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From the Editors

What's in a name? Many will know that origin is said to come from Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet when she declares "that which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet." Put simply, a name is simply an arbitrary label that often is hoped to reflect some intrinsic qualities. There is an art in creating a brand name for a product or service often generated by advertising agencies, marketing teams and even branding agencies. Past brand names that have become generic names include Hoover, Biro, Kleenex and Thermos.

So what has all that to do with Purton? Well, in this month's magazine we have a few examples of some interesting local names that conjure up an unusual impression or image. For example, what springs to your mind when you learn on page 40 about a cow called Pinky? It's almost good enough to be the title of a new children's book. Although my experience of livestock is severely limited, I don't think that I've ever seen a pink cow – although I stand to be corrected. On second thoughts, it is rather a sweet and small sounding name for such a large animal and perhaps it is that that makes it seem rather incongruous and thereby, a bit of fun.

Then on page 21 we learn about some deviant Grannies discussing some of the names given to their grandchildren. Although maintaining strict confidentiality to protect the innocent in the article about either the recent parents or the names they had chosen, it is very clear to the reader that some of the new grandchildren's names certainly did not meet with any grandparental approval. Comments about lumbering a child for life, not least to reflect current political correctness considerations, caused much comic comment to the extent of buying, for the poor unfortunate child, a direct link to the Deed Poll facility for use in their later life.

We like to think that a few of our local intrinsic qualities are reflected in the name of our village and that Purton stands for a caring community. As usual, this edition of your magazine carries many examples of neighbourly kindnesses and thank you's from the recipients. Sadly, there is also a very rare mention of a neighbour being far less than kind or helpful. However, the rarity of such negativity in Purton only demonstrates the exception that confirms the rule.

3½ hour

tennis match needed by
Purton Ladies A team to
beat Marlborough – see
page 43

24%

Increase in the amount
of waste being collected
for recycling by Wiltshire
Council – see page 24

162

calves escaped after a
fence was deliberately
cut and a gate left open –
see page 9



Community Safety Roadshow

Purton Parish Council are holding their first Community Safety Roadshow on Saturday 24th July 2021 in Purton Village Hall from 9am to 12 noon. We are promoting the Purton Neighbourhood Watch scheme and will have various agencies attending, including a Fire Engine (bring the children), Police, Bobby Van, Purton Age Concern, to name a few. We will be providing refreshments and cupcakes for children attending (there may be a few extras for the adults!).



Councillors and Clerk will be on hand to answer questions and queries. Come along and meet your council, subscribe to our Neighbourhood Watch scheme and have a slice of cake (or a cupcake) and a coffee.

Council Meetings

All meetings of Council are advertised on our website and notice boards with agenda details. Meetings commence at 7pm in Purton Village Hall unless advertised differently and residents are welcomed. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, spaces to attend must be pre-booked via the office.

Monday 12th July 2021 Council Meeting

Monday 26th July 2021 Purton Village Hall and Institute Charity Meeting

Thank You St Mary's C Of E School



Well done to all the pupils at St Mary's who helped design our new litter/dog waste bin posters. They are now on all Wiltshire Council's bins throughout the community – 30 A4 posters. The children met Councillor Charlotte Young at one of the locations to receive a personal £10 gift card along with a £50 gift token to be used at the school on the school's "50 books" campaign. #purtoncares #shiningbrightly

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Very serious incident at Brockhurst Wood

A Message from the Landowner and Farmer.

A fence was deliberately cut and a gate left open into Brockhurst Wood, resulting in 162 calves getting out, travelling right through the wood to Hilldrop Farm, Greenhill. It took six staff four hours to get these young calves back due to distance and difficult ground conditions. The calves were frightened and exhausted, shortly after this incident, one otherwise healthy calf sadly died. Whilst getting the calves back, it was very disappointing to see a walker leaving a gate open into the wood.

This event and the actions of those who did this very serious incident have been reported to the police and any action that can be taken, will be. We are extremely lucky to be able to walk the fields and appreciate our beautiful countryside. However, it is vital that we follow the country code.

Please remember when walking in the countryside close gates, not to cut wire, never ride motorcycles in fields, and keep dogs under control.

Respect

- Please respect those living in, working in and enjoying the countryside. Be sure to be nice, say hello and share the space.
- Make sure you keep to the footpaths to help protect crops and wildlife.
- Leave gates and property as you find them.
- Slow down or stop for horses, walkers and farm animals and give them plenty of room.
- Don't block gateways, driveways or paths with your vehicle.
- If you're on your bike, give way to walkers and horse-riders on bridleways.
- Keep away from machinery and farm animals.
- If you're worried about something, try to alert the farmer.
- Although you might think you are being kind, feeding animals can cause them harm. Please do not feed livestock, horses or wild animals.

Protect

We all have a responsibility to protect the countryside now and for future generations.

Litter and leftover food not only spoil the beauty of the countryside but can be dangerous to wildlife and farm animals too. Please take your litter home.

Fires can be as devastating to wildlife and habitats as they are to people and property. Be careful with naked flames and cigarettes, making sure they're extinguished properly.

Everyone knows how unpleasant dog mess is, but did you know it can be very harmful to farm animals? Be a responsible dog owner – bag it, take it, bin it.

Keep your dog on a short lead around farm animals. The only time you should release your dog is if you're threatened or chased by cattle.

Take care with BBQs and do not light fires. Only use BBQs where signs state they are allowed, and always make sure they are put out and disposed of responsibly.

Enjoy

British farmers are proud to enhance the British countryside. We can all do our bit to enjoy the countryside responsibly.

Plan your adventure in plenty of time by referring to up-to-date maps or guidebooks (check online at <http://www.gov.uk/natural-england> for more information), and be aware of the weather forecast.

Make sure you give farm animals plenty of space as they can behave unpredictably.

Be safe – let a friend or family member know where you're planning to go.

Enjoy your visit – have fun and make memories!

Purton Red House update from Councillor Neil Hooper

Apologies, it has been a while and we'd hoped that by now we'd have had a date (our aim was always mid-June) but we have had a few challenges to overcome. Our stance was we'd open when 'legal and able' and there have been delays on varying fronts. The key issue is that we are still awaiting a date for a grant of premises license from the License Authority and until we have this, or even a date for this, we are in a state of limbo.

On a positive note, the final survey has been received this week (asbestos) and there are some small remedial works required as well as cellar works by the brewery to bring everything up to scratch; this is scheduled for the next few weeks.

James has settled in well and has been working on setting up policies, processes and procedures, cleaning and refurbishing. He's been aided by hours volunteered by council staff and councillors alike. His next task is to pick up with the relevant clubs when we have that opening date – as well as order some beer!

We will share prior to opening the results of the EPC and various other surveys. The necessary works have been attended to and a program is being put in place for the future. To answer a few questions that have been asked of myself and other members of the council:

Skittles and darts teams welcome? Yes, all welcome back for the forthcoming season and feel free to message James your contact details and he will pick up with you to arrange.

Is it free for the darts/skittles teams to use the oche and the alley? – Yes it is.

Will there be a 'red fest' style event? Time may be against us for this year. We will need to see what things look like when open.

Can we bring in dogs? Of course! Dogs are welcome with careful owners.

Why is there CCTV? CCTV is very much the norm now in shops and licensed premises. It is there for everyone's protection and safety.

Will there be bands? There will be bands and we will work with the other places in the village to ensure events do not clash.

Will there still be a Jukebox? Yes, there will be a jukebox with hopefully some albums from 2021!

Will there be Sky Sports? Yes, sky sports will be in place and we have installed additional screens and even some larger screens.

Will there be an event on Christmas Eve? Christmas plans are being discussed currently, so yes, and more details to follow.

Will there be new staff? We are in constant contact with the team and I'm told they are raring to get back behind the bar. However, we will need more staff and some new faces.

Fruit machines/gaming machines? No, we took the decision that as a facility aiming for a more family orientated feel and the costs of licenses, these were not required.

Will we still sell guest ales? Totally and James is rather passionate about working towards and attaining the cask marque accreditation.

Quiz night? Subject to the availability of the resident quizmasters(s), yes.

Can we have wakes? Yes, as always, the facility is available for this use at no charge, subject to notice & availability and full use of the bar facility.

Can we hire the function room? Yes, there will be a pricing structure made available when we are ready (all subject to notice and availability of staffing).

As soon as we have more information regarding dates we will update you, this should be towards the end of the month.

Two documents are now available on our website under the Charity Page; the Dilapidations Report and the EPC rating report.

Thanks, Neil

Cemetery Works

Thank you to the residents who have contacted us regarding the details below. We still do not have any contact for the spaces below. Please, if you are aware of the ownership, share this item so we can arrange repair before our deadline of 12th July whereby all the graves will be sunk into the ground for safety.

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Approved Planning Applications

- 21/01143/FUL 22 Hyde Lane, Purton, SN5 4DU Detached Garage with Studio over & Kitchen
- 21/01068/FUL Land off Bentham Lane, Purton Stoke, SN5 4HZ. Erection of an American Barn for mixed agricultural and equestrian use, manege, hard surfacing and access track, change of use of land from agriculture to mixed agricultural and equestrian use.
- PL/2021/03555 Manor Farm, 1 Church End, Purton. SN5 4EB. Reduction to 2 Silver Birch (T1 & T3) and fell 1 Silver Birch (T2) No Objection.
- PL/2021/03713 Manor Farm, 10 Stoke Common Lane. Purton Stoke. SN5 4JG. Proposed external alterations, rear extension, replacement porch, internal alterations.
- 21/01584/FUL Manor Farm, 10 Stoke Common Lane. Purton Stoke. SN5 4JG. Proposed external alterations, rear extension, replacement porch, internal alterations.

