buses. Here we have Mark and Shani at the Angel to thank for allowing two reserved places to be marked out for our buses in their car park. Also Ryan and Eleanor in Playclose who allow our key safe to be on the wall of their house – very convenient for the drivers – all this is very

much appreciated. So you can see there are people involved outside our organisation but who are all part of a great team – thank you one and all.

The new bus has 'John and Joe' on the front and on the doors as well. We did this in appreciation of all the work they have done over the years. John Blackwell, as you know, was Purton's last station master. I wrote a piece in the magazine when he passed away so I am not going to repeat myself but I'll just say what a great asset he was. I know when my brother died suddenly – he was the co-ordinator – John put his hand on my arm and said 'Don't worry mate, I'll sort it out' which he did along with Joe and carried on doing the co-ordinator's job very efficiently for many years. Joe was another great asset to the minibus being secretary for more years than I care to remember. He had all the form filling, insurance, permits etc. to sort out – a very important part of the organisation. What I think is very appropriate is that John and Joe did a lot of work together so they are together again now on the front of our new minibus.

What a marvellous day we had at the presentation of the new bus. David Ricketts, Joe's son, along with Julie and Sue, John's daughters, handed the keys over to Dave Warren, the chairman of the minibus committee. Before this I said a few words about how we first purchased a minibus and how we came to have two buses. It was very appropriate that the Chedworth Silver Band played 'congratulations' during the presentation and what a feast of music they gave us during the afternoon for which we thank them most sincerely. There were hot dogs, cream teas (all the scones made and donated to us by Zita Tuck) various attractions like 'guess the weight of the cake (kindly made and given by Gill Maltby) and guess the name of the teddy. It all added up to an enjoyable afternoon.

Could I thank everyone for all their help and for coming along to support us. You all made it a very special occasion and many thanks to Neil and all at the Red House for their assistance. With a send off like this the new bus will certainly not fail and may it long give good service to all who need it. Thank you.

Tony Price BEM, President

Our Age Concern Tai chi class will continue on Thursdays at 2pm in the Millennium Hall until 2nd August. There will then be a four week break. Classes will resume on Thursday 6th September. Please contact Steve Rouse the Tai chi instructor on 07956359924 or email him at wroughtonbodybalance@gmail.com for more information.

In June we held our AGM. During 2017/18 we have had a few changes. Sadly three of our long standing volunteers passed away and several volunteers retired. Fortunately we have been able to welcome new volunteers to step into any vacancies. We are so lucky to have about 80 local people who volunteer and support our work on a regular basis. It's thanks to them that we are able to continue with our busy schedule.

One of the biggest changes at the AGM this year was Mick Looker stepped down as chair and Peter Berry was elected as his successor. During his time as vice chair then chair, Mick encouraged several younger people to join our committee, he also cajoled many younger people to help at our events. This younger support is much appreciated

by everyone on our committee. Having younger volunteers means we will be able to continue our work for many years to come. Mick isn't leaving Purton Age Concern altogether, fortunately for us, he will be continuing on our general committee and will be helping at our future events whenever possible and his wife, Maria will continue to organise our catering team. We are so grateful to both of them for their continuing support.

We are also grateful to Peter Berry for agreeing to take over from Mick as our chair. Many of you will know him as he is part of our minibus service along with his wife Sue. Peter is also a member of the Red House Skittles team and vice-captain of the bowls club and is part of the patient liaison service at the GP surgery. I'm sure you will all get to know him better in the coming months.

Calling all amateur photographers!

If you haven't already submitted your photos to Peter Berry for possible inclusion in this year's Age Concern 2019 calendar, please email them to Peter (peterberry@uwclub.net) before the closing date on Friday 20th July. If you would like more information before submitting your photos please email Peter who will be happy to answer any questions. We would like photographs taken in and around Purton, especially ones you think best represent the village during all four seasons of the year, or favourite views, favourite buildings and Purton people going about their daily lives.

Joan Frost, who lives along the road from Purton to Packhorse has been in touch with us to say she had a day time intruder in to her house, who stole her handbag and a bag of money from the sale of her plants. Joan was working in her front garden at the time and didn't see anyone enter her house, she only realised her handbag was missing a while later when she needed it. – Joan wants everyone to be on their guard and keep doors locked at all times as you never know who is about watching you.

Finally, the residents of Hooks Hill have been given notification that it is going to close and be knocked down. Green Square have promised to re-house all occupants, but with no idea where that might be. The committee of Age Concern agreed at a recent committee meeting to keep in touch with the situation to be sure all people are dealt with in a respectful manner.

Hooks Hill

Such a short time in our life
But such a big part
A time full of strife
It's touched our heart
A dysfunctional family we may be
All with our issues and cares
But a family all there for each other
The answer to some of our prayers
A passing chat in the hallway

Or an evening full of laughter
Of brandy, wine, tea or gin
Are memories for us all ever after
We've sat in the sun
We've quizzed for our brain
We've shopped 'til we've dropped
Can One Stop possibly remain?
So, as we prepare to move on
Some of us glad, but most of us sad
The friendships and memories retain
Of the deer and squirrels
Magnificent views and mice uninvited
The wedding most royal
And of Rachel most loyal!

Carrots for horses and moods down and up, and all that made this our home...
We will (hopefully) meet again

Helen Burnett 2018

Future Events

Outing on Severn Valley Railway - This is on Wednesday 4th July and is FULLY BOOKED. The coach will be leaving the Village at 11.30am and will pick up going down through the Village starting at Highridge Close. We have to be at Kidderminster station at least 45 minutes prior to departure. We are travelling on the 2.15pm steam train from Kidderminster to Bridgnorth. Please have a mid-morning snack at home to sustain yourselves until lunchtime and bring a packed lunch, which you will be able to eat on the train as we will be in a private carriage with 4 seats to every table. Drinks are available on the train. The coach will pick us up in Bridgnorth and there will be a comfort/refreshment stop on the journey home. Please contact Louise on 772558 if you haven't paid for this outing. Thank you.

Friday Minibus Shopping Trips in July - Hazel is organising a mystery shopping trip on Friday 13th July. Then on Friday 27th the destination will be Cirencester. Please contact Hazel on 770862 for full details and to book your place.

Annual Coffee Morning - This will be on Saturday 14th July from 10am-12noon at the home of Dick & Jackie Scott, Bentham House Farm, Bentham Lane. Admission will be £1 and includes tea/coffee/biscuit. There will be plants for sale, bric-a-brac, books, tombola, cake stall and a raffle. To book the minibus please contact Hazel Woodbridge on 770862.

DONATIONS OF CAKES, BRIC-A-BRAC, BOOKS, RAFFLE AND TOMBOLA PRIZES WILL BE MUCH APPRECIATED - THANK YOU.

Outing to Weston - Our annual village outing this summer is to Weston. The trip is for all ages and takes place on Wednesday 1st August. The coach will leave Purton at

9am and depart from Weston at 4pm. The cost will be £15 for pensioners/children and £17 for others. Food is not included on this outing. Let's hope the weather will be kind and all will enjoy a lovely day at the seaside! Please book your place with your street warden before Monday 23rd July.

PAST EVENTS

Outing to Hereford - This was on Wednesday 2nd May. Jean said everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

Boat Trip - This was on Friday 8th June. 40 people attended on the day. The weather didn't look very promising at first but dried up as the day went on. Some people may have wished for fish & chips at lunchtime but I'm sure all the cake they received helped to make up for this minor disappointment. Simon, our coach driver from Ellisons was wonderful, the way he drove through the very narrow roads in Bradford-on-Avon to get to the wharf was impressive to say the least!!

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.

Purton Luncheon Club - The Luncheon Club is held on Tuesday's and Thursday's in the Silver Threads Hall at 12pm. A delicious two course home cooked meal followed by a dessert and cup of tea/coffee costs just £4.50. What a bargain! Transport is provided by the Age Concern minibuses. Places are available, for more information please contact Pat Suddaby on 771331.

The Friendship Club - The next Friendship Club get together will be in Silver Threads Hall on Friday 13th July 2018 from 2-4pm and costs just 50p. (This club is run by Silver Threads, not Age Concern) STREET WARDENS please can you inform pensioners on your patch about this club, all are welcome to attend, especially lonely, isolated people who may enjoy a biscuit with a cup of tea and a chat. The minibus is available, places on the minibus can be booked by contacting Hazel Woodbridge on 770862.

Louise Tidman

Prayer for Purton

This month the churches in Purton are praying for everyone who lives or works in: *Hillside, Station Road, Willowbrook, Bamford Close, Shaftesbury Close, Smiths Court, Widham, Clardon Lane and New Road*

Purton and District Age Concern Mini Buses

By the time you read this the new 'John and Joe' bus will be in service in the village, and some of you will have been able to have closer inspection at the Red House on the Age Concern get together a couple of weeks ago.

The activity of the two buses continues to grow with crews out every day of the week plus Saturdays. A twice monthly shopping trip helps those who find it difficult to use the service bus. Plus occasional extra outings in the summer. The mini bus service is run entirely by volunteers, each outing will normally have a crew of two consisting of a driver and shotgun (non driving helper) The first pickups on Day Care days start at 8.30a.m., and on Tuesdays and Thursday that 'crew' will continue throughout the day with any surgery appointments then lunch club and finishing with Day Care from Royal Wootton Bassett completing at about 3.30. There are a few regular evening bookings, but additionally we provide transport for village activities some finishing quite late in the evening.

The existing 'Team' is quite small consisting mainly of retired people who commit to either regular duties or 'one offs' as required either as a driver or shotgun. However we do have people who are still employed who help whenever working shifts allow or on weekend and evenings only. Whatever they can do is very important to me as Co-ordinator as I take great pride in being able to give support to our passengers when it is needed.

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 Museum

This year Purton Museum will be commemorating the end of WWI, 100 years on in an extensive, ambitious exhibition. From 6 October until Saturday 24 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 Visit our website for more information www.purtonmuseumandhistoricalsociety.com Thank you so much in advance.

Beth Farnham, Museum Curator

Health & Wellbeing Champion

As I write this, we are just at the end of Dementia Awareness Week. Lots of things going on all over the country telling people about dementia – what it is, how it feels for people living with dementia and how those without it can understand and help. Brilliant!

