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From the Editors

Purton Tennis Club's annual Junior Singles tournament, we learn on page 47, took place "on a gloriously sunny morning" at the beginning of September. On that same weekend Emma Raducanu was continuing her amazing progress in the US Open with a 6-0, 6-1 triumph in the third round. Her ultimate achievement of winning one of the four major tennis tournaments in the world as a qualifier and without losing a single set simply can never be surpassed.

Together with her wonderfully cheerful character and personality, is it any wonder that she captured the hearts of so many, especially in the UK. Ever since there have been regular reports nationally that, because she has inspired so many youngsters to take up the game, there is now a shortage of available courts. Just six days after claiming the title and having returned back to Bromley, it was announced on the radio that even she could not find a court to book – how wonderfully British is that?

Although not quite of world beating importance, we learn on page 50 that Purton cricket club won their celebratory match against the MCC in front of a sizeable crowd that included several retired club members who had travelled many miles. The cricket club had arranged for a grand marquee and a bouncy castle and generally laid on a memorable day for all concerned.

As is so often the case with sport, not every story is of shining successes and the news from Purton football club on page 46 is of a slightly less successful start to the new season although, as the article reminds readers, "the only way is up."

On that same first weekend in September, St. Mary's church staged its big Open Day when villagers were invited in to see what the Renewal project had achieved. On the Saturday many groups were displaying their wide variety of skills and achievements with some photographs on page 16.

The Bishop of Bristol, Bishop Viv helped to officiate during the Renewal Service the day after and informed the congregation that, for the first time ever, she had not received a single letter of complaint about any of the changes at St. Mary's – quite an achievement for the project team. One visitor was so impressed with the new toilets that she proclaimed it had been "really worth going!"

62	100	176+
Cream Teas made on 'Cream Tea Sunday' by Purton & District Age Concern – see page 12	Bales of hay 'missing' from last month's sheep farming update – see page 38	Visitors through the doors at St Mary's Church during their Open Day – see page 16



Annual Parish Walk

This year's Annual Parish Walk, arranged by volunteers from the Footpath Team, takes place on Sunday 3rd October. Please meet at the layby by the vet's at 1:50 p.m. to leave at 2 o'clock. The walk is just over four miles and includes one stile; the route takes in St Mary's Church, Ringsbury Camp, Francombes Hill and Locks Lane.

Council Meetings

Commencing at 7pm in Purton Village Hall.

All meetings are open to the public, however restricted due to COVID, please call the office to book your space if you wish to attend.

Monday 11th October Council meeting

Monday 18th October Recreation Meeting followed by Burials Meeting

Monday 25th October Purton Institute and Village Hall meeting

Youth Club

Purton Youth Club restarted on Wednesday 15th September at Purton Village Hall, for ages seven and upwards. Please contact the Rise Trust for more information on 07715 681950 or by email: danielleb@therisetrust.org

Supported and funded by Purton Parish Council.

Councillor Vacancies

We currently have four Councillor vacancies to suit a community focused person who is willing to dedicate time and resources to the role. Application details are available on our website or call or email the Clerk for more information on the interview process and posts.

Councillor Resignation – The Parish Council would like to thank Charlotte Young for her time, dedication and passion shown during her time as Parish Councillor. We wish Charlotte the very best in her new endeavours.

Planning Applications

Planning applications received are discussed by the Council on the second Monday of each month. Purton Parish Council is a consultee only and the final decisions are made by the planning authority, which is Wiltshire Council. Details of applications are posted on our website should you wish to view them, or through the Wiltshire Council portal link, which is also on our site. Applications to be considered at our meetings will be posted on our agenda, which can be found on our notice boards and website.

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- 20/11201/FUL 13 Greenhill RWB, SN4 8EH. Proposed new access and detached garage block.
- PL/2021/05281 Widham Grove, 25 Widham, Purton. SN5 4EW Change of use of outbuilding to ancillary annex. Listed Building Consent.
- PL/2021/03845 Widham Grove, 25 Widham, Purton. SN5 4EW Change of use of outbuilding to ancillary annexe.
- PL/2021/03583 11 Mustang Way, Swindon, SN5 5BP. Proposed rear extension.
- PL/2021/05492 Bentham House, Bentham Lane, Bentham, Purton. SN5 4HZ Retention of partition wall and laminate flooring in association with change of use. Listed Building Consent.
- PL/2021/04021 Bentham House, Bentham Lane, Bentham, Purton. SN5 4HZ Change of use from C3 domestic dwelling to Sui Generis Beauty Salon.
- PL/2021/06592 Trenchard, New Road, Purton, SN5 4HF Extension and alterations and erection of replacement garage.

Appeals

- 20/10523/OUT Land at Purton Road. SN5 4FR Outline application for a residential development of up to 79 dwellings and associated infrastructure with all matters reserved with the exception of access.

APP/Y3940/W/21/3275053

Withdrawn

- PL/2021/06384 12 High Street, Purton. SN5 4AA. Change of use from a Dental Practice back to a residential home. Withdrawn by Wiltshire Council.

Purton Red House

The Council, as Sole Trustee of the Purton War Memorial and Village Centre Charity, would like to thank the community for their return to the Purton Red House. No

membership is required, and the facilities are open to all and everyone is very welcome. Our first musical event was held in September followed by an event each month with a planned Christmas “all day” celebration for young and old... details will be advertised shortly. For more information contact James Poole by email to (james.poole@purtonparishcouncil.gov.uk), by ‘phone (01793 778347) or call the Council Office on 771066.