Refused Applications for information

- 21/02256/FUL Manor Hill Farm, Purton. SN5 4EG. Commercial use of existing land and buildings falling within Class E and B8 (Retrospective)

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Purton & District Age Concern

Where we are now

I hope that you all enjoyed Maureen's memories of the early years of Purton Age Concern last month in the magazine and, perhaps, can remember some of the events they were able to run in those days. Simple, uncomplicated fun that reflected the community spirit in those years which probably can't be matched these days.

Thanks to Maureen for her reminiscences and also for all the years both you and Arthur have given to Purton Age Concern. They have both decided to stand down after 40 years on the committee; what an effort they have put in for the community. We also have to say goodbye to Richard Parks who has decided to step down, we will miss his easy-going ways, and we will need a new sausage cooker now. Recently he told me that he had come full circle. He started as a shotgun on the minibus, went on to be a driver and then committee member and shotgun again, and now gets taken to local events in the minibus as a passenger! He certainly made full use of our service. These are the people that made us what we are today, so thanks again to them.

We have had people asking about our events, and especially the coffee morning at Bentham in July. Well I don't think July will work but perhaps we can do it in August, we will just have to wait and see what happens, so please look out for any advertising we put out in the next month or so.

NHS Digital

This is the website that collects information on all aspects of personal health problems, please read the PPG (Patient Participation Group) article in this magazine to see if you should opt in or opt out. Please read all information carefully as it has to be registered in September.

2022 Calendar

Where are the photographers in the village! I need you to get busy and take some photographs, time is marching on and I need as many photographs of local landmarks and views for our 2022 Calendar as I can get. These need to be high resolution and at least two megabytes in size. If you intend to send some later in the year please let me know, but we will have to produce the artwork by September, so please don't wait too long. Please send to me at peterberry@uwclub.net for inclusion.

Useful contacts

If you have a problem or need to speak to anyone about prescriptions, food shopping or any other topic then the contact numbers you should use, after you have talked

to your street warden, are Peter Berry from Age Concern on 778119, Heather Ponting-Bather from Purton Outreach on 772954 or Debbie Lawrence, Clerk of the Parish Council, on 771066. Remember that Purton is a very special village and there is always somebody that can help and will help.

If you need It!

Bobby Van - If you need the Bobby Van for replacement batteries or if the smoke alarms are not working properly then call them on 01380 861155. Please be aware that there might be restrictions in place at this time. If you are self-isolating and letting nobody enter your home then you will need to replace your smoke alarm yourself as they won't leave one on the doorway. If they are called to replace one, then they have to do it. Please be aware.

Phoenix - Each month we will mention Phoenix, previously known as Bradies, as they will continue to cover the Purton area. This is a free transport service on your bus pass. You need to ring 01249 890794 to book with them. Remember if we don't use it, we lose it!

Website - Visit our dedicated website www.purtonageconcern.com to find all the details you need about our contacts, events, news and links to other websites in the area. We also have a Facebook and Twitter accounts which can be found at Facebook: [purtonageconcern](https://www.facebook.com/purtonageconcern) and Twitter: [@Purton_AC](https://twitter.com/Purton_AC). Please visit our social media sites and let us know what you think.

We still have a couple of walkers, also crutches and walking sticks, so if you think you might need any of these at any time then ring me on 778119.

Peter Berry

Purton Age Concern Minibus

I am pleased to announce that we are resuming the monthly shopping trip to Cirencester, subject to Covid restrictions. Anyone wanting to join the shopping trip should have had both their jabs (unless there is a proper medical reason for not having them) and also wear a mask. Hand gel will be provided on entering the bus.

The next two trips to Cirencester will be on Friday June 25th and Friday July 30th, you can also be dropped off and picked up from Dobbies Garden Centre. Pick up around the village from 9.00am. We usually aim to return from Cirencester at about 12ish. The suggested donation for this trip is £4.

There may also be some extra shopping trips to new places over the next couple of months, if you would like to come then please phone me – an early call avoids disappointment.

Take care and stay safe, Hazel Woodbridge, Minibus Co-ordinator



Purchases

Thanks to all our donations we have now purchased the 24-hr ECG machine. We are now looking to buy a higher chair with arms for patients in each consulting room in both Purton and Green Gable Surgeries. We'll need a total of 13 chairs which will help so many patients.

Surgery entrance system

The surgery staff are aware that not all patients are happy with the current system, however, for safety's sake we need to still be careful so this is likely to continue for the moment.

200+ Club – a message from our Chair

So far the response for the 200+ club has been good but we still need more people to join, as the more people we have, the more prizes you can have, so if you haven't already signed up, application forms are available at both Purton & Green Gable surgeries. Please don't forget that although the £15 doesn't have to be handed in until 31 August you can send it now should you wish. I would also like to say a huge thank you to all the people who have signed up in Purton Stoke. Well done and thank you so very much for all your support.

Marietta Crockford, PPG Chair

More dates

Saturday 17 July - PPG Table at Purton Stoke Scarecrow fair

Saturday 14 August, 10am-2pm - Sale in Purton Surgery Car Park

NHS Digital data sharing

Doubtless you have heard about the Government's plans to share private medical records with NHS Digital. This issue is proving to be controversial and there is likely to be considerable public debate up to the deadline of 1 September – whilst under the original plan any patients wishing to opt out needed to do so by 23 June, this deadline has now been extended to 1 September. The PPG emphasises that every patient has the right to opt out of this planned data sharing process and it is suggested that patients look up the information on this and make a decision for themselves.

Patients deciding to OPT OUT need to complete a 'Type-1 opt out form' - type_1_opt-out_letter and send it to the surgery (check www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-57400902). A separate form is needed for each child or dependent. If you are willing to have your data shared under this scheme then you need to do nothing.

Donations for the PPG

Thank you very much to those who have donated to our PPG funds – if you would like to make a donation please make cheques payable to 'Purton Patient Participation

Group', with the cheque being taken into the surgery. Please label your envelope 'For the attention of Kai Howard'

As always, your support for our work to both inform and support patients is much appreciated. If you know of anyone who would like to be included in our email list (all sent bcc) then please ask them to contact via groupforpatients@gmail.com

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Services in the Renewed St Mary's Church for July 2021

We continue to look forward to welcoming the Church Family and the Community back into St Mary's Church in the months ahead. We still hope to have a grand re-opening service on Sunday 5th September at 10.30am with the Bishop of Bristol, when together we can thank God for His provision for our needs and mourn the grief and loss many have experienced in the past 18 months.

However, whilst Covid Restrictions remain we will aim to do the following for July 2021 - but if the Restrictions are not released as anticipated we may not be able to do as much in the St Mary's Building as we hoped. Also it is proving to be more of a challenge than we initially imagined to manage the technology so that we can have a service on Zoom and in the Building at the same time. We do want, if at all possible, to continue to cater for both parts of our congregation, and ideally to provide a quality act of worship for both.

- 4th July 8.00am Holy Communion in St Mary's Church
 10.30am Family Service on Zoom
- 11th July 10.30am United Service with Purton Methodist Church at St Mary's
 hopefully also on Zoom
- 18th July 8.00am Holy Communion in St Mary's Church
 10.30am New to Church Service on Zoom
- 25th July 10.30am Holy Communion in St Mary's Church hopefully also as "An
 Act of Celebration of Communion" on Zoom

We still want to remain Covid secure and so we will aim to have a clear 48 hours between services to reduce the need to have a deep clean between each service. We still hope to be able to have baptism services and midweek funeral services, though with some restrictions on numbers. Hopefully in the weeks ahead restrictions may ease and we may be able to put on more services, and perhaps to open the Church for private prayer. Please bear with us in this time of change as we seek to provide events and services both to help people to get to know Christ better and to make Christ known to our community. Once again please plan to come and join us for a celebration to mark the official re-opening of St Mary's Church on 5th September. To book a place at any of the live services please phone the Church Warden - Sandra Horsnall on 01793 770157. For more information visit our website www.stmaryspurton.org.uk Facebook St. Mary's Church, Purton, Wiltshire or email vicarage@stmaryspurton.org.uk or phone 01793 770077.

Your Vicar & Friend, Ian Tweedie-Smith

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, The Sidings, Widham, Clardon, New Road, (and from Ridgeway Farm) Course Meadow and South View.*

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News from Wiltshire Council

The Public are reminded to keep following the rules following Government roadmap delay

The Prime Minister has confirmed there will be a delay in the country moving to Step 4 of the Government roadmap, meaning that the majority of the current restrictions will remain in place for the time being. The 19 July is the new target date for removing Coronavirus restrictions.

This means that the current limits on seeing friends and family will remain in place, so the rule of six or two households indoors is permitted, including for overnight stays. Restrictions on meeting outdoors will remain, with gatherings of over 30 people remaining illegal.