Sadly, dementia isn't confined to one week per year, it's every day and so I thought I would share something I saw published by the Alzheimer's Society called "Seven Small Actions. One Big Difference". These are seven actions that came up most often in their research among people affected by dementia. They are simple actions we can all take in our everyday lives which, while they might seem small, will have a big impact. The more we do them, the more they will become the norm, and the more people with dementia will be able to carry on living the lives they want to.

1. Talk to me. Don't be worried about talking to me. I'm still me.
2. Listen to me. Take time to listen and involve me in the conversation. I can still teach you a thing or two.
3. Include me. Keep on inviting me out. Friends still mean the world to me.
4. Ask if I need help. If I seem confused, ask if I need help. These little things help me stay independent.
5. Be patient. Be patient with me and I'll show you how I can still do things, it just might take me longer than it used to.
6. Ask me about my dementia. Don't be afraid to ask me questions. When you take the time to understand my dementia, I know there's someone on my side.
7. Help my carer too. Support my partner and others who care for me. My dementia affects them too.

If you would like to know more about dementia or come to an information session, let me know. Meanwhile, if I can help in any way, call 07557 922020 or email ellen.blacker@wiltshire.gov.uk. I look forward to hearing from you!

PS, although I love my job, I do only work part time so please leave a message and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

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

Cricklade Country Market

Our next market: Friday July 27th, 2-4pm At The Jenner Hall Cricklade.



Locally handmade, home cooked or home grown produce straight from us to you! Come and 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: August 31st. Please call Nikki on 01793 751845 to place an order or for further information about the market.

Purton & Green Gable Surgery PPG

Information Evening - Breast Cancer – Wednesday 16 May



Our thanks go to our speaker Dr Anushka Chaudhry, Consultant Oncoplastic Breast Surgeon at GWH, for an interesting and informative evening.

ECG machine and Spirometer

Thanks to your response to our fundraising and to One Stop's fundraising the Practice is now able to purchase a new, updated ECG machine for Green Gable Surgery in Cricklade in addition to the one in Purton and also a spirometer.

Brighter Futures GWH Cheese and Wine evening - Friday 19 October, 7pm

The PPG will hold a Cheese and Wine evening to raise money for Brighter Futures. This will be on Friday 19 October, 7pm in Purton Village Hall. Cat Newman from Brighter Futures will be our speaker. Tickets will be available in due course, in the meantime please reserve the date.

Just to remind you, Brighter Futures supports the staff, patients and families of Great Western Hospital and community health services across Wiltshire. To quote from the website, its aim is: 'to raise money in order to provide an extraordinary provision of care to patients' ... 'With your help we can fund that extra special level of care in order to make a real difference to patients, their families and our staff who treat them, above what the NHS is able to provide. We improve the hospital environment, fund ground breaking research, support the development and training of hospital staff and provide state-of-the-art equipment'.

Every month 284 people in Swindon and Wiltshire are given a diagnosis of cancer at Great Western Hospital. These cancer patients have to make the journey to Oxford, Bath or Cheltenham to receive their radiotherapy treatment. Further details are on the Brighter Futures website (www.brighterfuturesgwh.nhs.uk).

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

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

Purton Post Bag



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Continued help appreciated

We would like to thank everyone for their continuing help and support to our mum Bernice in the past two years since our dad died. With my sister Elena and her Husband Joey living in America, and with my own health issues we are so grateful that our mum has such amazing friends.

Love Penni, Elena, Joey and Myles



Sympathy for Sue

Sue and family would like to thank everyone for the cards, flowers and messages of sympathy received on the recent death of Sue's mother Ida. It was very much appreciated.

Sue Cook, Quarry Farm



World Challenge Quiz

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who came and supported us at our quiz event in May. We had over 100 people taking part and a great time was had by all. Huge thanks to everyone who donated raffle prizes including: Miller and Carter, Cotswold Farm Park, Kidz About, Cotswold Wildlife Park, The Nail Cabin, Butterfly World, Chelworth Nursery, The Bell Inn, Craig Miles at Gloucestershire Cricket Club as well as many individual donations. Thanks also to Caroline Allinson for the beautiful cakes and to Hospitality Services for providing the glasses. Thank you to our families and to the Hoopers for helping out on the night. In total we raised £846.27 towards our trip to Tanzania next year.

Ben Woods and Samantha Howse

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/

Ten Years Ago...

The Purton Magazine for July 2008 opened with a forceful editorial deploring the trend towards “banal and brainless language”. Whilst some of the examples the editor quoted have not stood the test of time, he/she reserved particular disapprobation for the phrase “going forward” which lamentably is still with us. Today may be added the frequent opening reactions to any question put to an otherwise apparently intelligent interviewee, namely the syntactically incorrect “so” or the excessive “absolutely”. Fortunately, this column is not going forward, but going back.

Care of the environment, and especially the use of fossil fuels, was a theme this month. Purton’s Qualities, or P’s & Q’s for short, encouraged shoppers to buy food both produced and sold locally with the object of reducing oil usage in its transport. They also announced the creation of a website to encourage a sustainable community but now it seems to have disappeared.

On the same topic, the Climate Friendly Purton group presented Environment Sunday in St. Mary’s Church. The opening speaker accepted people’s concern that a drastic reduction in our use of oil would wreck the economy. He pointed out that this view paralleled that at the time of the abolition of slavery which had brought vast wealth to this country. He closed with: “Will people in 100 years from now look back on us with the same incomprehension that we feel towards the 18th century defenders of slavery?” The other speaker made the powerful point that with increasing dependence on oil, its price would rise and “hit the poorest people of the world first”. In 2018 we are seeing the disparity between richest and poorest just in this country growing at an ever-increasing rate.

Elsewhere, at the Bowls Club the Ladies’ Section was “not quite fit enough to bowl”. Yet they managed to win the County Links and thus had progressed to the All-England Final.

Community use car

Wiltshire Council have a community MPV, which is based at Lime Kiln in Royal Wootton Bassett. Any community group is welcome to use the vehicle, subject to a license check from our team. Hire is free of charge and they only have to book through myself and pay for fuel - this works well for the memory group and DofE group at present, but we would certainly appreciate more users of the vehicle.

Your help would be very much appreciated and if you know of anyone who is interested, or you might be interested yourself, please just let me know and I can send through details on the licence check.

Alexa Davies, Community and Engagement Manager (Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade), Wiltshire Council

Purton & District Gardeners' Guild



This month's report has to start with a big 'thank you' to everyone who contributed time, plants and cakes to our sale at Pavenhill shops on the 26 May and to all those who came along on the morning to support us. It proved to be a most enjoyable and very successful event and thanks to you all we are delighted to say that we made a profit of £562.00. This may turn out to be an annual event for the club so watch this space!

Moving on to May's meeting, and following his excellent talk last year to members, we welcomed back Paul Green to inspire us with a talk entitled "Sensory Sensations'. As owner of 'Green Leaves' nursery in Newent, Glos. he arrived with a bountiful array of fabulous plants in tow, the better to highlight the subject matter and of course to whet our appetites. As an introduction, Paul stressed that we should always think about the senses when choosing plants for the garden, considering how they look and taste, how they smell, how they sound and how they feel to the touch. As a regular on the garden show circuit, he has always advocated that people should touch the plants on his displays.

He passed around a selection of grasses that we soon realised had the potential to feed our sense of touch. They included 'Fibreoptic grass' and the ever popular 'Zebra grass', both very strokeable, as well as 'Japanese mountain grass', its arching form creating a sweeping dome and 'Ophiopogon Little Tabby' whose twisted mature habit belies its soft feel.

Paul drew our attention to the tall, spiky leaves of 'Phormium' and the distinctive rustle sound they make in windy conditions. Moving on to smell and the virtues of having fragrant plants in the garden, Paul passed around 'Monarda Sugar Lace' and invited members to describe its fragrance - peppery, mint, and rosemary indicating how we each interpret smell in different ways. He advised us to try and plant fragrant plants where we are likely to walk so that their scent escapes as we brush past them. Other fragrant plant suggestions from Paul included Winter Honeysuckle with its citrusy, honeysuckle scent on a warm February day, the classic Philadelphia, in particular the variegated variety, with its gorgeous scented flowers, and the gold-leafed Caryopteris with its peppery scent. When it comes to 'sight', there are so many plants that have the attributes to 'catch the eye'. Paul gave particular mention to the evergreen 'Silver Hedgehog' holly with its cream margins and spines over the leaves, Sorbaria with its pinky red new spring foliage, followed by white flowers in July and stunning autumn foliage and Gillenia trifoliata, also known as Bowman's Root, with its delicate wands of small white flowers that float in late spring bringing an ethereal quality to the garden, its leaves turning deep bronze red in the autumn. This was another inspiring talk from Paul with the added bonus of a plant sale at the end and few members left 'empty handed'! Congratulations to the winners of this month's competition 'A Perennial Flower', 1st Margaret Goodall, 2nd Thelma Venn and 3rd Delia Walters.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, 24 July at 7.30pm in Silver Threads Hall, when Keith Mills from Cotswold Tree Surgeons will be joining us to present a talk entitled 'Trees of Purton'. If you are interested in gardening we meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month with a speaker, competition and raffle and are always happy to welcome new members and visitors.

Margaret Goodall (Secretary 770906)

Purton Methodist Church

We are very sorry that we had to cancel the concert to be given by Geoff Walters and Encore recently. Quite a number of people could not come because they had other commitments and unfortunately we were unable to sell enough tickets. We are sorry for any disappointment this may have caused.

We plan to begin the next phase of our refurbishment programme at the start of the school summer holidays at the end of July. This will comprise new toilets, including a new disabled toilet, plus new flooring in the kitchen and toilet areas and corridor between.

A reminder about our next fundraising event, the Coffee Morning being held at 35 High Street (the home of Moira, Sylvia and Colin) on 4th August from 10.00 a.m. until 12 noon. Entrance £1, includes tea/coffee and biscuits. There will also be cake and bric-a-brac stalls, a raffle and tombola. Looking forward to your company on this occasion. Thank you again for your ongoing support.

Purton Bowls Club

We have started the season quite well with wins over Swindon, Supermarine, Stratton, Rodbourne Cheney and Wroughton in the Wiltshire League and Marlborough, Westlecot, Wroughton and Rodbourne Cheney in the Swindon and District League only losing two other games so far.