Hall Hire - The Millennium Hall and Village Hall are both available to hire with COVID-19 precautions in place. If you would like to hire a hall, please give us a ring or email lesley.miles@purtonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Full Council details can be found on our website www.purtonparishcouncil.gov.uk.

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We also have Facebook and Twitter accounts.

On our website you can sign up to receive regular updates which will keep you informed of matters happening in and around the village such as planning information, road closures, etc. Please have a look at the site – www.purtonparishcouncil.gov.uk – and sign up today.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2021

Please support the annual Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal which will take place from Saturday 30th October until 13th November.

There will not be a house-to-house collection, but poppies will be available in many local businesses as usual. If anyone is unable to get a poppy or a remembrance cross, please contact us and we will arrange delivery to you.

*Shirley and Michael Lawrence, Poppy Appeal Organisers
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Purton Methodist Church

Our new Superintendent/Minister recently spent a pleasant afternoon with our congregation at the church. Tea and cakes were served (of course!!) which enabled both the Rev. Shirlyn Toppin and ourselves to get to know each other informally.

Shirlyn joined the Upper Thames Methodist Circuit at the beginning of September and her first service with us was at our Harvest Festival.

Shirlyn originates from Trinidad and Tobago and has been in this country for many years.

She is a lovely, lively lady with lots of energy and enthusiasm, we are very much looking forward to her ministry.

Surgery update

There are some staff changes – Dr Lau left at the end of July and Dr Collins will be retiring at the end of November. New staff include Dr Au-Yeung, already working at the surgery, Dr Rodrigues, who will be starting in mid-September, and Dr Low, starting in mid-November.

Purchases

There will be new higher chairs with arms in each consulting room (including Cricklade) shortly; a total of 13 chairs. We thank Purton Parish Council for their donation towards these.

200+ Club

There is still time to join; the first of our monthly draws will be in October. Forms are available at the surgeries in both Purton and Cricklade. If you know of anyone who would like the forms emailed then please ask them to email groupforpatients@gmail.com

Table Trail – 25 September, 10am, Purton

If you read this in time, the PPG will be joining the Table Trail in Purton on Saturday 25 September from 10 a.m. You will find us outside 35 High Street (Sylvia Freemantle's home) where we will have a range of items for sale. Sylvia will also have her Bakewell Tarts and Lemon Drizzle Cake for sale.

Donations for the PPG

The surgery has been included in a legacy by a grateful patient. We would like to thank all 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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Sheila Fowler, Secretary, Purton PPG

Purton Library

Purton Library is now open every Tuesday from 2pm to 7pm. We hope to open more frequently if we can recruit more volunteers. We are not issuing fines if you have been unable to return books due to Covid; any overdue books can be brought in on a Tuesday or dropped through the letterbox on other days and we can renew expired memberships.

Jill Watts, Library Volunteer, 01793 770437

Cream Tea Sunday

Before you read this next piece I would like to thank all those who were involved in this event, and Georgina, our secretary, who also helped and supplied the report below:

Usually at this time of year we would be holding coffee mornings, jumble sales, bingo and many more events. As we are all too aware things are different at the moment but the committee wanted to hold a small fundraising event and provide a much deserved treat for the residents of Purton – Cream Tea Sunday was born!

With pre-orders coming in via email and phone, the committee planned and prepared 62 cream tea deliveries on Sunday 5th September.

Rodda's very generously donated cream and jam and Teapigs donated tea bags. Thank you!

Zita, Pearl, Charlotte and Laura baked delicious scones and biscuits with Liz and Andrew managing deliveries. Thank you to all for helping us with this event.

It was a very streamlined process and all orders were successfully delivered on the Sunday morning. We hope you thoroughly enjoyed your cream teas and as always thank you for your continued support. We raised £300.

Don't worry if you missed out! We will be running this event again which of course will be open to all residents, as a treat for yourself or a friend.

Christmas Cards

If there are any photographers who might have appropriate pictures for Christmas cards then please send them to me on peterberry@uwclub.net for us to sort through and select the best ones for inclusion.

Legacies

Purton and District Age Concern have benefitted from an amazing legacy from one of our residents in the village and we will make sure it is put to good use in the future. We are always amazed at the kindness of so many people that, fortunately for us, include us in their thoughts when it comes to sharing donations. I know that this latest legacy is one of many left by this person to various groups within the village.

Neighbourhood Watch

We attended a Neighbourhood Watch meeting run by the Parish Council at the Village Hall on Saturday 24th July, where we were allocated a table and had on show various leaflets and brochures about how to keep safe at home. The Parish Council and the Police were both represented with officers and councillors on hand to talk to people.

Unfortunately it was not very well attended by the villagers which was a shame, because it is something that we as a group have always championed. Talking to your

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Help Required

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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 your smoke alarms are not working properly then call them on 01225 256867. 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 account 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, Chairman

Prayer for Purton

This month the churches in Purton are praying for everyone who lives or works in: *Witfield Close, Glevum Close, The Common, Locks Lane, (and from Moulden View) Bretton Close and Bashkir Close*

Purton And District Age Concern Minibus



As the monthly shopping trip to Cirencester at the end of each month is always full, I have wondered if a second trip halfway through the month could also be successful. I have therefore provisionally marked in some additional dates for October 8th, November 12th and December 10th. The proviso is that we need to have at least 5 passengers preferably 6! The trip to Cirencester is subject to Covid restrictions, so 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 – we just want to keep everyone safe.

The first additional trip to Cirencester will be on Friday October 8th so please talk to your friends and neighbours so we can make this a viable run. By prior arrangement when booking, you can also be dropped off and picked up from Dobbies Garden Centre. Pick up around the village is from 9 a.m. We usually aim to return from Cirencester at about 12ish. The suggested donation for this trip is £4. We park fairly centrally just by the Police station with a short walk to either of the main streets. The open-air Market in the square also operates on a Friday.