Businesses

Businesses that were permitted to operate in Step 3 can remain open, including indoor hospitality businesses such as pubs and restaurants; indoor entertainment venues such as cinemas; hotels and B&Bs; and adult indoor group sports and exercise classes. Businesses in hospitality, the tourism and leisure industry, close contact services, community centres and village halls must continue to have a system in place to request and record contact details of their customers, visitors and staff for the NHS Test and Trace system, to help break the chains of transmission of coronavirus.

Indoor hospitality must continue to have COVID-secure measures in place, and businesses can only cater for groups of six people or two households. Venues do not have to serve a substantial meal with alcoholic drinks; nor is there a curfew, but customers will have to order, eat and drink while seated.

Funerals and weddings

Funeral venues are allowed to decide how many mourners they can accommodate, adhering to social distancing rules, and up to 30 people are allowed to attend wakes. The number of people who can attend weddings in a COVID-Secure venue will be determined by how many people a venue can safely accommodate with social distancing measures in place, including guests of all ages and anyone working at the event. Each attendee must also wear a face covering. Table service should be in place to serve guests and there are restrictions on dancing and singing.

Care homes

From 21 June all care home residents are able to nominate an essential care giver. These essential care givers will be able to visit the care home resident, even if the resident is isolating.

In most cases, residents who go on a visit out of a care home will no longer need to isolate for 14 days when they return. Residents returning from some higher risk

visits out of the care home, such as an overnight stay in hospital, will still be required to isolate. Decisions on risk will be made following a risk assessment by the care home for each visit out.

School residential visits

Also from 21 June, out-of-school settings can organise domestic residential visits for children of groups of up to 30 children. This replaces the current limit of six people or two households.

Book your two COVID-19 vaccines

The COVID-19 vaccine is the fastest and safest way to protect yourself and others from coronavirus.

The vaccine rollout continues to accelerate quickly and from Tuesday 15 June, if you're aged 23 and over (or turn 23 before 1 July 2021), you can book your COVID-19 vaccines online here: www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/. Those over the age of 40 should also have the opportunity to bring forward their second dose of the vaccine.

More information and guidance

It is expected that England will move to Step 4 on 19 July, though the data will be reviewed after two weeks in case the risks have reduced. The government will continue to monitor the data and the move to Step 4 will be confirmed one week in advance.

Local COVID-19 statistics

As expected, with the easing of restrictions, case numbers have increased recently in Wiltshire. Please continue with those same basic behaviours that have been in place for over a year. Keep washing hands regularly or sanitising them, wear a face mask where required, socially distance as much as possible, and if you have COVID symptoms, please book a test and self-isolate immediately. It's also important that you get vaccinated when it's offered to you, and ensure you get your second dose to get even more protection. Having windows open when meeting people indoors is another really simple but effective measure.

Thank you for recycling more

The amount of waste collected for recycling has increased by 24% since we introduced the new kerbside recycling service last year. We regularly monitor all of our collection rounds to assess performance and efficiency and, as a result of these assessments, we need to make a small number of further changes to some of the recycling rounds.

From 28 June, 12% of Wiltshire households will have their recycling containers emptied on a different collection round. All affected households will receive a letter advising of the upcoming changes, to be posted from 7 June. For most affected households, their day of collection will not change, but the time of day their recycling

is collected may do so. However, approximately 5,000 households will experience a change in their collection day. We are only sending letters to households where there is a change in collection round timing or collection day.

Please note: this only affects recycling collections – no other services are affected – and it only affects a limited number of residents in the county. If you do not receive a letter, there will be no changes to your recycling collections.

All Wiltshire Council leisure centres to be brought under council-management from October

We have confirmed more information on our plans to bring all of our leisure centres under our management, with the transition coming into effect from October.

In December 2020, Cabinet made the decision to bring council leisure centres back in-house, which supports our ambition to provide a consistent level of quality leisure services across the county, with the aim of supporting people to be as active as possible.

We currently operate 10 leisure centres across the south and east of the county, with 10 leisure centres in the north and west of the county that are managed on behalf of the council by Places Leisure. From October 2021, all leisure centres will be managed by Wiltshire Council. The leisure centres that will move from Places Leisure to Wiltshire Council management are:

- Bradford on Avon Swimming Pool
- Castle Place Leisure Centre, Trowbridge
- Lime Kiln Leisure Centre, Royal Wootton Bassett
- Leighton Recreation Centre, Westbury
- Melksham Blue Pool & Gym
- The Activity Zone, Malmesbury
- The Olympiad, Chippenham
- Trowbridge Sports Centre
- Warminster Sports Centre
- Westbury Swimming Pool

*Heather Ponting-Bather, Outreach Purton & Wiltshire Together Community Champion
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Views from Purton Walks - back by popular demand!

Pack of six notelets for the knockdown price of £6 are going to be available once again. The views are a compilation of a variety of Purton's buildings and views from some of the many footpaths that surround the village, painted by Paul Dempsey and Christine Gill. They will be available from Purton Farm Shop, and Val's hairdressers. All profits go to St Mary's Church Renewal Fund.



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Bradon Forest School

Bradon Forest on ITV West News

Cameras arrived in school on 20 May for filming for part of a larger piece about women in rugby to appear on ITV West local news the following week. Bath Rugby club are committed to the growth and sustainability of womens' and girls' rugby in the region.

Bradon Forest was part of the Try Engineering Programme initiative being run with Dyson and Bath Rugby aimed at encouraging girls to consider careers in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) industries as well as encouraging girls to play rugby. Ex Bradon Forest student, Lewis Palmer, and a colleague from Bath Rugby returned to the school again, this time running the initiative with a group of Year 10 girls. Mrs Evans, one of the Bradon Forest PE staff, was also interviewed by the ITV reporter.



Goodbye to Year 11

We said goodbye to our Year 11 class just before half term. This year group has coped admirably with all the challenges of the last two academic years and continued working hard towards their final assessments. The

whole year group and many of their teachers enjoyed a get together on the field before they left where there was a chance to sign shirts, receive awards and say their goodbyes. It was an emotional time for all of us.

Year 9 Mock Magistrates' Trial

Since November a team of Year 9 students have been preparing for the Magistrates' Court Mock Trial Competition run by the education charity, Young Citizens. This charity works with primary and secondary schools to help educate, inspire and motivate the active citizens of tomorrow.

The Magistrates' Court Mock Trial Competition helps young people understand how the law touches every aspect of their lives, gaining an insight into how the criminal justice system works. Schools are given access to resources, including a specially



written criminal case, to help teams prepare legal arguments. After preparation, teams usually take part in a local heat and go head-to-head with other schools to prosecute and defend the case. This year the competition has been held virtually.

For most students it is their first experience of the law and is a fun and engaging experience that will stay with them for life. Students who take part are encouraged to think critically, build arguments and boost their confidence. The experience helps students develop a sound knowledge and understanding of the role of law and the justice system in our society.

Mr Koniarski, one of Bradon Forest's Most Able Coordinators, said, "I have been so proud of the students who have chosen to take part in the opportunity. They have worked so hard since November. I've really enjoyed seeing students gain confidence in public speaking and improve their oracy skills. We were very grateful to the Magistrate who listened to the case and gave up their own time to explain the legal background to the case to the students. Well done to Beaconsfield High School who were our challengers."



UN Cultural Diversity Day – 21st May 2021

We had a huge variety of activities taking place in school to celebrate UN Cultural Diversity Day both inside and outside lessons. Activities included learning about the cultural influences on British History, diversity quizzes in IT lessons, world influences in Art, diversity of plants in Science and learning about the ethical impact of sweatshops in Bangladesh to name just a few. At lunchtime we were entertained by the Samba band and students found out the cultural origins of sandwiches, pizza and fish and chips. Students were also able to browse the World Book stall where they could borrow books which highlighted important issues around the world.

Purton & District Gardeners' Guild

Following on from June's magazine report and a request for plants, I am delighted to take this opportunity, on behalf of the War Memorial volunteers, to thank all those who responded so swiftly. To date a variety of plants including Geraniums, Marigolds, Osmanthus, Lavatera and Scented stocks, have been received. What a lovely bunch you are.



The generous, anonymous donation of a replacement hose pipe will ensure that they will be well watered during the current heatwave we are experiencing and throughout the remaining summer months. Planting has begun and before long a colourful display is promised as befits the setting.

Keeping on the floral theme, a flower quiz follows, courtesy of Maureen Griffin. Just the thing to pass a relaxing half hour on a hot summer's afternoon. Enjoy and happy gardening! (Answers can be found on p33)

Floral quiz

1. Lonely in an onion patch
2. Falling from the sky
3. Not a dance all night
4. Greasy vessel
5. Mobile populations
6. Wed richly
7. You'd hardly go fishing with this
8. Break the beast
9. It's a colourful ring
10. Prickly wine
11. Dairy slide
12. She works hard
13. Long eared ringer
14. Sweetheart in the fog
15. Always remember
16. Girl from beneath the hills
17. Part of the eye

Margaret Goodall (Secretary 770906)

Ten Years Ago...