Our Friday evening training sessions are now under way, so come along 6-6.30pm and join in with our coaches and new players in some exercises and techniques for playing bowls.

Club competitions have now started and we are given dates as to when these games must be played by, so there are frantic phone calls going on all over the area trying to arrange the matches. This all culminates in September when we have our Finals weekend.

National Competitions are also under way and we are fielding teams in several groups, hoping for a good outcome at the end of the season.

There will be a Purton Carnival linked knockout competition on the green on Sunday 1st July in the morning (see details in the Placard and Carnival article) or ring me on 778119 for more details.



Peter Berry

“Name something that you can catch” was a question posed during the Family Fortunes style round of the Purton Carnival fundraising quiz on 28th April. An answer from one of the larger teams caused an eruption of laughter from the adults and confused looks on the faces of the younger contingent. Then came the question, “Name something you can spread”, to which the same large team gave the same answer. At this point some of the confused children were asking their parents to explain something to them the parents weren’t prepared for, especially not in the busy George, in front of the largest turn out for the Purton Carnival quiz seen yet for the new committee. The answer that caused the hilarity, was, strangely, not within the top five answers. The Purton Pipers were the victors of the day taking the prize. A big thank you to the Royal George for hosting

We so enjoyed being able to welcome all ages to the quiz on 28th April, that the next Purton Carnival quiz on 3rd July at Purton Club, will also be welcome to the whole family. We will design a couple rounds especially for children as well as more conventional quiz rounds to keep it interesting and challenging for all. Let’s hope the little ones do not get too tired as it will have been an exciting and busy day for them, with the Teddy Bears Picnic on the same day. Teddies and Children are welcome to the Tea Party at 13:30 at the Redhouse.

Mr Lilley our bingo caller has done a wonderful job so far this year, and we will see him once again at the Silver Threads Hall on 27 June for a lovely evening of calling, BINGO!

A lot of the committee’s time has been spent planning the annual Purton Fete and Pig Roast on Play Close on 7 July. Most plans are now in place; the day will kick off at 11am with stalls and the fair. From 14:30 the music and live performances will commence. We have a lovely line up of dance and music acts including; Danny B’s, Smiley’s People, The Beatelles and Fall From Ruin. For the full line-up please see one of the posters dotted around the village or refer to our Facebook page. The bar opens and the Hog Roast will be served from 4pm. We hope that you will come and enjoy the day. We are compiling a list of people who would like to have a stall between 11am-3pm. If you fancy holding a jumble stall, a pre-loved stall, a cake stall or if you have a craft or skill that you would like to sell during the day section of the Fete and Pig Roast then please let Tru know by sending her an email to tru.gough@gmail.com All we ask for, is a donation to the Carnival. Recommended donation for a jumble/private stall is £5 per stall. Have you made it to the day and found you want to be there to sell but not registered with Tru? Do not be put off, turn up, set up and sell (and donate). If you are a commercial business and want to be there we will be pleased to see you for a 15% donation of your days takings.

We will be having our annual AGM in the Silver Threads Hall on 19 August commencing from 7.30pm. We welcome everyone to come to the AGM to give feedback on the events that we have been hosting and give new event ideas. If you

wish to join the committee, or to volunteer to help on certain events, then this is the time to come and let us know. If you cannot make this date, but do wish to help the committee, then please contact Tru via email tru.gough@gmail.com

We are a small committee and have struggled to fulfill some of the planned events, that could have been spread out with more support. We appreciate you turning out to enjoy the events, however, if you want to see these events continue into the future then please bear in mind, many hands make light work. We are doing all of this to raise money for the village and the communities requirements. This year we have been raising money for the Age Concern Mini Bus Appeal; the amount raised will be announced at the AGM. If you would like to recommend a cause or have a monetary request please send your appeal to tru.gough@gmail.com and requests received before the AGM will be discussed and voted upon by the committee at the AGM. Committee members have the deciding vote as to where the money raised is given. See the diary and placard for details of events taking place in July.

Purton Toddler Group

I remember the day, almost 7 years ago, when I pushed open the double doors to the Village Hall with shaking hands whilst holding my 6 week old first born. I was absolutely terrified and remember looking round the room at all these mums and childminders chatting to each other, thinking this was worse than Fresher's week at University. How am I going to start making friends with all these people who already clearly know each other? I'd lived in the village for over a year but knew no one. I think I managed to speak to 2 people that day. The following week I went back, still terrified (especially as a new mum myself, everyone else looked like they knew what they were doing!) but the next time at least I plucked up the courage to make myself a cup of tea there and gravitated towards the same 2 friendly faces, who I'm pleased to say I'm still good friends with today.

Week by week it got easier and within a few short months I was helping out behind the counter with the other volunteers preparing the snacks and washing up and making more friends. Toddlers was not only one of the highlights of my week but also saved my sanity on the days after "those" nights before - there's always someone happy to cuddle/read a story while you get to drink a hot cup of tea or go to the toilet by yourself! It's a fun, safe space for babies and young children to play and interact with each other and a place where the parents/grandparents/carers can come for tea and sympathy (and occasionally cake if we're lucky!).

I recently spoke to 2 mums who lived in the village who didn't know our lovely group existed so please help spread the word about us. We currently meet during term times at the Village Hall on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9.15 to 11.15. If you look for our Purton Toddler Group Facebook page, we try to update that regularly. We hope to see some new faces next term!

Alice Tel: 778338

Purton Evening W.I.



Our May meeting was the Forest Group Meeting when we are joined by members from Hook, Minety and Cricklade. The speaker was Maura Rosinni, who talked about Italian Fashion. She was an excellent speaker and we were told that fashion was not what you see on the red carpet at the Baftas or Oscars, as no ordinary person would wear those clothes. She showed us simple, smart outfits, usually with a dress and jacket, or a skirt and top or Bolero, which could be interchanged to look like more than one outfit. If each had two colours (most of which she showed us was black and white) and a bright contrasting colour of two items, such as shoes, handbag, necklace, belt etc. to go with them. She demonstrated this with various changes of clothes she had brought with her. Maura was very slim and had an infectious humour. We really learnt a lot and about style and I'm sure some of us will try out her ideas.

President Barbara Compton thanked Maura and we then had tea and delicious cakes. We had a collection for Miranda House in Royal Wootton Bassett, where the husband of one of our members had been cared for. His funeral was on 23 May and a number of members attended.

Our July meeting is on 18th, when Jane Foskett is talking about 'Ballet for beginners' For any further information call: Barbara 01793 770818 or Janet 01793 772146

Jill Herbert

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

Christian Aid... so far!

We have been overwhelmed by the support that Purton Village has shown to Christian Aid this year. Once again people have attended events, bought tickets, cooked food, grown plants, sewn a quilt, provided breakfasts, acted, Brought&Shared for a birthday lunch, and tested their brains on the mind boggling and infuriating quiz. On top of that, Christian Aid envelopes have been delivered to thousands of houses in the village... and if, by any chance yours has not been collected back up, please phone me and I'll come and collect it; 771018

We are still unable to come up with a grand total, but already over £3000 has been raised from the events on their own. All of this money will go to Christian Aid partners in Haiti who will facilitate the re-building of homes of people devastated by earthquake and hurricane. So... thank you VERY MUCH to Purtonians who give and share and show such interest and support to villages desperately in need in Haiti

We are exceedingly grateful to you for every penny raised

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

Hello from The Cedars Care Home



What's been going on?

Well we've taken some residents on a few trips and attending events but we've had some interesting visitors to Cedars, Snakes, geckos and some beautiful rats, yes I did say rats! The residents really enjoyed touching and holding the various creatures from Zoo Lab who come along a few times a year with a variety of animals. We've also had a very enjoyable trip to a Hi de Hi 50's themed tea-dance where we had fun and entertainment from one of the Trusts most popular entertainers Bob Charles. He had many of us up and dancing and singing along to his popular repertoire.

Would you like to join us sometime?

We would welcome any residents in Purton who might like to join us for an activity or attend one of our popular entertainments. We allow an hour for an activity or performance and refreshments are served. If you would like to attend please note we may ask for a small donation but I can promise an enjoyable hour or so of professional entertainment. Here are some of the activities we enjoy... Board games – anyone good at Scrabble? We have a few residents who love to play so why not pop in for a game? And every Tuesday around 11ish we have Exercise to Music so why not pop in a join Jane and the Residents in some fun moves to keep the body moving.

Another invitation to Purton residents - August 10th come to our Summer garden party

Do come along and enjoy a few hours with us and our residents on August 10th (time to be confirmed) Tea, cakes, raffle etc. and hopefully some entertainment for us all to enjoy.

Don't forget!

We are always looking for volunteers and entertainers who would like to offer their help and support. Especially if you are a keen gardener and would like to help us in ours? Also, does anyone have any spare plants to donate to our garden? If you can help please do contact Katie or Jane. Please email, Katie Tomes k.tomes@osjct.co.uk Or Jane Pitcher j.pitcher@osjct.co.uk, Tel: 01793 772036 and speak to one of us, or pop in for further details. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