Please don't forget the bus is available for surgery visits.

Hazel Woodbridge, Minibus Coordinator 770862

Pop up table top trail

If you read this before Saturday September 25... come and enjoy the Pop-Up Table Sale!

Each table holder has agreed to support the Church West Tower Fund and also raise money for their own projects, including one for the GP Surgery and one for Hearing Dogs. At the time of writing, there are now 24 tables around the village. Pips will be taking part too.

The list of participating tables will be available from 22nd September. They stretch from Cricklade Road to Upper Pavenhill, so please be prepared for a walk!

Items being sold include home-made wood turned items, candles, plants, furnishing and dress fabric, loads of stationery, gardening equipment, furniture, bric-a-brac, cakes etc for the Surgery funds, Hearing Dogs merchandise, ironmongery, baby clothes, power tools, toys, garden fruit, cakes and who knows what!

The sales will be from 10am to 12noon, but longer (or shorter) depending on weather and stamina!

Please do come and support... or take part with your own table.

Libbie: 771018

St Mary's Church News for September 2021

St. Mary's Open Day

As was announced last month, St. Mary's church flung wide their doors to welcome over 176 visitors to the open day and to welcome the Bishop of Bristol, Bishop Viv for the Renewal Celebration Service the following day.

Visitors were widely appreciative of all the changes that have been achieved from the careful use of the £750,000 budget. Those changes include a new dais at the front of the Nave and a new kitchen servery at the back. The 150 new upholstered chairs that have replaced most of the pews allow for much greater flexibility for using the building in many more different ways and already a reception has been held inside the church after a recent funeral.

The new and upgraded lighting shows off the wonderful trusses overhead and the rest of the redecorated medieval architecture. Replacing the 40-year-old single outside toilet are now three new toilets reached from within the church with wheelchair accessibility. Indeed, one visitor remarked that "the loos are so good it's really worth going!"

Many groups were actively displaying their skills and interests during the open day as can be seen in these photographs. Anyone passing outside might have wondered why the church bells were ringing at odd times on a Saturday afternoon but it was just current



*Above Bishop of Bristol
Vivienne Faull at St Mary's
Celebration Service*



*Above left: St Mary's Women's Fellowship display and right: St Mary's Music Group and
singers entertain visitors*

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bell ringers demonstrating their skills and some visitors having a go themselves. Plans are already in hand for another open day in the coming months to build on the success of this first open day.

After the Renewal Service with Bishop Viv on the following day, the church is now open again during the daytime and visitors are asked to follow Covid safety guidelines when inside St. Mary's. As usual, all are welcome to join one of the Sunday services (see the village diary in the centre pages of the magazine) with the 8.00 being the more traditional of the two regular services with the 10.30 suitable for all.



*Above: Libbie hosting the flower arranging demonstration and young visitors having a go.
Below: visitors try bellringing and handbell ringing, while Chris, Theresa and Tracey serve refreshments from the new servery.*



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Ten Years Ago...



The Purton Magazine of October 2011 marked the end of the Maskelyne Bicentenary celebrations, though the museum exhibition had not yet closed. So many activities had taken place over the summer, even face-painting with the solar system. To wrap up our coverage there was a long biography of Maskelyne and his family. And for those who wished for further information, the Victoria County History of the district had gone on sale, at a price!

Of more immediate interest was a contribution from Ps & Qs about drains. The borderline between private and public sewers had been unclear since previous legislation in 1936. The new regulations state that, as soon as one house's drain joins another, the onward piping is the responsibility of the water company. One way or another, though, we would all end up paying more!

Good news from the library – faced with closure due to Wiltshire Council cutbacks, 40 volunteers had come forward to help keep it running. Such was the response (the largest in the county) that opening hours were being extended.

The A-Z of Purton reached the letter P, so it is no surprise that it ran to three pages. Naturally, the actual name took pride of place, from its derivation (pear-tree orchard) to its medieval spellings (Puritone, Pertune, Pyrton etc.). The Parish Council earned an entry in its own right. Not as old as the village, it was created in 1894 and was in the process of gaining more powers through new Parliamentary legislation. And somehow the hanging of Robert Watkins at Watkins Corner in 1819 crept in.

For some months, the Editor had been including a Japanese form of poetry called Haiku and sent in by readers. One that caught my eye was:

Premier League brings
eight goals against Arsenal –
so hard not to gloat.

He didn't realise that haiku is not just a form of poetry, it is an eternal truth.

We Record ...

Wedding at St Mary's Church

27 August 2021

Jennifer Codd and Yeboah Mensah-Dika

Funeral at St Mary's Church

9 September 2021

David Vernon Douglas Haines 'Dave' (97)





Purton Artists

After a year's break due to COVID, the Purton Artists Society is returning this year to exhibit their new work in Purton village hall from 29 to 31 October, where there will be opportunities to purchase one off pieces from local artists. Many artists are inspired by the local area and there are new artists exhibiting as well as popular artists that have been with the society for many years. Hopefully something to suit all tastes.

Purton Artists Society is celebrating its 40th year, although the first exhibition was held in 1979 by Eddie Godrich, an art teacher at Bradon Forest School. He invited other artists to join him in future years and formed the society in 1981. Its aim is to encourage the appreciation of art and craft in the village of Purton and to exhibit annually the works of its members. When funds permit, Purton Artists Society makes a donation to good causes including Age Concern, Helping Hands, the Church Bells fund and Silver Threads.