The editorial in Purton Magazine commented on a strange report from the Society for the Psychology of Women (of San Francisco, where else?) claiming that men opening doors for women were practising “benevolent sexism” and this indicated male dominance. As a greying male, I do not consider a woman who opens a door for me (they do!) as sexist or dominant, so what is the problem? Of course, the Society by its very name indicates that it is sexist.

However, Purton had far more important things to think about. The Maskelyne Bicentenary celebrations were well under way. One highlight was the Explorer Dome, a mini-planetarium so small that visitors had to crawl in through a tunnel and then sit on the floor. Suffice to say that the show was “riveting”. The next day there was a display of priceless moon rocks and meteorites. Guarded at all times, the organisers breathed a sigh of relief when everything was returned intact. In the evening there was an illustrated lecture by a curator of the National Maritime Museum. And there was still an exhibition of Maskelyne’s instruments to come.

Following in his footsteps, the children of St. Mary’s School launched a rocket. I suppose it must have gone into orbit as there was no report of its landing.

The WI was concerned about the banks’ threat to withdraw the use of cheques. Of course, the proposal was not proceeded with; ten years later it seems unnecessary as online banking has become the new normal. Meanwhile, After 8 was discussing books and how they had influenced members’ lives. They wondered how they would be appreciated in the future; I think we may now say: so far, so good.

Ps & Qs laid out an argument for the cessation of nuclear power. Ten years on we are still building new stations but at least we are seeing the gradual disappearance of coal power.

A party from Bradon Forest went to Tolon in Greece. I hope they were able to read Greek characters. I went in the Sixties and managed to miss the bus from Athens. I had learnt the script by the time I reached my destination many hours later.

Purton Magazine welcomes a new committee member

Following the recent and sudden death of our Magazine finance expert John Creasey, Purton Magazine Committee is being strengthened with the arrival of Neil Miles. A born and bred Purtonian, he has recently retired after a long career in accountancy services and his first contributions will be to support the Treasurer to tighten up the annual accounts processes and help with cash flow forecasting. His arrival is a very welcome addition to the team.





Lochs and Legends - Jacky Parker

On Thursday 27th May approximately 30 members and friends enjoyed a presentation, via Zoom, by Jacky Parker. We were taken on a wonderful journey through the Highlands of Scotland, starting at Innerleithen and concluding with Skye, Mull, Iona and the Small Isles. History and Legends were brought to life by Jacky through stories and magical poetry. Illustrations by Dawn Bannister showing the wonderful scenery and colours of the highlands were beautiful.

After visiting and researching the area on three separate occasions, Jacky and Dawn have produced a book which we hope to display at future PHS meetings. The following is an extract from the book review by Tony Ball, a retired newspaper editor, which summarises their talents and achievements so well:

‘This is not a traveller’s guide but a personal journey of appreciation that marries an artist’s eye with the creative nous of the wordsmith. It takes us through the glory of Scotland with a narrative that is informative, entertaining and descriptive.’

Summer Events

There are two events organised during the Summer months.

Friday 25th June 2021 at 7.00pm: Walk a Section of Purton Boundary with Joe Wright

Saturday 10th July 2021 at 2.00pm: A Visit to St Mary’s Church, Lydiard Park, with Paul Gardner

Paul is Chair of St Mary’s Lydiard Tregoze Conservation Project and has written the following detail:

‘By way of background, you may be aware that St Mary’s is one of the finest small churches in the country, further described as a rare example of an English Renaissance Church. There has been over eleven hundred years of continual Christian worship on this site up to and including the present day. St Mary’s has an amazing interior of treasures from all the centuries.

In October 2018 the National Lottery Heritage Fund awarded a major heritage grant to St Mary’s to restore the historic interiors. The main focus is the conservation of the extensive nationally important medieval wall paintings, identified by the Church of England as one of the 100 art works currently most in need of conservation in their 100 Church Treasures Appeal. The conservation work started in November 2018 continuing through 2019 and into 2020, with completion of the medieval wall paintings and interiors by the end of September 2020.

The tour will also include the opening of the St John Triptych (painted by William Larkin, Royal court portrait painter to James I.)’

The charge for the tour will be £4.00 per person which will be donated to the church funds.

If you are interested in joining the tour please contact Janet and Tony Neate for further details.

Autumn Programme

The following presentations have been arranged. It is hoped that we will be able to meet in the Village Hall but if this is not possible due to Covid-19 regulations, the talks will take place via Zoom.

Thursday 23rd September 2021 at 7.30pm: Half the wealth of England runs on the back of a sheep, Richard Martin, Cotswold Woollen Weavers

Thursday 28th October 2021 at 7.30pm: Coleshill during World War II, Liza Dibble

Thursday 25th November 2021 at 7.30pm: Bradon Boundaries, the early years, Joe Wright

The annual Christmas Social has been provisionally booked to take place on Friday 3rd December 2021 at 7.30 pm in the Silver Threads Hall. This will be confirmed, taking into account Covid-19 regulations, nearer the time.

Janet and Tony Neate, Tel: 01793 770117 email: tjneate57@gmail.com

Museum News

Purton Museum Curator

Purton Museum is housed on the first floor of the Workmen's Institute building which was given to the village by Mr James Sadler and opened by the Earl of Shaftesbury in 1880. The Museum usually opens twice a week, on Wednesday afternoons and Saturday mornings, from April until November.

The voluntary position of Curator has become vacant and the Purton Historical Society is seeking a person to fill the post which would suit someone who works part-time or who has retired.

The Curator plans and assembles exhibitions either of local interest or to commemorate national anniversaries, assisted by a small, enthusiastic committee. Applicants would need:

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Saturday Morning Opening: 10.00am - 12.30pm.

Opening will continue throughout the summer and is in accordance with relevant Government Covid-19 guidance. The last day to view the Purton Cricket Club bi-centenary exhibition, will be Saturday 26th June 2021. Thank you to Joe Gardner and family who arranged this extremely informative and very successful exhibition which so many visitors have viewed and enjoyed.

We welcome a completely new exhibition “Purton Farming and Butchers” from Saturday 3rd July to Saturday 30th October 2021.

Thank you to the Museum Committee for putting together an exhibition that will renew memories of times gone by in and around our wonderful village steeped in history. Can I encourage families with young children to visit and view farming tools that belong to a bygone age. It is also an opportunity to view our books, booklets and bulletin 44 which are on sale. Admission is free.

Visitors and new members are always welcome.

Marion Hobbs, Chairman, www.purtonmuseumandhistoricalsociety.com

Purton Library

We are now at a stage where we can start to look at reopening Purton Library. Wiltshire Council has been in the process of re-opening libraries for limited browsing across the county since 12 April when we were first allowed to open buildings to the public again after the last lockdown. This has been a gradual process and has involved a lot of work to get buildings and stock ready for customers whilst at the same time ensuring that social distancing and hygiene measures are in place to keep staff, volunteers and customers safe.

It is hoped that Purton Library will re-open in July with limited opening hours.

Joyce Waylen, Purton Library Volunteer Co-ordinator

Church Floodlighting

St Mary's Renewal work has now been completed.

We rejoice that our Church is ready to welcome everyone in again within current Covid-19 regulations, and we are delighted to say that people can book floodlighting if they wish.

Contact Libbie if you would like the Church floodlit and a tribute published in the magazine. At least one month's notice is needed if possible. The cost will be £20 per evening; and the lights are usually on from dusk to 11 p.m. Please contact Libbie for further details on 771018.



Purton Village Diary - July 2021

1	Th		National picnic month begins Plastic Free month begins
2	F		National barbecue week begins
3	Sa		International plastic bag-free day
4	Su	8.00am	Holy Communion at St Mary's Church
		10.30am	Family service on Zoom
7	W		World Chocolate Day
10	Sa	TBC	Purton FC Legends charity match at the Red House
		2.00pm	Purton Historical Society visit to St Mary's Church, Lydiard Park
			National Doughnut Week begins
11	Su	10.30am	United service at Purton Methodist Church or service in St Mary's - see website
			Festival of British Archaeology until 18th
12	M	7.00pm	Parish Council meeting at the village hall
			Love Parks Week begins
15	Th		St Swithun's Day
17	Sa	10.00am	until 2.00pm Purton Stoke Scarecrow Trail and Yard Sale
18	Su	8.00am	Holy Communion at St Mary's Church
		10.30am	New to Church service on Zoom
23	F		Summer Olympics start in Japan, postponed from 2020
24	Sa		24/7 Samaritans Awareness Day, The Big Listen 2021
25	Su	10.30am	Holy Communion at St Mary's Church, Act of Celebration of Communion on Zoom
26	M	7.00pm	Village hall and Institute charity meeting at the village hall
30	F		International Day of Friendship

To book a place at any of the live services please phone the Church Warden - Sandra Horsnall on 01793 770157. For more information visit our website www.stmaryspurton.org.uk Facebook St. Mary's Church, Purton, Wiltshire or email vicarage@stmaryspurton.org.uk or phone 01793 770077.

The rest of the July services will be on Zoom.