Purton Profferings

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

WANTED for Silver Threads: a lockable metal filing cabinet tel 771890

Purton Village Diary - July 2018

1	Su	8.00am	Communion at St Mary's Church
		9.30am	Register your family for the Carnival Bowls Tournament at Purton Bowls Club for 10.00am start
		10.30am	United Family Service at Purton Methodist Church
		6.00pm	Evensong at St Mary's Church
3	Tu	2.00pm	Museum memories with Jan and Marion at the Silver Threads Hall
		1.30pm	Purton Carnival Teddy Bears picnic at the Red House
		7.30pm	Purton Carnival quiz at Purton Club
4	W	11.30am	Age Concern outing to Severn Valley Railway – fully booked.
5	Th	10.30am	Communion at The Vicarage
7	Sa	11.00am	Purton Carnival hog roast and live music at Play Close park
		12.30pm	Purton Football Club AGM at the Red House
		3.00pm	Purton Historical Society guided walk around Cirencester
8	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
10	Tu	10.00am	Purton & District Probus meet at the Red House Lounge
		11.00am	Songs of Praise at Ashgrove House
12	Th	11.00am	Songs of Praise at The Cedars
13	F	TBC	Age Concern Minibus mystery destination shopping trip, contact Hazel Woodbridge for details 770862.
		2.00pm	Friendship Group at the Silver Threads Hall
14	Sa	10.00am	Age Concern Coffee Morning at Jackie & Dick Scott's, Bentham Lane
		7.30pm	Wessex Male Choir summer concert at Steam Museum
		8.30pm	Binomial play at the Red House
15	Su	8.00am	Communion at St Mary's Church
		10.30am	Family Communion at St Mary's Church
		10.30am	Morning worship at Purton Methodist Church
		2.30pm	A brass band will entertain at the Red House
16	M	2.00pm	St Mary's Fellowship of Women will meet at Sylvia and Moira's home for a summer tea party
17	Tu	2.00pm	Purton Entertainers at the Silver Threads Hall
18	W	2.00pm	Communion at Ashgrove House
		7.30pm	Purton Evening WI meet at the Village Hall for a talk about 'Ballet for beginners'
20	F	6.30pm	'The Chindits', at the Royal Agricultural University lecture theatre,
		Midnight	Closing date for Purton Age Concern calendar photo submissions
21	Sa	10.00am	Coffee Morning at Silver Threads Hall
22	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
		3.00pm	Garden Concert from Purton Village Voices at 12 Ringsbury Close

23 M	1.30pm	Year Six leavers' service at St Mary's Church
24 Tu	10.00am	Purton & District Probus meet at the Red House Lounge
	7.30pm	Purton and district Gardeners' Guild meet at the Silver Threads Hall for a talk on 'Trees of Purton' by Keith Mills
27 F	9.00am	Age Concern minibus to Cirencester, book your place with Hazel 770862
	2.00pm	Cricklade Country Market at The Jenner Hall Cricklade
29 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
31 Tu	2.00pm	Bingo with John and Brenda at Silver Threads Hall

August

W 1	9.00am	Age Concern village outing to Weston, for all ages.
Sa 4	10.00am	Purton Methodist Church coffee morning at 35 High Street
3, 4, 5		Festival on the Farm at Purton Farm Shop
F 10		Summer Garden Party at the Cedars, all welcome
Sa 18		Purton Flower, arts, crafts and produce show at the Village Hall
22-24	10.00am	to 3.00pm Purton Churches children's activity days

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 T'ai 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)

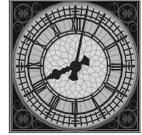
Every month

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

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 or email: mail@purtonmagazine.co.uk

After 8

Curious Wiltshire – led by Sandra



This was the topic for our meeting in May and it provided a cornucopia of information and opportunities for further discoveries in later meetings. (Apologies if not all the notes are correct – there was A LOT of information!)

The evening started with a short quiz to test our knowledge of the county in which we all live: It's location, the six adjoining counties, tallest spires, population etc. There were no prizes but I think we all acquitted ourselves quite well.

Wiltshire is a rural county with large areas of chalk down land such as Marlborough Downs and Salisbury Plain with Milk Hill the highest point at 295m or 968feet above sea level.

The county is known for the plentiful manor houses, beautiful villages, dew ponds and of course our famed white horses, among other things.

Here are some of the things we learned about:

Dew Ponds: These are found on down lands and are man made ponds, which enable livestock to be watered. Roughly 10 to 20m (a chain, 22yds) across and up to 8ft deep. A team of men would excavate the pond line it with clay, lime and straw. The water was mostly provided by rain. In the C19th the cost was £80-100 to construct one.

Tithe Barns: These large barns were built to store the church's share of farm produce. A tenth of a farmers produce was paid as rent or tax in order to support the established church. As examples see the tithe barns at Purton, Bradford-on-Avon and Lacock. Not all large medieval barns are tithe barns however and the use of large barns in the middle ages remains something of a mystery.

Blind Houses: These were the village lock-ups where the drunk and disorderly, thieves and scoundrels, would be locked up before sentencing. They only had very small or sometimes no windows, so the drunks when they woke up thought they had gone blind, as they couldn't see! They were replaced after 1839 by more local police stations.

Toll Houses: The history of roads is rather long and complicated. However, tolls were charged in order to maintain the state of roads outside of towns and villages. Trusts had to be formed to manage the roads. The gatekeeper managed the turnpike gates, which allowed access to the roads. There were four toll houses in Purton: Station Road by Collins lane, Bentham, Dogridge and the Old Surgery. All the Toll Houses varied in architectural style but were usually made of local stone.

Sarsen Stones: these stones are often found on the surface of the land at Fyfield Down, Marlborough Down and the Kennet Valley. They are also found in various other parts of the UK, Berkshire, Essex, Oxfordshire, Dorset and Hampshire.

It is dense hard rock that has been used over time for ancient monuments like Stonehenge, Avebury and other megalithic monuments in southern England. Sarsen stones are now often used as kerbstones and pathways. They do not make good house building materials, as they remain damp in the winter. In the case of Avebury the investors who backed a scheme to recycle the stone were bankrupted as the houses proved to be unsaleable and also prone to burning down! Another name for Sarsen stones is "Grey Wethers", because from a distance they can look like sheep on a hillside.

Thanks to Barbara Compton for her hospitality and for all the contributors who made it such an interesting evening.

Marion Andrews

Purton Football Club

Another season ended with Purton defeating the Wilts Senior League runners up 3-1 at the Red House to complete a great 2nd half of the season under their new management team of Neil Lee and Liam Lewis to finish in a credible 6th place. With a complete new squad of players the past season they have done really well and the club are hopeful they can do even better in 2018/2019 that begins on the 18th of August.

The management would like to thank all the registered players and their supporters for the past season's efforts and to all the club sponsors who have supported us in one form or the other, with special thanks to Keith Trowbridge of Ashgrove House Nursing Home and First City Homecare our main club sponsors who have supported the club for many, many years.

Statistically Chris Avery was the club's leading scorer with 12 goals in league and cup games. The club held its Presentation Night at the Red House on Friday the 7th of June where President/Hon Sec - Alan Eastwood and Chairman/Hon Treasurer Terry Crumbie presented awards as below:

Player of the Season, Players' Player of the Season and Supporters player of the Season all went to:

Luke Kuczynski - a remarkable season's work by Luke.

Training Award to - Steve Pleass

Sporting and Good Conduct Award to - Joe Dorey

Chairman's Award to - Andy Cowan

Clubman of the Season Award to Peter Coles.-

Special plaques awarded to the Club's Joint Managers Neil Lee and Liam Lewis.

Purtons AGM will take place on Saturday the 8th of July at the Red House Club at 12.30 lunchtime - all are welcome and any one interested in become a sponsor in a shape or form would be most welcome - contacting me on 729844 or Terry Crumbie on 770597

Alan Eastwood, President/Hon sec

The Great War Project

Part 60: July 1918

Albert Page, serving with the Army Service Corps, was mobilised to France in July 1918 with No.6 Section, 937 Motor Transport Company and was then promoted to Sergeant with the 76th Auxiliary Motor Transport Steam Company.

Mervyn Harry Price (pictured), the son of Henry and Ann Price of Restrop, Purton, had been serving with the Royal Garrison Artillery in the 153rd Siege Battery in France. He was awarded the Médaille Militaire by the French government for saving a French officer whilst under enemy fire. Mervyn's certificate is dated 21 July 1918, when he would have been 23, and is held at Purton Museum.



Western Front

Australian Army and US Army infantry, supported by British tanks made a successful attack at Le Hamel on the Somme (4 July 1918) against German positions. It was planned and commanded by the Australian Imperial Force, and lasted 93 minutes. The 5 Australian infantry brigades were augmented by 10 US Army companies to give the newly-arrived American Expeditionary Force (AEF) combat experience. Le Hamel was the first operation in which AEF troops were under a non-US command.

The final campaign of the German Spring Offensive commenced on 15 July at the River Marne (2nd Battle of the Marne) with a front stretching down to Reims (4th Battle of Champagne). 52 German divisions were assigned to the attack. However, the German attack was held. By 18 July, German Army began to collapse on the Western Front as the battle turned into a joint French, US and Italian counter-attack (Aisne-Marne). Together with British forces in Marfaux and Buzancy (south west of Reims), they pushed the German forces back north of the Marne, retaking Château-Thierry, Soissons and Fère-en-Tardenois. On the 4 August, Corporal Adolf Hitler was presented with the Iron Cross (first class) for bravery at Soissons on the recommendation of his Jewish superior, Lieutenant Hugo Gutmann.

Britain

Ration books were introduced in the UK for butter, margarine, lard, meat, and sugar during July 1918. Although the war ended some 4 months later it took a while for supplies to return to normal so rationing didn't end immediately. Butter, for example, remained on ration until 1920.

As Britain was also trying to cut German access to imported food and goods, Sir Laming Worthington-Evans succeeded Lord Robert Cecil as British Minister for Blockade on 18 July. The British government had already protested to the Netherlands

government (14th) against the Dutch agreement, made in May, to supply Germany with sand and gravel.

Russia

The Siberian Intervention was launched by the Allies on 3 July to save the Czech Legion in the Russian Civil War. The Siberian Soviet (Council) declared independence from Russia on the 4th but withdrew the declaration two days later. France, Britain and the USA signed an agreement with the Murman (Murmansk) Soviet to conduct their anti-Bolshevik expedition on the Russian north coast. Meanwhile the Czech Legion occupied Irkutsk (Siberia) on the 13th and Kazan on the 14th. A provisional government was set up at Vladivostok on the east coast on 10 July.

On 26 July, most of the French Expeditionary Force troops had arrived at Murmansk to join the North Russia Expeditionary Force. British troops took control of Archangelsk on the 31st.

The German Ambassador to Moscow, Count Mirbach, was murdered on 6 July at the request of the Central Committee of the Left Socialist-Revolutionaries, who wanted to reignite the war between Russia and Germany. Mirbach's assassination started the revolt of the Socialist-Revolutionaries in Moscow.

More startling on the world stage were the events over the night of 16 to 17 July, when a Bolshevik firing squad, under the command of the Cheka (secret police), executed Tsar Nicholas II, his family and several staff at the Ipatiev House (Дом Ипатьева) in Ekaterinburg in Siberia.