The first official records date back to 1985 by which time the membership had grown to 15. In that year the exhibition took place in the Library museum where there were 550 visitors and 32 paintings sold. Membership is restricted to artists living or working in Purton. Today there are 35 members covering all mediums from painting, mixed media, photography, ceramics and textiles.

In 2014 the society was able to establish its own website thanks to generous funding from the executors for the estate of the late Leslie Holland. This was all made possible quite by chance when his granddaughter bought one of Leslie Holland's Brave New World posters. She noticed some small print on the poster saying that the company who printed it had not managed to identify the designer, even though Leslie's signature appears faintly on the poster. Her father, Matt Holland, contacted the company, Bookish Designs, who had printed the poster and made an agreement with them for the estate of Leslie Holland to receive royalties from sales of this design. It is from these royalties that the executors very generously gave Purton Artists some funding.

To find out more about the Purton Artists Society visit their website:
www.purtonartistsociety.co.uk.



Andy Le Poidevin Prints

The popularity of the cover of the April 2019 issue of Purton Magazine, showing all 12 of Andy Le Poidevin's original watercolour paintings, featured on the cover of Purton Magazine led to the production of the A4 and A3 prints and a set of postcards. An A4 card print is £2 and A3, £4. Postcards are £4 for a set of all twelve paintings, and these have received support from Andy's daughter Yvonne Parr, also an artist.

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RWB Arts Festival Entries Close September 30th

RWB Arts Festival is back and needs your help to make it bigger and better than ever.

The RWB Arts Festival is a competitive arts festival for both children and adults that takes place annually. The Festival covers music, speech, drama, musical theatre and dance. We are affiliated to the British and International Federation of Festivals (BIFF) which is the umbrella body for performing arts festivals throughout the UK and beyond.

This is a fantastic opportunity to have an your performance assessed by a proper adjudicator, and there are cups and medals aplenty to be won. The festival needs lots of entries to make it a success, so please read the syllabus and get your entries registered by September 30th!

Festival Dates

Speech and Drama Festival will be on 20th and 21st November

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Autumn Programme - Change of venue

We are pleased to announce that the venue will be:

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The following presentations have been arranged:

Thursday 28th October 2021 at 7.30pm Coleshill during World War II – Liza Dibble The story of the Auxiliary Units – A talk illustrated with slides

In September 1940, Operation Sealion, the invasion of the British Isles, was imminent. Preparations were underway to train a group of “stay-behinds”. Coleshill House became the General Headquarters. Come and discover this story and find out what remains at Coleshill.

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

In his talk, Joe takes us back in time to the origins of Bradon Forest. He'll take us through a series of perambulations documented in the 13th century which outlined the changes in the area the forest encompassed. Each of which he has walked himself, retracing the perambulation bounds on the ground. He will also use inferred evidence, even before documentation, to trace back to the earliest beginnings of the forest. Visitors welcome (fee £3).

Friday 3rd December 2021 - Christmas Social, 7.30pm in the Silver Threads Hall

We are very hopeful that it will be possible to hold the annual Christmas Social and the Silver Threads Hall has been booked for Friday 3rd December 2021 at 7.30pm. A buffet supper and musical entertainment are booked. If there is any change in Government Covid-19 regulations the decision will be reassessed. Tickets cost £15 each and will be available at monthly meetings.

The Wiltshire Life Celebratory Magazine about what Wiltshire folk were doing in 1946 has included a few of our artifacts. These include a letter dated April 1946 to Jack Gunter, Secretary of Purton Football Club, and a photograph of Purton and Braydon Women's Institute concert society in a sketch of Widecombe Fair.

*Janet and Tony Neate, Tel: 01793
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Purton Museum News

The Museum is open on Saturday mornings from 10.00am to 12.30pm. Opening will continue until Saturday 30th October 2021 and is in accordance with relevant Government Covid-19 guidance. Admission free.

Autumn season highlights:

There's just one month left to see our autumn exhibition on Purton Farms and Butchers. The Butchers display covers a collection of fascinating photos and artifacts spanning over a century, including: The delivery Boy's Bicycle from J A Harris; Poster recycling waste during the Second World War; First flushing toilet bowl in the village from the Wilkins Family, 89 High Street dated 1890.

Our visitors comment on how lovely it is to go down memory lane and express a wish to return another time. This exhibition finishes 30th October, when the Museum closes for the winter months.

Thank you to our volunteers who put together this excellent exhibition and have stewarded the museum when open.

You can also pick up the latest edition of the Bulletin at the museum for £3 a copy, purchase one of the society's publications or browse local information leaflets.

Purton Museum Committee has a vacancy for a voluntary curator. Please contact Marion Hobbs for full details.

Marion Hobbs, Chairman, Tel: 01793 770185, Email: roy.marion@btinternet.com
www.purtonmuseumandhistoricalsociety.com

Visitors and new members are always welcome.

Church Floodlighting

September 11 St Marys was floodlit to celebrate the Golden Wedding of **Chris and Judy Rouse**. Their wedding was announced in the Purton Parish magazine in 1971, so 50 years later the chain is complete.



October 7 St Mary's will be floodlit to celebrate what would have been the Diamond (60th) Wedding Anniversary for **John and Norma Charlesworth**. Our thoughts will be with John and his daughter Samantha.

We rejoice that our Church is welcoming people in again and we are delighted to say that, once again, floodlighting can be booked if anyone wishes.

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 11pm. Please contact Libbie for further details on 771018.

After 8

Meeting Tues 7 September 2021, well, at last an actual meeting with some After 8 friends.