How to join in the online Services

To join the Zoom Meeting – please use this link

<https://zoom.us/j/549593510> (This will be the same link each week)

Meeting ID: 549 593 510 Passcode: 928294

You can use your mobile or landline

EITHER 0203 481 5237 United Kingdom OR 0203 481 5240 United Kingdom

Purton Village Diary - when life returns to normal

Then you will be prompted to enter the Meeting ID: 549 593 510 followed by # Passcode: 928294 followed by #. Please note that call charges may apply. Alternatively, click on the link on the church website: www.stmaryspurton.org.uk

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)
6.15pm Purton Youth Club for school years 4-7 at Purton Village Hall
- Th 12 noon Luncheon Club at Silver Threads Hall for over 60s
2.00pm to 3pm Age Concern Tai Chi at Millennium Hall (term time)
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 10.00am Story Time at Purton Library for pre-school children
- 2nd Wednesday (except Aug) 2.30pm Methodist Women's Fellowship at Purton Methodist Church
- 2nd & 4th Tuesday 10.00am Purton Probus meet in the Red House lounge
- 2nd & 4th Tuesday Purton Silver Threads meet at the Silver Threads Hall, suspended until further notice
- 3rd Monday St Mary's Fellowship of Women at Purton Methodist Church
- 3rd Tuesday Royal British Legion meet at the Red House
- 3rd Wednesday 2.15pm Rhyme Time at Purton Library for babies, toddlers and their carers
- 7.30pm Purton Evening WI meet at the Silver Threads Hall
- 4th Thursday (September to May) Purton Historical Society meet at 7.30pm in Purton Village Hall.

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

Answers to Floral quiz

1. Petunia 2. Snowdrop 3. Wallflower 4. Buttercup 5. Carnation 6. Marigold 7. Golden Rod 8. Snapdragon 9. Bluebell 10. Hollyhock 11. Cowslip 12. Busy Lizzie 13. Harebell 14. Love in the mist 15. Forget me not 16. Lily of the valley 17. Iris

Christian Aid Week 2021



It looks as if we may have hit **£6,000** for Christian Aid Week this year.

This is almost miraculous, considering the difficulties with covid restrictions. But our amazing Sandra and her walking achievement has brought in nigh on £1,000 for a start!! And the infamous Quiz seems to have raised over £700 this time. (If anyone would like the answers, let me know.) The winners this year were Patrick and Fionna Griffiths of Upper Pavenhill... They are awesome competitors! But they were closely challenged by three others with one quarter point off perfect answers! And the quiz sheets this year travelled as far as Scotland to France via the Isle of Wight, and from The Scillies to Essex!

Mary, our amazing Purtonian Christian Aid gardener, has now grown 75 plants to celebrate Christian Aid's 75th birthday. She has handed these over to the children in St Mary's School and we are hoping they survive and flower. We hope the children will appreciate how essential it is to water the plants daily if they are to grow and flourish; water is so crucially important for people and for all growing things... the Christian Aid message!

Thank you again, one and all, for sponsoring and supporting in so many different ways. We couldn't do it without your wonderful support and enthusiasm.

Thank you all: Libbie, Mary and the Christian Aid team: 771018

Purton Red House

We have recently held our final meeting of the 2021 Red House committee.

One of the last actions was to close the accounts and pass the funds over to the Trustees to aid the start of the new venture.

We wish to thank all of the members, sponsors, visitors, staff and volunteers of the Red House and it is with their support the following position was obtained.

A total of £35,559, made up of the following values have been assigned across to the Trust.

£12k from the 2021 trading account.

£8k from a redirected government grant.

£3,679 made up from stock and credit notes

£11,880 as a valuation of fixtures and fittings.

Once again thanks to all involved, we are all looking forward to the Red House opening again for business. Let's all get behind the new set up and support it as much as possible.

Red House 2021 Committee

After 8 Take 2 – June 8th 2021

Deviant Grannies

So, another six members of the After 8 group turned up at Pips at 2.00pm. It was a lovely sunny day. We could ALL have met outside. However, one never knows with our weather. We all signed in and sanitised and then attempted to put the world to rights.

The most hilarity was caused by our children's choice of names for their offspring. Goodness why should our grandchildren suffer such naming atrocities and be lumbered with political correctness? Give them some candy floss and a donkey ride we cried – not to mention a few understandable boundaries. Buy them a direct link to Deed Poll for later in life. No names listed to protect the innocent. My lips are sealed.

Marion Andrews

How lovely it was to meet up socially again, not just bumping into each other (obviously not literally) but to actually sit down indoors and chat... albeit a metre apart.

On June 1st a group of us (five) met up at Pips for a coffee and a cake. Not all the 'usual gang' but we all enjoyed it. It was a beautiful day outside but we were happy to sit indoors and chat.

We managed to catch up on each other's news and find out if any of us had holidays planned. 'Up North', Cornwall and Wales were on the agenda – one had even ventured as far as Southampton (for one day only) whilst most of us had remained nearer home.

We decided we will not need a planning meeting for the next programme as we have not used 2020's yet. We are optimistic and looking forward to the future.

A different group of six are planning to meet up next week

Avril Ainscough

Purton Stoke Yard Sale & Scarecrow Trail

Purton Stoke is delighted to be hosting a scarecrow trail and yard sale that we would all love to invite you to. Unwanted goods and beautiful home produce will be up for sale, as well as an exciting scarecrow trail.

Saturday 17th July 10am - 2pm.

All welcome. Parking available by the river and will be signposted. Map available to purchase on arrival. Anyone from the village or further afield is welcome.



Beth Farnham, Purton Museum Curator, 2015-2020

Purton Magazine plays a significant part in the life of our village. It has the power to inform the community and influence events.

A lady from Lydiard Millicent had an appointment with the High Street dentist in the autumn of 2015. She picked up a copy of the magazine and glancing through it an article caught her eye. It was an appeal for a new Museum Curator, to succeed Jan Walker, and the lady felt this might be just the opportunity her daughter was seeking.

The family had moved to Wiltshire from Grantham when Bethaney was four. She already had a younger brother and a sister was born here. All the children attended Lydiard Millicent Primary and Wootton Bassett schools. Beth went on to New College where music was her main interest. She played the classical guitar, and had a few of her own pupils, but she wasn't



sure which career path to take, though musical technology interested her. The New College choir performed abroad and Beth recalls inspiring visits to Bruges and Florence. However she became fascinated by textiles and decided to do a foundation course in art which covered photography, pottery, printing and life drawing.

Beth left Swindon to continue her studies at Plymouth University where she had her own website. She thoroughly enjoyed her three years there and was awarded a BA degree in Fine Art. Returning home, while waiting to apply for a suitable job, she worked part-time at the Sun Inn, gaining valuable experience with social skills and the retail trade to a management level.

When a chance to volunteer for a day each week in Swindon Museum and Art Gallery presented itself, Beth seized the moment as she had always been passionate about the arts, museum studies and heritage. She helped to prepare two exhibitions and acquired several key skills in documentation, object handling, conservation and cataloguing. This experience made her an ideal candidate for the post of Purton Museum Curator.

At group meetings of representatives from historical societies in the north of Wiltshire I took pleasure in pointing out that Purton had the youngest Museum Curator in the county, if not the country. This statement was never challenged! I admired her optimism, cheerfulness and technical expertise. She was very encouraging to other PHS members, most of whom were two or even three times her age, and we were all impressed by Beth's excellent display skills.

She worked closely with my late husband John, the archivist, and Lucy Lewis and

between them all the backlog of accessioning was completed. One aspect of her role was training volunteers and now Lucy feels confident enough to take over as the village archivist which is a tribute to her mentor's patient instruction in showing her how to use the MODES database.

Curators will be remembered for the exhibitions they organised and Beth had some notable successes. In 2016 the beautiful ceramic poppies, created for the WWI commemoration entitled "Purton Remembers", led by Bob Lloyd, formed part of her first display and Beth liaised with the county so that a touring exhibit "Life in Wiltshire during WWI" came to Purton. The following year the main attraction was the Golden Chapter, splendidly restored by the conservators in Chippenham. "The History of Purton in 50 Objects" also generated much interest.

2018 proved to be an important year for Beth. Encouraged by Heather Perry, the Conservation and Museum Manager for Wiltshire Council, she had updated all the museum policies and plans while preparing the application for the Arts Council England Accreditation Renewal in 2017. The award is given to a museum which proves it is continuing to achieve high standards generally, thus attracting support, grants and interest from various authorities. Congratulations were extended to Beth for her considerable achievement when it was announced that the application had been approved.

On 6th October Purton Museum hosted a grand opening for the last of a series of events to commemorate WWI, in cooperation with other museums in the county. Sponsored by the Heritage Lottery Fund "The Armistice" attracted thirty people that morning, including James Gray MP, Jacqui Lay, Wiltshire Councillor, and several members of the Purton Parish Council! This popular exhibition of artefacts and documents was visited by many people, including some groups from local schools.

"Signs of the Times" explaining the origin of some of our street names and WWI memorabilia from the family of Joe Ricketts Senior featured in 2019. Another major event to celebrate the bicentenary of Purton Cricket Club in 2020 was postponed by the pandemic. Joe Gardner has a wonderful collection of items tracing the history of the Club. His display was seen by limited numbers in the autumn but fortunately remained in place until the end of June this year.

Beth's influence can be detected in all that has happened since she became Curator. Sadly, by the beginning of 2021 she knew she would have to retire. After five fruitful years and a move to North Swindon, taking on more responsibility, in an international marketing role, involving contact with eighteen countries, including the United States of America and Canada, her work had become more demanding and the hours longer. She misses being part of the local community but Beth is now in her early thirties, has a teacher boyfriend and is planning to buy a property. We wish her well and hope her dreams come to fruition!