The War in the Air

On 9 July, the English flying ace James McCudden was killed, aged 23, in a flying accident when his plane crashed into a wood in France. In his flying career, he had downed 57 enemy planes and had been awarded the Victoria Cross, Distinguished Service Order and Bar, Military Cross and Bar, the Military Medal and the French Croix de Guerre.

Another English ace, Edward 'Mick' Mannock was killed in action on 26 July, aged 31, when his plane was hit by massive volley of ground-fire from German trenches he was flying across. He had previously been awarded the Victoria Cross, Distinguished Service Order and two Bars, and the Military Cross and Bar.

A German air raid on England on 20 July caused no damage but turned out to be the last attempt to attack the British Isles with aeroplanes. During the course of the war there had been a total of 59 aeroplane raids against the British Isles during which bombs were dropped. There had also been 11 reconnaissance flights over parts of Great Britain or in the vicinity of the coast when no bombs were dropped.

The War at Sea

On 12 July, the Japanese battleship Kawachi suffered an explosion in her ammunition magazine while in Tokuyama Bay, Yamaguchi, western Honshu and sank with the loss of over 600 officers and crewmen.

RMS Carpathia, famous for having rescued survivors of the RMS Titanic in April 1912, was torpedoed and sunk off the east coast of Ireland, on 17 July, by German submarine U-55. Carpathia had departed Liverpool 2 days earlier in a convoy bound for Boston. 5 crewmen were killed but 218 of the 223 on board were rescued.

On the 19th, United States cruiser San Diego was sunk by a mine off Fire Island, Long Island USA. She sank in 28 minutes with the loss of six lives but was the only major warship lost by the United States during its involvement in the war.

On 21 July, a German submarine U-156 shelled Nauset Beach (Orleans, Massachusetts). A tug and 2 barges were destroyed but no one killed or injured.

Turkey

The Ottoman Emperor, Sultan Mehmed V Reşâd died on 3 July having reigned since 1909. His half-brother Mehmed VI Vahidettin became emperor.

Other News

Haiti and Honduras both declared war on Germany during July, on the 12th and 19th respectively.

Rick Dixon

Festival on the Farm, 3rd to 5th August

At Purton House Organics we are gearing up once again for our home grown Festival! This family friendly event brings a host of local bands, craft traders, children's activities and great local food. The team from Riff's Bar have put together a strong lineup, with headliners The Go Go Five, an explosive mix of Motown, 60's Soul, Jazz, Rock and Blues. They will be supported by young band The Magician's Nephew who have released their third album since playing for us last year! For the full line up and tickets go to www.festivalonthefarm.co.uk or ask at the Farm Shop. Tickets for Children 12 and under are free and we now have 'Teen' Tickets at a reduced rate. Whatever your age, come and enjoy a relaxing weekend with the 'local talent'!

We Record ...

Wedding at St Mary's Church

31 May 2018 Andrew James Mills and Kelly Louise Butler

Funerals at St Mary's Church

23 May 2018 David Sheppard (73)

30 May 2018 Derek John Wheeler (78)

Funeral at Kingsdown Crematorium

14 May 2018 Royston Brown (85)

Interment of Ashes at Purton Cemetery

18 May 2018 Jean Howse (78)



The Purton Great War Project – the book

I am grateful to Purton Magazine for running the articles for this series since August 2013, when I started by introducing the background causes of the Great War. I am also immensely grateful for the help I have gained from the amazing in-depth research of Bob Lloyd into all men with Purton connections who were involved in the military in the war.

The philosophy of the current project has been to convert Bob's directory by personal name into a journal showing how Purton people were affected by the war, month by month as it progressed. I am also grateful to those who have contributed the "My Family's War" articles recording their own family's memories.

The series in the Magazine will continue beyond the end of the war in November 1918... or 2018 in "Magazine time". Many died later from wounds incurred during the war, and we must also consider how the Great War affected our thinking today, caused the Second World War and the miseries of eastern Europe and the Middle East to this day. The "War to End all Wars" wasn't that. So, this series will end a year from now in July 2019.

I want to produce a book in A5 format which will cover all the articles from the Magazine, with pictures and maps in colour where appropriate, and will be 220 pages. All profits after print and postage costs will go to Combat Stress: that is the charity chosen by Bob Lloyd for his Purton & The Great War research.

The cost very much depends on the number of copies to be printed, but my best guess is £15 per copy - plus postage if needed. If you are interested in buying a copy, can you let me know? To show your interest, please email me at rickdixonmail@gmail.com or phone me on 01793 759123. If you would like more than 1 copy, please let me know numbers. Thank you

Rick Dixon

Let's not forget the Forgotten Army

The 14th Army in Burma was known as the 'Forgotten Army' because all attention in the UK at the time was on the war in Europe following D-Day. No one should forget the awful struggle in the jungles and plains of Burma and there is one person who will surely not. Ron Harding, who is 102, was one of those great men who fought in Burma and is still very much alive living in Gloucester. He remarkably narrowly escaped death and capture several times. On one occasion, his position was overrun by the Japanese and he was forced to hide in a jungle hole for nigh on three weeks until he was rescued, suffering from dehydration and malnutrition.

The ABF The Soldiers Charity is holding a fundraising talk and supper at the Royal Agricultural University on Friday 20th July at 6.30pm to highlight 'The Chindits' or 'Forgotten Army'. The talk will be given by renowned guide, Piers Storie Pugh. Tickets cost £25 per person to include wine and a fork supper and are available from shollis@soldierscharity.org or 01980 672337.

St Mary's Primary School

Term 6 is looking to be very busy, with lots of exciting trips for the children to enjoy. We hope the re-arranged Sports Day on Friday 15th June will go ahead. St Mary's are looking forward to welcoming the new Reception children in September with various induction activities planned over the coming weeks. We do still have spaces in Reception for September 2018, so if you have not yet finalised a school place and are interested in your child joining us here at St Mary's, please do get in touch.

The boys football team have had a very successful season winning the West Swindon league this year. They were also finalists in the School Cup competition. This match was played on Saturday 19th May at Millbrook versus St Francis Primary School. Unfortunately, the game was settled on penalties as it ended 1-1 after full time and extra time. After 5 sets of penalties St Francis won 3-2. Although the boys were disappointed to lose, they all played brilliantly from start to finish and represented St Mary's superbly. Well done to all the team!



Class 3 were very lucky to have Mr Brown in to help us get our gardens to grow. The children were thrilled to plant tomatoes, courgettes, cauliflowers, beans and a whole lot more! Fingers crossed for good weather and no slugs! We are looking forward to observing and measuring the plants as they grow.

St Mary's Samba Band gave a high-

energy performance at the Royal Wootton Bassett Carnival! Thanks goes to Musical Directors, Mr 'whistle-blowing' Biddle and Mr 'La Cucaracha' Cooper (and, of course, to all the parents who came to help and join in!)

Our top scoring Times Tables Rock star children attended a Forest school session as a reward for their hard work. It was a fun and busy afternoon playing games, making natural clay sculptures, using Forest school tools and cooking s'mores on a fire!



The PTA are holding their Summer Fayre on Friday 29th June 2018 from 3.30pm-5.30pm on the school field. There will be various stalls, games, refreshments and a



raffle. Please do come along and support us if you can.

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 www.st-marys-purton.wilts.sch.uk

Mrs Naomi Clarke, Head Teacher

Purton Annual Flower Show-Arts-Craft-Produce

Saturday 18th August 2018 at the Village Hall

Schedules are now available at various locations around the village, including Andrew Hiscock's Butchers, Toomers Garden Centre, Purton House Farm Shop, Hair by Val & Jodie, The Redhouse Club, and all committee members:- David Herbert, Graham Price, Chris Rummig, Dr John Belt, Lorna Robinson-Wardle, Pat Hughes, Mike Lawrence and Lindsey Hall. Copies can also be emailed by request.

We have two new classes in the floral section- Class 41 Sweet Peas- 7 blooms and in the floral art Class 56 The Best Corsage or Buttonhole, this could be good practice if you are attending a Wedding in the late summer.

The Children's section has been split into Age categories this year, so for 6 years and under you can get creative with the pasta from the kitchen cupboard, and make a picture, or have a go at growing you very own cress in a tub, but don't eat it before it's visited the show for judging.

In 7-11 years you can go wild icing & decorating 3 cup cakes in as many colour as you like, or carve a cool print on half a potato and stamp it on A4 paper. Class 61 is for all ages: Make a monster out of recycled material, we can't wait to see what gruesome creatures arrive on Show day!

Class 70 Flapjack Squares is specifically for under 16 year olds.

Children are also encouraged to enter any of the other classes in the schedule at no charge.

This is an Open Show so visiting grandchildren, nephews and nieces, and others can all take part.

If you would like a Schedule for this year's show sent or emailed, or for further information please contact me.

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



Bradon Forest at Buckingham Palace



Bradon Forest's Duke of Edinburgh Coordinator, Mr Palmer, attended Buckingham Palace to be officially presented with the Duke of Edinburgh licence for Bradon Forest as well as joining the Gold Award winners. Here is his report:

After queuing outside the gates I was escorted in with hundreds of other Duke of Edinburgh guests. We went around into the gardens and were allocated to our given areas. The Royal Marine Band was playing and we were encouraged to walk around the grounds. When the ceremony got started the National Anthem played and then came out Princess Anne and the Earl and Countess of Wessex... and Mary Berry! They mixed with the various different pods of D

of E award winners. I really enjoyed seeing how every child was so different - from different back grounds, different needs and different ethnic backgrounds but they all shared a common success which was the D of E Gold Award.

When the winners had been presented with their awards there was then a section for recognition. A unit leader from Bristol with 25 years' service and I were presented with our certificates. We enjoyed an engaging talk from Pippa Stewart who is an extreme explorer and has just returned from South America after exploring a part of the world never been seen before. The presentation photo I have is with her as we were not allowed photos with the royals.

History in your Hands

On 8 May, Chris Thompson, a retired Royal Army Medical Corps officer, who has created a substantial WWI collection based on the Corps and findings from the Somme visited Bradon Forest. He kindly brought in his



collection to share with a group of our More Able Year 8 Historians to deepen their source analysis of WWI artefacts and to consider the limitations of sources.

Students got an insight into both recent and WWI army life and then explored the collection, asking Chris insightful questions to help them ascertain the usefulness of the source.