Prior to lockdown we met in each other's houses, sat on comfy seats and partook of tea, coffee and biscuits. We had a programme for our monthly meetings, covering many and various topics, with the odd social event thrown in, during the year.

When lockdown restrictions eased, we met in small groups on a couple of occasions in Pips Café, socially distanced but keeping in contact with one another.

So, the above meeting was our first 'proper meeting' and it was held at Purton Methodist Church. The discussion point for the evening: Catching up with each other and planning the programme meetings for 2022.

We rejigged our programme for the remainder of 2021. The planning for next year went reasonably well; a mixture of indoor and outdoor topics and visits were discussed.

At our new venue, we were able to have comfortable seats and tea, coffee and biscuits were available as usual. Bringing your own mugs was the order of the day, therefore no washing up was created!

The October meeting is arranged and Eve will be in charge. Smiley faces all round after the meeting and chatter continued on the walk home.

Sandra Horsnall

Purton & District Gardeners' Guild

"I see the turning of a leaf dancing in the autumn sun, and brilliant shades of crimson glowing when the day is done." Hazelmarie "Mattie" Elliott



On an unexpectedly warm day in early September, we journeyed to visit our daughter up north and remarked on the scenery and the trees still in full green leaf. It made me realise that before long we would be marvelling at those same trees showcasing their autumn colours and as a consequence made me think about the factors that influence the autumn leaf palette.

Apparently there are three - leaf pigment, length of night and weather.

The timing of colour changes and the onset of falling leaves is primarily regulated by the calendar, and so as nights become longer and cooler, biochemical processes in the leaf begin to produce an autumn palette for our enjoyment.

A colour palette needs pigments, and there are three types that are involved in autumn colour.

Carotenoids

These produce yellow, orange and brown colours in such things as corn, carrots and daffodils, as well as buttercups and bananas.

Anthocyanin

This appears in the watery liquid of leaf cells and gives colour to such things as red apples, cherries, blueberries, strawberries and plums and finally

Chlorophyll

Probably the most well known, necessary for photosynthesis, the chemical reaction that enables plants to use sunlight to manufacture sugars for food. During the growing season, chlorophyll is continually being produced and broken down and so leaves appear green.

As night length increases in the autumn, chlorophyll production slows down and then stops and eventually all the chlorophyll is destroyed. The carotenoids and anthocyanin present in the leaf are then unmasked and display their colours.

Certain colours are characteristic of particular species.

Oaks - red, brown or russet, Dogwood – purplish red, Beech – light tan and Red Maple - brilliant scarlet, whilst the leaves of some species, such as elms, simply shrivel up and fall exhibiting just a drab brown.

The timing of the colour change also varies by species, with some becoming vividly colourful in late summer while all others are still vigorously green. Oaks put on their colours long after other species have already shed their leaves.

The difference in timing is believed to be genetically inherited as a particular species at the same latitude will show the same coloration in the cool temperatures of high





mountains as it does in warmer lowlands.

The amount and brilliance of the colours are related to weather conditions that occur before and during the time the chlorophyll in the leaves is dwindling, temperatures and moisture being the main influences.

A succession of warm, sunny days and cool, crisp, but not freezing nights, seem to bring about the most spectacular displays. During these days, lots of sugars are produced in the leaf but the cool nights and the gradual closing of the veins going into the leaf prevent these sugars from moving out. It's these conditions, loss of sugar and light, that spurs production of the brilliant anthocyanin pigments, which tint reds, purples and crimson. As carotenoids are always present in leaves, the yellow and gold colours are present from year to year.

Given the mixed bag of weather we've experienced during the summer, the intensity of this year's autumn palette remains to be seen. We can only hope we may be dazzled once again.

"Autumn burned brightly, a running flame through the mountains, a torch flung to the trees." Faith Baldwin

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St Marys Primary School



We welcomed the children back to school on Thursday 2nd September and they have all settled into their new classes well. This day also saw the Reception teachers carry out home visits to all of the new children. It was wonderful to be able to visit them and their families on their doorsteps and this led to them having the most settled start to school on Monday 6th September. The children came in enthusiastically and spent their first week exploring the school site, the gym equipment and the large, well resourced, outdoor area in the beautiful sunshine. Their independence and confidence is growing day by day. The children have tucked in well to the school dinners and have made lots of new friends whilst exploring all of the new toys available to them. The sandpit and water trays have been the most popular so far!

The children will continue to shine brightly in their play and learning within small classes and we will soon begin our weekly wellie walks in and around the village to broaden the children's experiences.

If you have a child due to start Reception in the near future, please find information of our Open Mornings available on our website – st-marys-purton.wilts.sch.uk – or by calling 01793 770239.