The Purton Historical Society is much indebted to Beth for the years she has spent as Purton's Museum Curator. She has inspired the team caring for the collection

and introduced systems using modern technology to record the items in our care. A complete list is available for members of the public to access information when they are researching their family histories or past village events. Beth's infectious enthusiasm has given us a renewed pride in our village Museum so we are determined to build on her good work under the leadership of the next Curator.

Jean Belt, June 2021, Purton Historical Society

Beneath the Wool

This month on the farm has been a bit quieter than normal which has been nice as it's given us all a chance to have



some time at home before the busy time of silage and hay making. The grass has been growing very well after the rain and the warm weather, which is good for the many mouths that need feeding.

In the past month we have had a big birthday in our family, my Great Aunt turned 100 years old which we are all amazed about. She was lucky enough to be able to have a small party in her care home where six family members went. For her birthday I made a photo book of some of the photos I've taken on the farm for her to see. She can slightly remember the farm so I thought this would be nice for her to flick through whenever she wanted. I only got one book produced but everyone who saw it loved it and I even jokingly said if she didn't like it, I'd quite happily take it back. (The book never returned!)

All the lambs have been growing very well with some absolute monster lambs in there especially number 4 which we have called our Big 'un. We have had a few problems with blow fly tick this year as Sid the shearer is running behind, so we had all the sheep in to put the prevention spray on them and, while they were in, gave the lambs some worm drench.

There was a slight mishap with a gate post last month where it just decided to rot off, so a job this month was to put two new metal posts in and thankfully we now have a properly working gate again. Unfortunately when we set up the pen to get the sheep in, one of the lambs managed to slip through the gate, I'm not quite sure how, but she was certainly on the wrong side and half-way through!

I managed to get up to College Farm with the topper as well and people using the footpath will now notice it has all been cut which looks a lot better and will help people walking up the steep hill. We are getting ready to cut some hay soon and hopefully it won't be long. In the next week or so we will be getting all the machinery ready. Sid is due in the next couple of weeks so for next month's article, there should be a write up about shearing.

Michael Woodward, Rogers Farm, Purton

Lockdown Limericks

The covid lockdowns that started last year were an ideal opportunity to challenge ourselves to complete a special task or branch out and try something new, often aided by some new resources on the internet.

Local author and BBC producer Anna Quarendon has always enjoyed dashing off a little limerick from time to time. During the lockdown she challenged herself to write one every day to record many of the everyday details of the pandemic that otherwise could so easily be lost. At the end of last year she produced a book with them all. Now she has generously given Purton Magazine permission to reproduce a selection each month from the same month last year. Here are some from July 2020 providing some interesting reminders.

Jobs Jobs Jobs 8 July 2020

The government's handing out billions
Protecting the prospects of millions
Supporting the cost
So jobs won't be lost
The total cost could run into squillions

Shear Disaster 18 July 2020

Business for some isn't booming
(unless you've an interest in zooming)
If you farm and keep sheep
For their wool, which won't keep
And won't sell, shear disaster is looming

Masked Messages 13 July 2020

Advice seems a bit up the creek
When clarity's what we all seek
So, while Boris asks
That we shop in our masks
"Good Manners" from Gove seems
quite weak

Test Case 19 July 2020

A month now since test, track and trace
Of Covid was put in place
But if it was working
We'd know where it's lurking
And then we'd be right on the case

Facing Facts 15 July 2020

You can have your nails buffed 'til they
shine
But the salons are drawing a line
When it comes to a facial
The problem is special
Tho' having your legs waxed is fine

Oldham Hold'em 31 July 2020

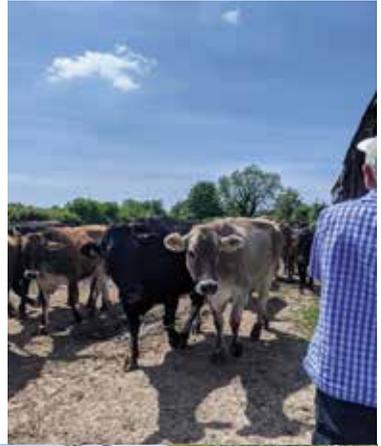
In the north they are heavy of heart
Being told they must now keep apart
The government's told 'em
In places like Oldham,
New cases are way of the chart

A selection of Anna's lockdown limericks from August 2020 will be included in next month's magazine but if you can't wait as long as that, a published collection is now available from the White Horse Bookshop in Marlborough at £8.99.

If any other reader has made a personal record of the lockdown, perhaps as a diary or through regular messages to friends and family, we would be delighted to include some examples next month. Information about other local lockdown achievements would also be gratefully received for future publication. Please contact the magazine (see page 4) if you would like any further details.

The other side of the gate

We started serving (impregnating) the cows on 5th June. Pinky was the first cow to get Kelvin's attention (he is our Artificial Inseminator – 'AI'). Pinky and Kelvin have a special relationship. She always comes to see him when he's here. She remembers him from her last farm where he also had a lot of contact with her. It's so sweet to see her gently stroll up to the gate to meet him. We hope that she will fall pregnant this time as she has already missed a breeding season despite quite a few attempts by Kelvin!



James the bull left us in March. He'd damaged a back leg ligament. We gave him a good few months off. He was still able to do his work but he had developed a limp and I could see the muscle had started to wither. I couldn't expect him to work another season.

Silage season got underway on 1st June. Brian Scott cut 3 of the fields at Restrop for me and Neil Webb baled it up. Only 80 bales. We'll wait a bit longer for the other fields as they were slightly behind in growth.

The new grass seed we planted the first week in April is still struggling to get to cutting height. Our land is so dry on the coral rag (coral rag is the limestone base under the topsoil on our farm. Made up of ancient seashells from the ocean floor and pushed up during the ice age) that it's struggling to get enough moisture. Luke emptied our dirty water pit onto it to give it a nutrient boost and some hydration. It's looking better but I'm still disappointed. We should have been cutting it in mid-May. It's nearly mid-June and it won't be ready for another month at this rate! Storms are forecast for later this week. I'm praying they come.

The BBC have been out a few times recently. We seem to be on their list of farmers willing to talk! Farming Today on Radio 4 did quite a long piece on Covid and how it has affected us and then Points West came and talked about the weather. Specifically how the spring had affected grass growth. Always fun to see them and always astonished how they edit it back to be 2% of the length of the interview.

New pigs arrived this month. They're struggling in this heat along with the cows! Cows don't like anything over 25°C. They can't sweat like us. They get rid of their heat by breathing rapidly. We've noticed that some come back into the tunnels. There's a nice breeze and they're out of the direct sun. The hedges will take a few more years to get big enough to give as much protection as they need.

The spring calves are growing very well. You can see them in their gangs running around the fields. 'Follow my leader' is the game of choice at the moment and seeing them running, flat out, tails up is hilarious. Their mothers have given up chasing them around now and allow them to run wherever they chose.

Jonathan Cook

Mini crossword

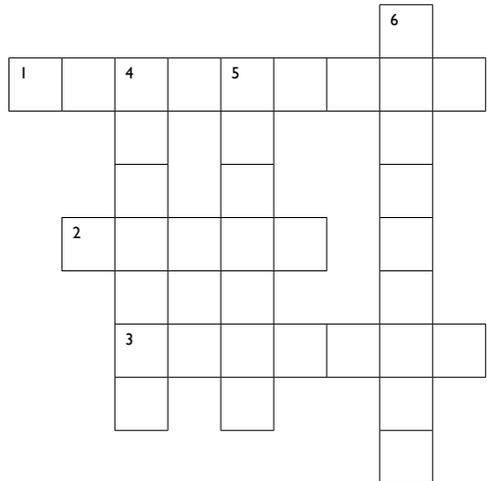
Here is the ninth in our little series of mini crosswords that are only designed to be a bit of fun during these days of lockdown. Again there are no prizes but the answers to June's puzzle are 1) plumbing 2) roaring 3) umbrella 4) powerful 5) motor 6) single

1. (across) Indian restaurant (9)
2. (across) going fast (5)
3. (across) bad mistake (7)
4. (down) residential care (7)
5. (down) church changes (7)
6. (down) mechanical (9)

Answers in the August issue and if any reader would like to create their own mini crossword we would be delighted to include it in a future issue of your magazine. Just to keep things consistent for the moment there should only be three words across and three down each with a maximum of 9 letters.

As before we have taken many of the words from recent Purton Magazines and especially from the advertisements but, of course, dictionaries provide many more options. We aim for the clues to have a spread of difficulty to attract readers initially with the easier clues.

Shapes of empty boxes within an 11 x 11 box square, perhaps as a table in Word or in Excel software – or simply hand drawn and we will do the rest – contact details are on page 4 and on our website www.purtonmagazine.co.uk



Purton Football Club



I have always felt that since taking over the reins of the football from Alan Eastwood it has been my responsibility to enable the club has remained financial stability to the point I have seen grown men cover behind chairs and tables in the Red House and even hide in the toilets when they see me come in and think I want money for pontoon/£1 a point and other various fundraising we carry out.