Big Pit Trip 2018

On Wednesday 2 May, we took a group of Year 8 More Able students to visit Big Pit National Coal Mine and Museum in Wales. Big Pit is a wonderful museum where you can discover the workings of a coal mine, see exhibitions of historical work and be guided round by ex-miners. The tour of the actual coal mine was very informative



and the discussions that took place on the tour were eye opening - pit ponies, gases, canaries and Davy lamps. The students were shocked to realise that at their age they would have been working in the mines rather than going to school!

Students and staff all enjoyed the experience of going into the mine. Some of us were quite shocked at the working conditions, especially for the miners and the ponies. Twelve hour days for some children, in the pitch black!

The tour guides were excellent and asked the students many questions – they were very impressed with the students' answers and knowledge. A trip to this excellent museum is highly recommended.



BRADON FOREST SCHOOL

SUMMER OPEN EVENTS

Open Evening
Tuesday 26 June 2018
6pm - 8pm

Open Morning
Friday 29 June 2018
9.15am - 10.30am

Book your FREE place here:
<https://tinyurl.com/yarn2j33>

The Peak, Purton, Swindon, SN5 4AT
T 01793 770570 E enquiry@bradonforest.wilts.sch.uk

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www.bradonforest.org.uk



Summer Serenade Concert

Local musical groups and soloists combine in a celebration of summer with a concert on Saturday, 14 July in a final push towards the Heritage Lottery Fund target for St Mary's church in Lydiard Park. A 'Summer Serenade' is the fourth annual concert in aid of the £1.1 million Conservation Project for the church, which contains medieval wall paintings listed in the Church of England's top 100 Church Treasures Appeal. Wentworth Voices ladies' choir, and instrumental group, Strictly Recorders, will be joined by vocal and instrumental soloists of all ages in a programme which will also include poetry readings. The concert starts at 7.30pm with tickets £5 available on the door and refreshments will served.

Paul Gardner, Conservation Project Chair, says: "Due to the generosity of the public, as well as many charitable grant making bodies, we are very close to our matched funding target of £284,000 and we only have another £17,000 to raise to secure the total amount. All proceeds from this concert will go towards this. It is a pivotal time for the Conservation Project. The development phase is now complete and we recently submitted our Round 2 Delivery Phase bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund. We expect to hear the outcome by mid September."

The Heritage Lottery funded Conservation Project will restore St. Mary's historic interiors and make it more appealing to the public with access improvements, imaginative interpretation and lively education programmes. A main focus is the conservation of the extensive medieval wall paintings and the development of a whole range of activities which include the participation of local schools, volunteers, children's theatre, skills training, imaginative interpretation and a national symposium for professionals in the heritage and conservation sector.

For further information about the concert please contact Susan White at whitefamily@talktalk.net tel: 01793 878334. For further information about St Mary's Church, images, interviews and private visits please contact Paul Gardner at gp.gardner@btinternet.com or 07831868429.

Church Floodlighting

July 1 St Mary's will be floodlit in memory of my loving husband, **David Ernest Arthur Chamberlain**, who fell asleep 26 years ago. Forever in our thoughts. Iris, Roslyne, Lesley and the Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren.



July 17 The Church will be floodlit 100 years from the birth of **Albert Wesley Ball**.

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.

Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers



2nd Purton Rainbows and 2nd Purton Brownies have got talent! The Rainbows put on a talent show, showcasing some wonderful skills. There was singing, jokes, hula hooping and a few of them even put on an imaginative play. For the Brownies, it was their eldest four girls who chose the theme for their last night before moving on to Guides. In their 'Brownies have got Talent' meeting there was a wide variety of acts and their judges – of course dressed to play the part! - gave some excellent comments.

2nd Purton Rainbows also celebrated the wedding of the Duke and Duchess of Sussex. The girls designed wedding cakes, coloured in bride and groom pictures and made some excellent crowns. They finished the half term with a party to celebrate the great time the girls and their new leadership team had had. In the spirit of girl-led guiding, which is at the centre of our programme, they played lots of party games and had some delicious cakes.

Getting out and about has certainly been central to the last month's activities. 2nd Purton Brownies went on a walk with a difference. Each six was given a pack of cards with pictures on them. The girls had to find those items on their walk and photograph them. Some were fairly easy but others were trickier. Only one six managed to find a crown and that was on a badge one of them had on her uniform!

1st Purton Brownies went orienteering at Lydiard Park and had an evening of water games as requested by Ava for her final meeting before she moved on to Guides. Guides delivered Christian Aid envelopes, in the sunshine which made a change from previous years! They have also been lucky enough to be invited to Rianna's mum's allotment where they are growing salad to enjoy with a BBQ later in the term. They planted giant sunflowers too so expect updates in subsequent editions!

Nature was another common theme. 2nd Purton Brownies made butterfly idials, ready to identify butterflies when later in the term they go to Lydiard Park. They also painted insects on pebbles. Guides had a visit from Mike of Green Trees Forest School; he worked with them to make cordage out of nettles. Some perseverance and a few stings later and they did have some success! 1st Purton Brownies had a fascinating evening dissecting barn owl pellets to discover what the owls had been eating. Each pellet was a treasure trove of skulls and bones which the Brownies excitedly tried to identify.

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

Purton Placard



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, Games, Mindwheels,
Walks, 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: cstweediesmith@waitrose.com

PURTON AGE CONCERN **Coffee Morning**

Saturday 14th July, 10am-12noon
Admission £1

At the home of Dick & Jackie Scott,
Bentham Farm, Bentham Lane
Contact Hazel Woodbridge on 770862
to book the minibus.

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!

PURTON CARNIVAL **Forthcoming events**

- 27th June, 7:30pm:
Bingo at Silver Threads Hall
- 1st July, 9.30am for 10am start - Family
Bowls Competition at Purton Bowls Club,
Red House.
- 3rd July, 1.30pm: Teddy Bears Picnic,
at The Red House.
- 3rd July, 7.30pm: Quiz night at
The Purton Club
- 7th July, 11am-4pm: Fete Day and Hog
Roast at Play Close

World
Challenge

Samantha
Howse

World
Challenge

Garden Party

Saturday 30th June

2 - 6pm

Cream teas
and
Refreshments

Games
and
Tombola

By kind permission of John and
Bridget Howse.

Alwynds, Upper Pavenhill
Purton SN5 4DQ

Contact Lorraine Howse:
07729906916

Summer Serenade

An evening of music and poetry



Presented by
**Strictly Recorders &
Wentworth Voices**



St Mary's Church

Lydiard Park

Saturday 14th July 2018 at 7.30pm

Tickets £5 available on the door
All proceeds for St Mary's Church Conservation Project



St. Mary's PTA



Summer Fayre

Friday 29th June 2018
3.30pm - 5.30pm



Refreshments *Tombola*



Games *Raffle*

All Welcome



Purton Carnival

Family Bowls Tournament

Sunday 1 July 2018

**At Purton Bowls Club,
Red House Village Centre,
Church Street, Purton**

**Registration at 9.30am
for 10am start**

**£2.50 per person, teams of four. Adults
and children welcome, minimum age
approx. 8 years**

**(younger children can participate if they can demonstrate
the necessary skills and follow instructions)**

PURTON
CARNIVAL

A Garden Concert



Sunday

22nd July

3pm

In the Garden of

12 Ringsbury Close

by kind permission of Sarah and Paul Grigg

Entry via the right-hand side of the house. Please bring your own chairs or rug.

**Light
refreshments**

**Free
Entry**



**World
Challenge**

Donations towards Ben's World Challenge
Trip to Tanzania.

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

Placard Extra



Festival on the Farm
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THE GO GO FIVE
MAGICIANS NEPHEW
ROTTEN ACES
LADS LADS LADS
GETRZ
BLIND LEMON BAND
SEX JAZZ
SISTER SISTER

VICE VERSA
MARC AS ROBBIE
SARAH RYAN BAND
THE SHUDDERS
THE BERRIES
KID CALICO AND THE
ASTRAL PONIES
BAD UKE RISING
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THE GUILD OF WILTSHIRE ARTISTS
2018 Summer Exhibition
 Sunday 8th July (12.30pm-3pm)
 Monday 9th July - Saturday 14 August (10am-4.30pm)
 at St Peter's Church, High Street, Marlborough SN8 1HQ,

THE CHINDITS 1943-44
 A TALK
 BY
PIERS STORIE PUGH

The Army's National Charity



RAU Lecture Theatre
 Friday 20 July 6.30pm
 Tickets £25 pp- wine and fork supper

Major-General Orde Charles Wingate DSO** was a British Army officer known for creating special military units in Burma during World War II. He is most famous for his creation of the Chindits, airborne deep-penetration troops trained to work behind enemy lines in the Far East campaigns against the Japanese during World War II.

Tickets available from: South West Bulford Office (Suzanne Hollis) 01980 67233 shollis@soldierscharity.org

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



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

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.

The Box of Delights by John Masefield

John Masefield published *The Box of Delights* or *When the Wolves were Running* in 1935, eight years after *The Midnight Folk*. My copy dates to 1965, and has delightful illustrations by the author's daughter. (Beware of abridged versions. I'm told they 'butcher' the text and make a nonsense of the plot!)

Beautifully written, both funny and exciting, the book has everything: cars that turn into aeroplanes, Herne the Hunter, unicorns in moonlight, magic, time travel, kidnappings, chases and narrow escapes. And snow, deep snow, lying heavy across the land, all in the run-up to Christmas.

Some characters reappear from the first book. Kay Harker himself, of course, and the villainous Abner Brown, who has married Sylvia Daisy Pouncer the witch, Kay's former governess, and is masquerading as the Principal of an Ecclesiastical Training College while leading a gang of jewel thieves. Rat the cellarman, whom Kay 'had known in the past but had not seen for years,' has gone altogether to the bad and is working for Abner on dubious wages. ('That's the bacon rind to bring the plump on a man, bacon-rind-tomorrow,' he complains.)

New characters are introduced: Abner's henchman Joe, who doesn't believe in magic despite all going on about him; little Maria Jones, who has been expelled from three schools and is a crack shot with a revolver; Cole Hawlings the old Punch and Judy man who has been travelling the roads 'since pagan times.'