*Helen Fudge, Early Years
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| 3 | Su | 8.00am | Communion at St Mary's Church |
| | | 10.30am | United Harvest Thanksgiving service at St Mary's Church |
| | | 1.50pm | Annual Parish Walk starting from High Street layby |
| | | | Grandparents Day UK |
| | | | Virgin Money London Marathon takes place in London, the first mass participation London Marathon since 2019 |
| 4 | M | | World Space Week begins |
| 5 | Tu | | World Teachers Day |
| 7 | Th | | National Poetry Day |
| 8 | F | 9.00am | Purton Age Concern minibus trip to Cirencester |
| 10 | Su | 10.30am | Morning Worship at Purton Methodist Church |
| | | 4.00pm | Messy Church at St Mary's Church |
| 11 | M | 7.00pm | Parish Council meeting at the Village Hall |
| 17 | Su | 8.00am | Communion at St Mary's Church |
| | | 10.30am | Morning Worship at Purton Methodist Church |
| | | 10.30am | New to Church service at St Mary's |
| 18 | M | 7.00pm | Parish Council recreation and burials meeting at the Village Hall |
| 21 | Th | | World Singing Day |
| 24 | Su | 8.00am | Communion at St Mary's Church |
| | | 10.30am | Morning Worship at Purton Methodist Church |
| | | 10.30am | Sunday service at St Mary's Church |
| 25 | M | 7.00pm | Purton Institute and Village Hall meeting at the Village Hall |
| 28 | Th | 7.30pm | Purton Historical Society meet at Purton Methodist Church for a talk from Liza Dibble 'Coleshill during WWII' |
| 30 | Sa | | Poppies go on sale for the annual British Legion Poppy Appeal |
| | | | British Summertime ends and clocks go back an hour |
| 31 | Su | 10.30am | Morning Worship at Purton Methodist Church |
| | | 10.30am | Sunday service at St Mary's Church |
| | | | Halloween |



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Purton Village Diary

Every week

M	6.30pm	to 7.30pm Purton Village Voices choir practice at the Red House function room (term time)
Tu	9.00am	to 11am Purton Toddler Group at the Village Hall (term time)
	2.00pm	to 7.00pm Purton Library open
	7.30pm	Bridge Club at the Red House
W	6.15pm	Purton Youth Club for school years 4-7 at Purton Village Hall
Th	2.20pm	Pram Service for pre-school children at Purton Methodist Church (term time)
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	2-4pm	Purton Charity Knitting group meet at Pips Community Cafe
	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) 7.30pm	Purton Historical Society meet at 7.30pm in Purton Village Hall.

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Fresh New Term at Bradon Forest School



It's an exciting time for Bradon Forest! Our new Year 7s have been settling in at the school and getting to know their way around the site, while supported by the Year 10 Peer Mentor Prefects. Each tutor group also had a lesson with a member of the Senior Leadership Team creating a super hero or a super villain!

It was great to see the rest of the students enjoying school life getting back to normal again.



BRADON FOREST SCHOOL

OPEN EVENING

Thursday 23 September 2021

6pm - 8pm

Headteacher's talk at 7.30pm

Book your free place here: tinyurl.com/x7xfmz9f

OPEN MORNINGS

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27 September to 8 October 2021

9.15 - 10.30 am

Book your place here: tinyurl.com/37s6xesf

2021 SCHOOL VIDEO

<https://tinyurl.com/y9ar9tsu>



THE BLUEPRINT FOR YOUR FUTURE

The other side of the gate

The Raw Milk Producers Association (RMPA) is an organisation started to help farmers have a place they can go to get information and expertise on the safe production of raw milk and also to have an open dialogue with the Food Standards Agency (FSA) who regulate the industry. Just over four years ago a group of us got together at the National Farmers Union (NFU) buildings in Warwickshire to discuss new rules and regulations that the government were about to impose on producers. Less than six months later, the RMPA was formed as a co-operative with eight of us being directors and a couple of industry professionals on the board too.

The AGM this year was at two bio-dynamic farms in Sussex. Sarah and I left early to get around the M25 before the traffic built up. Plaw Hatch and Tablehurst farms are community-owned and run as trusts. They produce a huge range of nutrient-dense meats and vegetables. It's always great to see how someone else produces and processes their milk and to discuss it with other producers is a very rare opportunity. The discussion on the journey back is always filled with new ideas we can implement or experiment with.

We finally got our heat exchanger installed after a wait for the engineers to arrive. It's a simple (but very expensive) water heater. Its purpose is to save energy by extracting the heat generated by the condensing unit to make ice for the bulk milk tank. This water is then used for sterilising water going through the dairy boiler. We now fill the water boiler with water at 50/60°C instead of rising main temperature of about 17-20°C. Heating the water to 95°C from 50°C is much cheaper than 20°C! It should pay for itself in a few years.

Otto, our new bull, has been at work since he arrived at the beginning of August. We've had a stroke of luck and this will sound silly; he's infertile! This means that we won't need to vasectomise him which was worrying our vet to death!

After testing we can see that his semen is unlikely to be strong enough to get to the egg. We might get the odd surprise red calf but it won't be many. Lucky Otto is now





proudly with his harem. This has saved my ears as he would bellow consistently to get to the herd. He's broken a lot of gates trying to get to them too!

Luke has been very busy getting the straw back from Meysey Hampton; 15 trips with 20 bales at a time. The bales are about 400kg each. It's two bales a day for 150 days. We're hopeful that our winters are four months and not five months like they have been the last few years but we have no way of knowing!

We started doing farm tours last month. I always love seeing the faces of young people the first time they get close to our cows. It's great to be able to show people around and discuss our farming system. So few people have access to where their food is produced or see the animals that produce it. It makes tasting the milk at the end of the tour more meaningful.

Jonathan Cook, Quarry Farm

Beneath the Wool

This month saw a very important event in preparation for the coming tuppung season. We have a new ram, he's called Jules, so we've nicknamed him Jules Hudson. We had a day trip out to Ross-on-Wye market to the Lleyn sheep society regional sale. It was a big sale with 800 female sheep and 74 rams for sale. We all found it a very interesting day with some sheep making tremendous money and some more average. The rams were sold in guineas, which took some working out with the budget, but we got there in the end. The top priced ram there sold for 2,600 guineas and I can assure you he didn't come home with us. Jules took some settling in at the farm as he's not been used to being away from other sheep and welcomed himself to the farm by jumping out his pen four times in six hours, but once we sorted him a field with some cull ewes he was a very happy boy.