We know and can budget for our outgoings such as rent/match officials/kit wash etc throughout the season so imagine my disappointment to discover that a local resident whose house is alongside the pitch and built long after the football pitch was in situ decided to take a court judgement out for £275 against the football club for alleged damage to 6 roof tiles/guttering and a plant container. This was initially to be contested but the counter claim cost was £255 plus the recommendation from Northampton County Court (Yes that is right Northampton) that we seek legal advice and maybe attend a hearing in Northampton.

With this in mind we decided to cut our losses with the promise of the return of the footballs (described as heavy duty footballs in an e-mail communication from the resident) and on confirming this to the resident, we were informed that it is now £402.40 to cover his costs plus interest as this alleged damage occurred over a 2 year period when bear in mind we had storms Clara/Dennis and Jorge during January and February of 2020.

With the time ticking if we followed the legal line and lost we could be talking a four figure sum and the club would be in serious financial trouble with our fundraising very much curtailed by the Covid 19 pandemic so we paid up and guess how many footballs we have got back? None.

It is a shame that this happened and in my years in the football club never had a claim from residents and in actual fact residents like Brian Gibb and Colin Giles to name a couple have been very supportive of the club in returning balls and financial support to help the club.

Ah! Well that's got that off my chest and I just thought I should make our supporters who put their hands in their pockets aware... No more hiding please and I will still need their money come the 2021/2022 season, and for that I am most grateful.

The Boys Are Back!

Well the old boys to be precise! On July 10th, following on from last year's success, they want to come back. Scott and Arron Crumbie are arranging things again and are going to raise money for a memorial bench for Pierce Bolger to be sited within the Village Centre.

I have spoken to Heather and we are going to print a programme with a little write up on each player, just so we can recognise some that may have changed in appearance. If you would like a programme, please order in advance as only a limited number

will be printed. I will deliver it to you with the cost being £3 and/or a donation or sponsorship would be most welcome.

My contact details are: terry.crumbie@gmail.com or 01793 770597 with a postal address of 5 The Masons, Purton, SN5 4DJ. Any cheques to be made out to 'Purton Football Club' please. See you on the day and let's have a bit of a laugh at those players who really think they still got it!!

Terry Crumbie, Chairman and Treasurer of Purton FC

Purton Tennis Club

The last month has been a busy one at the tennis club. We've had the usual task of clearing the court of leaves, moss and debris – always a hard job, so thanks to all those who came along and helped in any way. We've also suffered a little bit of vandalism and littering around the club, which is sad to see but that hopefully is being addressed.



On a brighter side, tennis is literally in full swing. Our mixed, men's and ladies' teams have all been playing their league matches, and the ladies A in particular are doing well. They recently won a match at Marlborough that went on for well over 3.5 hours!

On the home courts the singles competition is taking place. We have over 20 people signed up to play singles and some of the matches are quite competitive, although the competition is really only for fun!

Also for fun is social tennis (usually doubles) on Sunday mornings and Tuesday evenings. These sessions are open to all members regardless of standard and are an opportunity to play with or against different players.

If you are thinking about taking up tennis or dusting off that old racquet, then please contact Michelle, our membership secretary, for more information: thehays16@gmail.com Alternatively, if you would like to book a court for play and play, then contact me at the address below.

Nicola continues to take the junior through their paces on a Saturday morning.

7-11 years 10am-11am.

11-16 years 11am-12 noon.

These sessions are free to attend for our junior members, and have proved very beneficial over the years. If you have a youngster interested in tennis please get in touch. Email: Nicolagardner444@btinternet.com

At the time of writing, the French Open is coming from Paris, and just around the corner, Wimbledon will be soon broadcasted from SW19. This year it will be a pared back competition, but it is a favourite with the professionals from around the world, so no doubt we will have some excellent tennis to watch from the comfort of our own homes! I, for one, will be looking forward to it.

Please take a look at our website or contact me in person if you have any queries, we are here to help.

Janet Saunders (secretary) janetcsaunders@gmail.com

Do you have friends or family who lived in the village but have moved away?

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**For further details without any obligation simply ring:
Chris or Justyn on 01793 814888**

08/21

Purton Cricket Club

With the season well under way and the bad weather of early May behind us the club has, at last, been able to get on with some cricket.

If you have walked to the ground, you may have seen two new notice boards, one near the driveway to the ground and the other near the nets. We have posted our upcoming fixtures on them along with the timetable of our regular training sessions. We now cater for all ages, starting at just 5 years of age. With six junior teams up to 19 years old and four senior teams, not to mention Lydiard and Stratton who also use the ground, you can imagine that there is a lot going on. Please feel free to wander up as you'll usually find a match or two on a Saturday and Sunday, all the way though till September.

What is clear is that the club has a pretty busy schedule ahead of us with the ground being used most days. As a result, it is important that you keep your dogs on a lead when walking. Unfortunately, we are regularly clearing dog mess from around the ground, presumably left as the dog's owner walks on ahead without noticing.

With so many new players and the easing of some of the rules we have been anxious to create a family and community spirit at the club. You may have been lucky enough to witness or even take part in our first ever junior six-a-side tournament on May bank holiday. And what a success it was with over 50 participants throughout the day. It was fantastic to see the club cohesion and enjoyment from both parents and children alike.

As the season continues, we hope to run more events. So, if you are around on a Friday night, pop over to witness our young players learning the game through All Stars and Dynamos, all the way through to our academy programme. While you are there you will find a pop-up café where you can have a cup of tea and a cake, amongst other delights. You may also find the occasional BBQ running. We sincerely look forward to seeing you and can guarantee a warm welcome whether you are a member or not.

From the Archives - Sale of The Earl Of Shaftesbury's Estate 1893

Included in the sale was Lot 33 which included a "recreation ground" aka Purton Cricket Field. The Lot was purchased by the Raj of Sarawak by whose kindness the cricket club was allowed to continue to use it.

Graham Wright



Purton CC Bicentenary

With the new cricket season now in full flow, Purton cricket club are at last able to celebrate their bicentenary, even if a year late as a result of Covid. Some readers may not be aware that a 106 page book was published more than a year ago, long before the pandemic disrupted all sports and so much else.

The book contains many of the details about how the club became very well known, especially in the very early years. The leading all-round cricketer in the country in the 1820s, E H Budd (pictured right), moved out of London specifically to join the fledgling club in 1825. His reputation preceded him – he had scored the first ever century at Lords (105 in 1816) and was an effective bowler. More than that, he also kept wicket from time to time and claimed 4 stumpings in the 1819 Gentlemen Verses Players match at Lords.

His arrival would have added a huge amount of prestige to the young cricket club. By 1862 the club had 190 members including 5 MPs, 2 Viscounts, an Earl, more than 20 high ranking military men and 55 clergymen – there were many more in those days!

The story of the club has been written and published by club Life Member Francis Sheppard from the extensive historical records that have been so carefully maintained by the club. Copies are £10 each and can be obtained from the author, email: francis.sheppard@live.com or 01793 771018. Profits are going to the Ainslie Pavilion fund with further details included in the book.





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Appreciation of service

Thanks to Ian and Judith for their appreciation of service, but I must put the records straight by saying, I was admitted to the choir on Easter Sunday 1938, one of five boys admitted that day. The choir in those days consisted of males only, men and boys. Ladies and girls were added in the mid 1950's. Two elderly gents, I remember, were Mr Ernie Webber, father and grandfather of several shopkeepers in the village, and Mr Bobby Foster, a gents tailor also with a shop in the village. He was somewhat deaf, always coming in late with the sung "Amen" at the end of prayers, causing us boys to giggle, as you can imagine!

My days as a campanologist began with learning to ring when the ban was released after D-Day in 1944. As time progressed, I learned at Lydiard Millicent and Rodbourne Cheney as well. I was told, at the time, if I could ring at those three towers, I could ring almost anywhere. I am sure this proved to be right, because I have rung in quite a few different towers in my time. I think the last time I rang was at Llandudno, on holiday in 2016.

Frank Strange

Appreciated support

I would like to say such a big thank you to everyone who has sent cards, flowers and messages of condolence after John's death. Your love and support was palpable and such a comfort to me.

Thank you to the Reverend Judith Wells and the Reverend David Perkins for conducting a beautiful funeral service.

Jude Sullivan

Help continues, five years on

We would like to thank everyone for their amazing help and support to our Mum, Bernice Seviour. It's hard to believe that it's been five years since our Dad's death and given the last year it's great to know that she has so many people around her. Given my own health issues and with Elena in America we're thankful that she has such wonderful friends.

From Penni, Elena, Joey and her three Grandchildren

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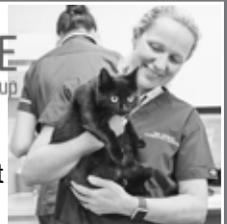


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A book I will always remember

“Having got their knees under the meeting table, they are soon able to turn their minds to a real murder that happens under their noses”

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

The Thursday Murder Club

by Richard Osman

Even though only published at the very end of 2020, I will long remember this book for a very personal reason which I will explain later.