The Box of Delights is about protecting a treasure, the magic box of the title, from the wicked Abner and his gang of wolves, both real and figurative. If you turn a knob on the box one way, you can go small as a mouse. The other way, and you can go swifter than the wind, covering miles in moments. If you open the box, you may have the good fortune to meet Herne the Hunter, and let him turn you for a while into a stag or a fish. Or you might go back in time, and march with Roman soldiers, the Wolfguard, on their way to the frontier with the mails.

The book begins with Kay coming home by train for the Christmas holidays after his first term at school. He travels through an imaginary landscape so vivid it feels real. The names of the stations ring true – Gabbet's Cross, Lower Turrington, Stoke

Dever. Even now I could find my way from Condicote, with its dark lanes of old houses and a wharf where the barges lie up for Christmas, to Tatchester, with its Cathedral that once held the shrine of St Cosric, curer of leprosy and broken hearts. The train passes Roman camps and old battle sites, castles and churches that look like forts, woodlands and glens, and 'something in the light, with its hard sinister clearness, gave mystery and dread to those hills.'

Mystery, dread and a sense of deep time pervade the book. Cole Hawlings knows he cannot escape Abner's gang, so he gives the magic box to Kay for safekeeping, warning him that 'the wolves are running.' Soon afterwards Hawlings is scrobbled – wonderful word – in the snow on Bottler's Down. (Sack over his head, rope wrapped around his arms and legs.) Once the gang discover the old man does not have the box, they proceed to scrobble and imprison, with increasing desperation, anyone to whom he might have given it – Kay's guardian, his friend Peter, the Bishop and Dean of Tatchester, and all the cathedral staff down to the choirboys.

Meanwhile Kay uses the box to travel back in time to find its maker, Arnold of Todi, who is lost in the Past. Herne advises Kay that the one part of the Past everybody goes to is the Trojan War. A lesser writer would send Kay to the war itself, but in one of the most evocative scenes in the book Masfield chooses to have Kay arrive just as the last of the poor Trojans are being driven into captivity and the beautiful walls are 'all racked and ruined.'

At the end, as the water rises menacingly in Abner's dungeon, Kay must not only free the prisoners but also return them to Tatchester Cathedral in time for the one thousandth Christmas Eve celebration at midnight. All seems lost, but as Cole Hawlings says: 'A travelling man, who goes up and down the world, he finds way of doing things.'

The Box of Delights is perhaps now best known through the 1984 cult classic television series with Patrick Troughton and Robert Stephens. It has also been adapted for radio and stage, and from time to time there's rumour of a film. But the book is still the original and the best. Read it, and remember Cole Hawlings' words: 'Time and Tide and Buttered Eggs wait for no man.'

Patrick McCormack

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The other side of the gate



Dora has finally calved! On 3rd of June, with a little help, she produced a very healthy Jersey X bull calf. This was a bit disappointing as we were hoping for a heifer so that she could go on to join the herd in a few years' time, just like Dora. Dora marks the first of our homebred replacements. My father used to buy excess heifers and cows from other farmers that didn't need them or were selling up; this type of herd is called a flying herd and it allows all the resources to be used to produce milk. To have youngstock

you either need to acquire more land or to reduce cow numbers. Although they don't eat as much as a cow, they do nonetheless need space and time. So, although our livestock numbers are about 70, we've cut back by 10 cows. We have also made the decision to keep some calves on the cows and some of these will be grown for beef. The calves grow well but after 4/5 months they take all the milk! It's certainly not the most profitable way of farming and totally unsustainable when all we get is £0.29 per litre from the processors. So, although we are now becoming a closed herd, the transition between the two has been financially challenging!

So, why are we moving to a closed herd? The main reason is Bovine TB and luckily so far we've never have a serious problem with it. The massive increase of TB breakdowns throughout the country means it's increasingly difficult to buy cows in from clean areas. We are lucky in the fact that the local wildlife vectors that



carry Bovine TB can either be controlled or are not prevalent around us. Disease is also very important to us now: we vaccinate against Leptospirosis, Infectious Bovine Rhinotracheitis (IBR) and Bovine Viral Diarrhea (BVD). We also monitor the cows for a disease called Johnnes which cannot be cured and it gets passed onto the youngstock via faeces from infected cattle.

I have mentioned that we receive £0.29 per litre from our milk buyer. I took a look back at the old records kept by my father: in 1988 he was receiving more per litre than we are now and calf prices were very similar. I'm sure he couldn't have imagined we'd be getting so little now in real terms. All of our costs have more than doubled



and in many cases quadrupled, with diesel and electric being contributing factors.

Doing a little more research, with help from the Office of National Statistics, I compared beer prices to milk prices over the last 30 years and I wasn't surprised at the results! You

can see for yourselves from the attached figures the vast disparity that has grown between the two. Farm gate price of milk has dropped by £0.05 per pint in thirty years (these are average figures). At various points in this timeline the farmer was getting as low as £0.08 per pint - who says you never see a poor farmer!

With spring being so short this year we didn't have time to do much fieldwork before the grass was too long! Usually there are a few weeks where we have time to chain harrow, roll and fertilise. Harrowing pulls out the dead, matted grass and allows the soil to breathe, whilst rolling flattens any hoof damage, pushes in stones and firms up the soil around the roots.

We started silaging on 16th of May and Neil Webb does our baling as we can't justify the cost of the machinery for the few bales we do. This year the quality of the grass looks good, although yields were a bit low. Early cutting usually gives better quality, however quantity is reduced. Fertiliser was applied immediately after the bales were removed and the grass is growing well after the deluge we received! Fertiliser would normally go on in February, but the opportunity didn't arise this year!

Beefy and Molly were taken to the abattoir last week. It's always really sad to have to take them, but that's what they're here to do. We use a small, family run abattoir in Stroud. I'm very fussy about how they are killed: I like to take the cows right into the killing chute, talking to and stroking them up to the end. They deserve complete respect and it's my responsibility to ensure they have a good end. It's probably one of the hardest things I have to do when we've looked after them for so long. Any of you that have been to visit the cows at Quarry Farm will know that we treat them like pets. I have to resolve and rectify well before the day or it would be impossible to take them.

We will soon have an abundance of prime beef and mince available to buy and the taste of grass-fed beef that's had no stress is incredible.

Average Price (Pint)	1988	2008	2018
Retail Price Beer	99p	£2.76	£3.63
Retail Price Milk	26p	43p	44p
Farm Gate Milk Price	17p	14.7p	16.5p

Source: *Office of National Statistics*

Jonathan Cook



Well the Khalique Cup has been and gone. Many thanks to Khalique for sponsoring the Cup and also bringing along a curry for us all. The competition was won by Lou Crawford and Jason Stevens and a video is available on our facebook page. Well done to all competing!

We have received a grant from Wiltshire Council towards fencing so will be continuing our work on the cemetery courts this winter. Unfortunately we have had some vandalism on the fencing so may have to make this good first.



Summer League is now well under way with our A teams all doing well. They currently stand at 1st, 2nd and 3rd in Men's, Mixed and Ladies respectively. A special mention also to the Men's D who are in top spot in their Division. The team mainly consists of youngsters aged 12 and 13 partnered by a couple of old hands. The ethos of British Tennis is to bring along the youngsters and Purton are proud to be doing this.

The Juniors also did well in the first U16 match against Marlborough. This was the first win in the league in any age group since 2014 so well done to Luke Mitchell and Ethan Miller. Unfortunately they were beaten by Pewsey in their next match. The 14U team played their first match of the season against Marshfield on 10th June. Harrison Black playing in his first match for the club won a hard fought encounter in his singles winning 7-5 6-2. The doubles went to a hard fought tie-break which they lost 8-10. Nicola continues her good work with junior sessions on Saturday mornings open to 7 -16 year olds.



Purton men are currently top in the Aegon Wiltshire League with more matches coming up.

We have a "Ryder Cup" style tournament coming up open to members only on 1st July so come along to watch and see what tennis is all about.

Coaching continues weekly for both juniors and seniors alike – please contact coach Ben Langley for details. As always follow us on facebook & twitter or for information: www.purtontennisclub.com



Lindsey Hall

Full Steam Ahead for The Wessex Male Choir

Hot on the heels of success at both the Mid-Somerset and Cheltenham Music Festivals where they won both male choir competitions, Swindon's multi-award winning Wessex Male Choir will host their Summer Concert at STEAM Swindon at 7.30pm on Saturday 14th July 2018.

This year the concert promises a feast of new songs as well as some old favourites. The eclectic programme includes traditional Welsh hymn tunes, pop arrangements, music theatre, opera and sacred music, and even a Billy Joel hit! The concert will showcase the Choir's work over the year and will also see the launch of the Choir's fourth album, entitled Memory.



The Choir's Musical Director Rhiannon Williams said

"The work the Choir has put in over the last year has been phenomenal. Learning new music for our two competitions and the new CD has been hard work and even more so for the new members of the Choir who have joined us in 2018. But our success in the competitions has made it all worthwhile – we came first in all three classes we entered at the

Mid Somerset Festival. STEAM 2018 will be night to remember and promises to be a fabulous evenings entertainment"

This year the Wessex Male Choir is joined by The Magnificent AK47, a band of unruly minstrels who hail from Ashton Keynes. Fresh from winning the 2018 PEACE Trophy at the Cork International Choral Festival in Ireland, their entertaining programme ranges from traditional Georgian songs, to light-hearted songs that provide profound insight into modern male angst. (Oh, and they wear hats!)

Don't miss the chance to catch these two award-winning choirs at STEAM. Doors open at 6.30pm with access to the museum and bar and the concert starts at 7.30pm. Tickets are on sale now from www.ticketsource.co.uk/wessex-male-choir, Swindon Central Library, and STEAM.

From Cricklade Cricket Club

We started the new season on 5th May with our first team now promoted to the Gloucestershire Cricket League (GCL) in the 7th division and our 2nd team in the 2nd division of the Cotswold District Cricket Association (CDCA). Fortunately the ground recovered in time for the first match at home. The results for May are as follows:

1st XI

Sat 5th May Away to Woodmancote and won by 129 runs
Sat 12th May Home to Down Hatherley and lost by 47 runs
Sat 19th May Away to Ruardean Hill and won by 9 wickets.
Sat 26th May Home to Cam and won by 35 runs.