Also this month we have weaned the lambs and put all the ewes with the shearing ewes, which has created quite a large bunch of sheep for breeding. We now have a breeding flock of 40 ewes which is quite a few up from last year, so Jules has a lot of work to do in November. The reason we needed a new ram this year is that as we kept the ewe lambs from last year, our current ram Grenville would then be mating with his daughters, so it's time for Grenville to leave us and time for Jules to take over.

The lambs are growing extremely well this year. Last week we weighed the lambs and we were very surprised. All the averages were up on last year and we broke some Rogers Farm records, with two ewe lambs weighing in at over 50kg each. Usually the ram lambs put the weight on quicker, but the ewes decided to punch above their weight this time.

We've been hearing about a very fortunate person who gets a double-yoker everytime he gets eggs from us! Lucky Wayne has had three boxes now and found one in each box! Hopefully he can pass the luck on to the other boxes.

I noticed a typo in last month's article when I read it in the magazine. The magazine makes it sound like we didn't make much hay at all and that's because I missed the casual 100 bales off a field which adds a lot to the total so apologies for that.

Michael Woodward, Rogers Farm, Purton

Purton Amateur Dramatic Society

We are back! After over 18 months of no activity due to COVID restrictions, PADS are pleased to announce that we have two new productions in the pipeline.

Medieval Murder Mystery

We are currently rehearsing our new Murder Mystery Play, written by Len Page, which was commissioned by and will be performed for St. Mary's Church, Purton, on Saturday 13 November. Tickets will be available via the church.

2022 Pantomime – Merlin

Following the easing of COVID restrictions, PADS has decided to go ahead with readings and rehearsals for the new panto – Merlin. COVID restrictions permitting, performances will be on Thurs 3, Fri 4 and Sat 5 February 2022. Audiences will be restricted in number to 70, under current COVID rules, which means tickets will be limited, so please put these dates in your diary and order your tickets early.

Readings for parts will be held at 8 pm on following dates:

Tuesday 27 September at Silver Threads Hall, Purton

Thursday 30 September at The Red House Purton

If you are interested in reading for a part, be in the chorus or just want to be involved behind the scenes in any way, you are most welcome to come to one or all of these readings. Once casting is complete, we will start rehearsing twice a week, Tuesday & Thursday, from 7 October 2021.

Please note, although we are an adult group, we do welcome children under 16 to get involved in the panto, but they must be accompanied by a responsible adult at all times.

You can contact us via the Purton Amateur Dramatics Facebook page, for further details.

Kate Bath, PADS Chair, 771442

A book I will always remember

An outstanding trilogy
that reflects deeply on
the real impact of war
on human beings

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 Regeneration Trilogy

by Pat Barker

This is a book that will shock you and at the same time educate you about how some aspects of our society have changed so dramatically since the First World War.

The central character is William Rivers, a psychiatrist, initially based at Craiglockhart Hospital near Edinburgh treating officers during the First World War for “Shell Shock” or what today would be described as PTSD – Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. Among his patients are individuals such Siegfried Sassoon,

Wilfred Owen, Robert Graves and fictional characters such as Billy Prior, who plays a major role in the trilogy.

Barker, by detailing the horror of treatments metered out to soldiers suffering from horrific experiences in the trenches of the First World War combined with an underlying plot of society’s attitudes, particularly

to homosexuality, paints a picture of a society that is in denial about the horrors that were occurring in France.

Rivers is in a complex situation, knowing nothing of war himself, he treats patients exposed to the full horrors of the trenches and seeks to prepare them to return to the front line. He battles with the traditional values of denial and

emotional repression as he seeks to help men mentally mutilated by the horrors of their experiences. Sassoon, poet, soldier and homosexual is a

different case, an individual with war experience who because of his rejection of the war was effectively locked-away for his beliefs but eventually returns to the front line through concern for his men. The most horrific scenes are probably River’s assistance at Dr. Yealland’s treatment of an officer who has been made mute by his experiences



and is subjected to electrical shock treatment to restore his vocal abilities, the shocks only stop as the individual pronounces numbers and then words.

Outside of the Craiglockhart environment and moving into central London, Barker explores the plight of Billy Prior, and his experiences as an officer re-assigned from war service to a Ministry desk because of his front-line experiences. Prior is clearly caught in a mental struggle over his own sexuality and his personality, which is characterised by an almost Jekyll and Hyde ability to cope with past experiences. This combined with his

links to the pacifist movement brings him back into River's world as he seeks counsel and a way to fight his memories. Prior works in a London environment beset with a paranoia and a witch-hunt of homosexuality at all levels, social, political and judicial.

The contrast with today's research and comprehension of PTSD and society's attitude to homosexuality could not be greater and Barker brings all this together in an outstanding trilogy that reflects deeply on the real impact of war on human beings.

Paul Ballard

Purton Post Bag

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Special birthday supports animal charity

Thank you to everyone who helped me to celebrate my special birthday and a huge thank you to those who donated to Animals Asia for the rescue and rehabilitation of the Moon Bears. Over £270 has been raised so far, which is wonderful and will be put to very good use.

Thank you, Janet



Help an aspiring writer go digital

Over the years I've filled many books with handwritten notes which I'd eventually like to get published as a memoir. What I'm lacking is the computer know-how to transfer my notes into a digital document. I am therefore looking for someone to spend a couple of hours a week (paid) with me, my laptop and my limited IT skills in the library or other local public space, so I can type up my words. If anyone can offer some help to get me started, please get in touch.