The book is based in what we would describe as a retirement village somewhere in rather comfortable southern England where the many residents have their own, recently built home. Indeed it seems already quite a large facility even without the expansion development proposals and opportunities around which the story revolves. The existing facilities and benefits for the residents are really rather at the expensive, upper end with a swimming pool, fitness gym, at least one restaurant as well as several common rooms where the many clubs and societies meet. For example, the same groups normally gather on the same day of the week in the jigsaw room with regular gatherings for activities and interests that include bridge, art

history, conversational French and even Japanese opera – as well as the Thursday Murder Club.

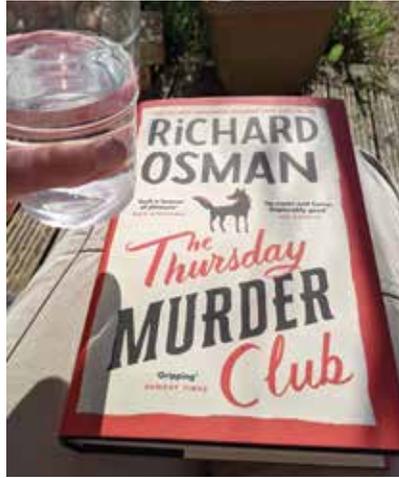
There are four regular members of the Thursday murder club with a wide variety of backgrounds and previous occupations – and not always completely above board. However, rather handily the skills and experiences do tend to complement those of the others. Each is written to be able to play to their different strengths and this is where the description of the leading lady rings many bells with one of my close relations.

The supposedly self-appointed leader – or at least chief motivator – of the Thursday Murder Club has conveniently widespread experiences from her career in international espionage although specifics are rarely mentioned. Where the real life similarities lie are in her ability – perhaps even need – to organise not only the club but particularly the steps to uncover their next murder,

the first of which is brought into the club as a previously unsolved murder from many years ago to keep them occupied at the start of the book.

Having got their knees under the meeting table, they are soon able to turn their minds to a real murder that happens under their noses, if

not on the immediate property. Rather than operating in isolation, the Murder Club befriend a couple of local police officers. The club leader is even able to 'arrange' for a recently arrived, but clearly under motivated police officer to change teams and bring her central London policing experience to support a rather relaxed country detective.



As the story unfolds, contacts and experiences from the varied pasts of the four main characters are brought into the investigation, which soon becomes plural. But it is the organisational skills and self-appointed leadership of the group that reminds me of a close relative who has assumed a similar

position in her retirement village, helped by being one of the first to take up residence in the new build development. Perhaps the only difference is that my relation did not work in overseas espionage, much as though she might have liked to have done.

Francis Sheppard

Purton Carnival

Purton Carnival is looking for information and support. With Covid, we have been unable to put on events, however, we also have only two of us on the committee so we are reduced in what events we can host.

With the easing of lockdown, we would like to put on some smaller events to entertain us all.

This is where we would like to hear from you! Can you please advise what you would like to do? And if there is a cause in the village which would benefit from the money raised? We will raise money towards something that will benefit the community. Please let us know what events and causes you want to support. If we do not know, we cannot organise.

Looking forward to hearing from you either through Facebook or email (Tru.Gough@gmail.com).

Tru Gough & Michael Greensmith

White Lodge residents benefit from horse therapy

Staff and residents at White Lodge care home in Braydon were delighted to receive a special visitor. Amy Vincent was delighted to introduce her horse, Louis, to residents. Louis stands at just over 15 hands and is such a gentle, intuitive horse. The residents thoroughly enjoyed giving Louis his favourite treats of carrots and custard creams!

Ramona Gherendi, General Manager at White Lodge commented: "It is absolutely wonderful to welcome visitors to the home again and this includes therapy animals and their owners who we thank so much for giving up their time to visit care homes. Everyone enjoyed Louis visiting, he is welcome back any time! Due to our rural location, many of our residents were once farmers or were horse riders so they were delighted to not only meet Louis, but also to reminisce about their own horses."



Animal therapy builds on pre-existing human-animal bonds. The benefits are both physical and emotional including; reducing blood pressure, producing endorphins and therefore a feeling of wellbeing along with increasing social interactions. White Lodge will also be welcoming back their Pets As Therapy (PAT) dog this month, Archie, a local PAT dog was a regular visitor prior to the lock downs and residents are very much looking forward to his return. Our varied life enrichment programme keeps residents active and provides a daily choice of engaging physical, mental and spiritual activities tailored to residents' interests and abilities.

We are welcoming new residents into our homes to ensure that we are there for those that need care and support. We're making our homes as safe as possible and will ensure that all new residents and staff are vaccinated before moving in or working in our homes. Please do give us a call on 01666 860381 if you are looking for care or need any further help. White Lodge Care Home is committed to delivering high-quality care across its care homes and hospitals. White Lodge provides nursing, residential and respite care.

For more information please contact Ramona Gherendi, General Manager at White Lodge Care Home on 01666 860381 or email ramona.gherendi@barchester.com

Walk of remembrance

May 31st, a Bank Holiday, was a beautiful day this year. But it had a special touch of sadness for a group of people in Purton and Cricklade. We were going on a walk, to remember Debbie Holloway, who lived in Cricklade and attended Bradon Forest three decades ago.



Debbie died of cancer last November, age 44. She lived up in Scarborough with her husband Adrian Luty and she was an Advanced Skills Drama teacher. During the last few weeks of her life Debbie, and Adrian, were cared for by St Catherine's Hospice. In gratitude, Adrian decided to do the Coast to Coast walk, from St Bees in Cumbria to Robin Hood's Bay in North Yorkshire. He planned to pick up three pebbles on the west coast beach at the start and carry them to the beach on the east coast. He was hoping for sponsorship for the hospice, as their fundraising has been severely affected by covid lockdowns.

Several of their friends around Purton and Cricklade saw his story on Facebook and decided they wanted to walk as well, but locally and in solidarity with Adrian. And so that is what happened on May 31st.

We met at the Cotswold Water Park and walked to Cricklade, talking about Debbie most of the way. We also thought about Adrian, who had already been on his challenge since May 18th. He had just completed the Coast to Coast and was walking to the Hospice for a cheering welcome, a total of 202 miles in all.

School friends of Debbie's as well as her Mother, sister and niece were on the walk to Cricklade, whereas Adrian was supported by one friend who was with him the whole way, plus several others who joined him for different parts of his journey.

Adrian set up a JustGiving page and, to date, has raised an amazing £4,946 for the Hospice... an incredible sum! If anyone else who knew Debbie would like to sponsor his achievement please check out www.justgiving.com/fundraising/c2cwalk4debbie.

As my daughter said... it was Debbie and her wonderful zest for life that brought so many people back together again, even after 30 years since leaving school!

Libbie Sheppard



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Things can only get better!

No, not a plug for New Labour, just a reference to the current COVID situation. It seems we keep getting excited about things opening up, only to be knocked back by another variant sweeping the country. Happily, at Cedars our residents are fully vaccinated and mostly unaware of the impact this uncertainty might have on our day-to-day plans.

We are desperate to bring in entertainment and outside interactive activities to our home. Sadly, it's still not possible; we've even had to ditch the idea of the ice cream van man visiting!

Our residents are also currently without a hairdresser! I remember the feeling of not being able to get to the hairdressers. It was awful watching my hair becoming ever greyer and more unruly. My husband even got me to cut his hair; first time in nearly 40 years! I'm sure many of you know that wonderful feeling of a professional cut and the colour being restored to one's flowing locks. Our residents were so lucky during lockdown to have the services of one of our carers, who was also a qualified hairdresser, but she isn't currently available. So, we are now on the hunt for a specific person to fill the void. See details at the end of the article.

Still at least the weather is now sunny and warm, and our home is slowly relaxing some restrictions so more family and friends are able to visit together. This is definitely making things better.

Can only get better now I found you and you and you

All staff were made stars recently, for their wonderful efforts during the worst times of Covid. I only work part-time coordinating the activities at Cedars, but most of the staff have worked long hours. They've stayed the course and are still going! Putting our residents first and sometimes missing out on family time to help out. They are a wonderful group of people, and the thanks and awards were a lovely recognition of that. Thank you to you, and you, and you!

Just to highlight how special staff are, our HOC Victoria is currently cycling 100 miles in June for Dementia UK to support our Admiral Nurses. Why not check out Cedars' Facebook page and, if you can, make a small donation. Every little helps! Thank you so much!

And talking of special people, a huge THANKYOU to everyone who donated prizes for our raffle on our Star Awards Day. Many thanks to those companies who also generously donated... Michael Hart and Son Butchers, Cricklade; One Stop, Purton; Nando's Orbital Shopping Centre and Asda Walmart Orbital Shopping Centre.

And things can only get better...

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Well, we haven't found you yet, but we are looking! Are you a hairdresser who would be able to share your expertise exclusively to Cedars residents? Maybe you're retired and want to keep your hand in? Please call Victoria on 01793 772036 or email V.Wallis@osjct.co.uk

Gardener wanted!

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Keith's original collection target was 100 shoe pairs. Thanks to the generosity of friends, family and the community of Royal Wootton Bassett and outlying villages, the appeal has taken in excess of 600 pairs of assorted ladies, men's and children's footwear. All were sorted, cleaned as necessary, paired up, packed and delivered to the Shoe Aid Charity in Nottingham. Shoe Aid will sort and sanitise the donated shoes and distribute them to the needy both in the UK and overseas.

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