With 3 wins out of 4 matches this is a very good start for the first team in the Higher echelon.

2nd XI

Sat 5th May Home to Minety and lost by 9 wickets.
Sat 12th May Away to Fairford and won by 4 wickets.
Sat 19th May away to Cirencester and lost by 79 runs.
Sat 26th May Away to North Cerney . Match conceded by Cricklade due to lack of players available.

As you will notice from the 2nd team fixture on 26th May we had to concede due to lack of players. We are always looking for new players to join the club both at the Senior and Junior levels. If you are interested in playing for your local team then please contact either of the committee members below or just turn up at team practice on Thursday evenings, at the ground off Abingdon Court Lane, between 6.30pm and 8.30pm. We also have a strong junior coaching pedigree feeding the senior teams and many of the present senior players joined the club as a junior. Junior practice sessions are on Friday evenings between 6.30pm and 8pm. Information about the club can also be found on the club website at www.pitchero.com/clubs/crickladecc

We would like to thank all those who supported our Race Night at The Town Hall on Saturday 21st April. It was a great success and enjoyed by many children and adults alike. Furthermore we would like to thank our main sponsors this year 'Big Van World' and 'The Red Lion' for their support.

This year we will holding a new type of fundraiser. Cricklade Band, Cricket and Rugby Clubs are organising an Oktoberfest at the Town Hall on Saturday 6th October. The evening will have live music performed by Cricklade Band, traditional Oktoberfest food and drink. Tickets will be on sale from 1st August. Further details in next month's issue. More information can be obtained from our PR rep (Rob Milican) whose number is below.

John Youe – Club Secretary on 07514 035177 Or Rob Milican (PR) on 07881 662486

Purton and District Probus Club



At the Purton Probus meeting on the 8th May, Dr C L Scott, a member of the Battlefield Trust and the Royal Historical Society, gave a talk on the Penruddock uprising. This was one of a series of coordinated uprisings planned by the Sealed Knot for a Royalist insurrection to start in March 1655 during the Protectorate of Oliver Cromwell, the Lord Protector. Between the years 1652 and 1659, a total of eight unsuccessful attempts were initiated to bring about the restoration of the monarchy.

At the end of the Civil War (Naseby 1645), Cromwell had tried to negotiate with Charles I, but in 1648, the King betrayed his trust and started the 2nd Civil War. Defeated for the second time, Charles was tried, condemned and executed in January 1649. The young Prince Charles, on the advice of his father, had already left the country to join his mother in France. However in 1650, after discussions with Scottish emissaries at Breda, his refuge in Holland, he sailed for Scotland. He was already recognised as the rightful King in Scotland, but it proved to be an uneasy and hopeless alliance. He and the Presbyterian Scots had totally different objectives. Oliver Cromwell made short work of defeating the Scots at Dunbar, but Charles escaped and marched his Royalists South, hoping to gather more supporters along the way. Leaving George Monck to suppress the Scots, Cromwell moved quickly to overtake the Royalists. He caught up with them at Worcester and they proved no match for Cromwell's Model Army. Charles, now in his twentieth year, was lucky to escape again. After hiding in the Boscobel oak, and much disguised for other adventures, he sailed from Brighton and finally reached the French Court. He was now a king without a country or finance, in a Catholic Court, but still supported enthusiastically by the Sealed Knot. Prince Rupert and Henrietta Maria continued to feed the Cavaliers with ideas and finance, but communications were anything but sealed and John Thurloe, Cromwell's Spymaster had little difficulty in uncovering the plots.

Oliver Cromwell had, in 1653, dissolved the Rump Parliament as being too corrupt, famously using the words "Take away this fool's bauble" when referring to the Mace. This did not sit well with parliamentarians, who were mostly the landed gentry. Dictatorship, with strict legislation was disliked by the people and the Church. Royalist sympathisers were confident that restoration of the King would be a change for the better. Dr Scott, our speaker, believes that Cromwell was politically, an Independent, rather than the Puritan that history has labelled him. He passed laws that were tolerant of all religions, including that the Jews, and is thought, by some, to be the greatest politician in history.

The plans for the Royalist Rising of 1655 were to seize Salisbury, Newcastle, York and Winchester, with smaller uprisings in Nottinghamshire and Cheshire. At Winchester a reinforced Model Army garrison deterred the rebels and the attack was abandoned. No men answered the call in Cheshire, but risings did take place in

the other places. For the uprising in York, the rendezvous was Marston Moor. It was led by the Earl of Rochester, fresh from Holland, but it was put down by Colonel Robert Lilburne, Governor of York, and Rochester fled the country.

Colonel John Penruddock along with Sir Joseph Wagstaffe organised and led the Royalist uprising in the West. During the night of the 11th of March, 200 to 300 insurgents assembled in Clarendon Park, East of Salisbury. Penruddock and Wagstaffe led their troops into town before dawn the next morning. They released from gaol any prisoner prepared to join them. The High Sheriff of Wiltshire, together with the judges who were conducting the assizes, were arrested in their beds. After proclaiming Charles II, Penruddock rode out of Salisbury that same morning taking the Sheriff as hostage. The rebel force progressed westwards through Blandford, Sherborne and Yeovil calling upon the Royalists of Dorset & Somerset to join them. Very few responded. When they reached the town of South Molton in Devon, a troop of horse from Exeter under Colonel Unton Croke caught up with them. The insurgents broke up and fled. Wagstaffe escaped, but Penruddock and the other ringleaders were taken prisoner. They were subsequently tried for treason at Exeter. Twelve were executed including Penruddock and many others transported to Barbados as indentured slaves. Although the Uprisings proved ineffective, they had a profound effect on security measures within the Protectorate. It would be five more years before Colonel Monck would march from Scotland to secure the return and restoration of Charles II.

On the 22nd May, Paul Booy, a Local Historian and a Probus Club member, gave an expose of Anthony Blunt (1907-1983), entitled Privilege and Treason.

Anthony Blunt was a 3rd cousin to Elizabeth, the Queen Mother and a distant cousin of Oswald Mosely. His father was a clergyman and vicar of Holy Trinity at Bournemouth. His primary education was in Paris. He was bright, but over-confident of his ability. However he excelled in languages. He attended Marlborough College, not a traditional public school, but founded in the 19th century for the education of sons of the clergy, but included also the sons of gentlemen. He was not happy at Marlborough and complained of bullying, poor food and having to take cold showers. He moved on to Cambridge (1932-1937) with a scholarship to Trinity College. Existing in the University at the time was an intellectual discussion group called The Apostles and three undergraduate members were later identified as part of the Cambridge 5 Spy Ring. They were :- Anthony Blunt, Guy Burgess and John Cairncross. Kim Philby also studied at Trinity Hall College. Upon his graduation, Maurice Dobb, a Fellow of King's College introduced him to a Communist Relief organisation in Paris which took him to Vienna to aid refugees from Nazi-Germany. Donald Maclean was the 5th member of the spy group, who, along with Philby, was recruited by Arnold Deutch, an Austrian academic in Vienna, and encouraged to apply for the Diplomatic Service. As first secretary and the Head of Chancery at the British embassy in Washington DC, Maclean was privy to highly classified

information on Atomic Weapons progress. All of the young men shared a fashionable disdain for capitalist democracy and were convinced that the only answer to the rise of Fascism was to adopt Communism. They were all recruited, initially by Blunt, to supply information to the Interior Ministry of the Soviet Union, (NKVD – later the KGB). Documents, captured after the war, revealed that ‘Ultra’, coded information intercepted by Bletchley Park, had been passed to the Soviets. Each of the Cambridge spies attained important positions in the secret services of the Government, MI5, MI6 and the Foreign Office. In spite of, and in ignorance of the decimation of Poland, the massacre of its officers and other atrocities, Russia, at the start of World War 2, was seen as our ally. At the end of the war, the USSR had occupied Eastern Europe, created the Cold War and obliged the West to organize the Berlin Airlift. Russia was now, very much, the Enemy.

In 1951 Burgess and Maclean made international headlines by disappearing. Their defection was confirmed when they were shown at a press conference in Moscow. Philby, now came under suspicion and decided to resign his position at MI6. As a journalist in the Lebanon he was re-employed by MI6 to report from that region and protected for 12 more years. In 1963 he too took ship to Russia. In 1964, MI 5 received information from the American, Michael Straight, pointing to Blunt’s espionage; the two had known each other at Cambridge. Blunt was interrogated by MI5 and confessed, in exchange for immunity, by revealing all he knew. In 1979 he was stripped of his Knighthood. None of the Cambridge Five were ever prosecuted, it being necessary to avoid further embarrassment.

Following the Purton Probus meeting on 22nd May, four members and their wives joined with the Highworth Probus Club at Chiseldon House Hotel for their annual Lady’s Day lunch, which was concluded by an interesting history of Covent Garden – “Carrots, Courtesans and Culture” by Martin Collisson, a member of the Royal Wootton Bassett Probus Club.

Purton Probus meets in the Red House lounge every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. Programme for July:- Tues. 10th, Auctioneering. Tues. 24th, Joseph Priestly.

Bob Stevens

Prospect Hospice

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Flawless Hair and Beauty (Cricklade Road, Swindon, SN2 8AA), have organised a pamper day in aid of Prospect Hospice.

On Saturday 14th July, between 9am and 3pm, the salon are providing blow dries and hand massages in an exchange for a minimum suggested donation of £5 to the Hospice. If you would like to be pampered for Prospect please book your spot with Sophie at the salon on 01793 520187

Prospect Hospice Full Length & Fabulous Ball 2018

2018 will be the fifth biennial Ball for the Hospice, they are held every other year to ensure it remains a sell-out grand occasion. In tradition with previous years, it is at the end of September this year falling on Saturday 29th September.

One of our patrons the talented Jonathon Wilkes is our host for this special evening and will entertain you throughout the evening with his amazing band. The venue is the Great Western Hall at the Steam Museum, where you can expect a champagne reception on arrival, a sumptuous three-course dinner, and excellent raffle prizes along with our charity auction for you to bid on some fantastic lots.

Tables of 10 are £750, giving you amazing value for such an exclusive event. To secure your table please contact Sheryl on: sherylcrouch@prospect-hospice.net

A colourful September for all the family!

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Hollie Ricketts, Community Fundraiser

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