Eve While, 778391

Outreach Purton

Citizens Advice Wiltshire - Changes to services this autumn

For more than 80 years the Citizens Advice service has been providing free, confidential, independent advice to anyone who needs it.

The service started the day after World War Two broke out and gave advice to whoever needed it on a range of issues including evacuation, what to do if they'd lost their home and how to get a new ration book.

They're still doing much of the same today, whether that's helping people keep a roof over their heads, or issuing food bank vouchers. But Covid-19 has had a big impact on the way they give advice.

While the pandemic meant they had to close their doors, they continued to help people by giving advice over the phone, by email and web chat.

Over the past 18 months Citizens Advice has responded to record numbers of emails and answered thousands of calls from people in Wiltshire needing advice.

This has worked very well for many people, so as we move out of lockdown, they won't be going back to how things were pre-Covid.

From September 2021 they'll continue to help people over the phone, by email and web chat, wherever that works for them, while reserving face to face support for when it's most needed.

However, Citizens Advice won't be running a drop-in service, so will be asking people to ring, or email first.

This way they can assess the best way of helping people, including booking an appointment where needed. It will also give people the opportunity to get the advice they need, or be signposted to the most appropriate service without having to travel. It also allows them to tailor their face-to-face appointment to the person who has called.

They've already made their Adviceline free to call and they're recruiting more advisors to help answer phone calls and emails. They're also working with partner organisations and community venues to have more access points to their service, particularly for people who are digitally excluded.

They know there will be challenges along the way and they may not always get things right, especially early on, but it will be kept under review to help ensure they can make their service better for the people that need them today, and in the future.

Need Advice? Here's how to get in touch with Citizens Advice Wiltshire:

Call freephone 0800 144 8848.

Lines are open Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays), 9am to 5pm, or contact them directly for advice by email: www.citizensadvicewiltshire.org.uk/contact-us

For more ways to get in touch, visit www.citizensadvicewiltshire.org.uk/get-advice

Climate strategy consultation

We are giving residents, businesses and local groups in the county the opportunity to have their say on our draft Climate Strategy, which will help to shape the next five years of the council's action on climate change.

From Wednesday 1 September to 23:59 on Sunday 17 October, people can comment on the draft strategy, which covers seven delivery themes: transport; built environment; waste; green economy; energy generation, storage and distribution; natural environment, food and farming; and carbon neutral council.

Have your say by taking the online survey: <http://surveys.wiltshire.gov.uk/snapwebhost/s.asp?k=162911004073>

At the same time, we will also be consulting on 'Our Natural Environment Plan' – A Green and Blue Infrastructure (GBI) strategy for Wiltshire, (www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planning-bio-green-blue-infrastructure) which looks at the future for Wiltshire's natural environmental assets and how the council can help protect and enhance them for the benefit of people and biodiversity.

There will be a series of online and in-person events covering both strategies where people can find out more and ask questions. The full schedule of engagement events is as follows:

Online webinars:

To join these events, people must sign up online in advance: <https://surveys.wiltshire.gov.uk/snapwebhost/s.asp?k=162857788230>

30 September, 7 p.m. – 8 p.m. – Second engagement webinar.

Library drop-in sessions:

27 September, 10 a.m. – 12 noon, Chippenham Library

7 October, 10 a.m. – 12 noon, Trowbridge Library

A hard copy of the Climate Strategy is available to view in every Wiltshire library, including mobile libraries.

An Easy Read version of the draft Climate Strategy is available to download here: www.wiltshire.gov.uk/media/7066/Easy-Read-Draft-Climate-Strategy-September-2021/pdf/Easy_Read_Summary_Climate_Strategy_Sept2021.pdf?m=637660135106770000

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committed to becoming carbon neutral as an organisation by 2030. We are investing money to achieve this and are fully committed. We will also support Wiltshire to work towards becoming carbon neutral by 2030. We need to work with residents, communities and businesses to achieve this.

Also, we want Wiltshire to be resilient to the impacts of 2oC change.

In January 2021 we prepared a Discussion Document (www.wiltshire.gov.uk/media/6277/Climate-Strategy-Discussion-Document-January-2021/pdf/ClimateStrategyDiscussion-Jan2021v4_1.pdf?m=637565984815930000), which outlines some of the challenges and opportunities in relation to climate change in Wiltshire. A short summary of the Discussion Document is also available: www.wiltshire.gov.uk/media/6553/Climate-Strategy-Discussion-Document-Summary-May-2021/pdf/Wiltshire-Climate-Strategy-Discussion-Document-Summary-May2021.pdf?m=637559903494830000

Information on what the council is already doing to combat carbon emissions and become resilient to climate change can be found in our twice-yearly updates to Wiltshire Council's Cabinet and Full Council.

To support our goals we have joined several leading organisations that are working towards a net zero future:

UK100 www.uk100.org/membership, whose membership pledge is "The people who live in the cities, towns and villages we serve deserve warm homes, secure and affordable energy, clean air and water, and local and seasonal food. They deserve access to thriving nature and healthy landscapes, and to live in a place they can be proud of."

The Association of Directors of Environment, Economy, Planning and Transport, which brings together local authorities across the country and represents members' interests by influencing government policy within the UK.

Race to Zero (<http://unfccc.int/climate-action/race-to-zero-campaign>) is a global campaign driven by science to rally leadership and support towards a net Zero Carbon future.

*Heather Ponting-Bather, Outreach Purton & Wiltshire Together Community Champion
helpline 772954, (Mon-Fri 9am-5pm, at other times in an emergency)*

The Lydiard Archives

On 10th September 2021, The Friends of Lydiard Park launched The Lydiard Archives, a unique on-line collection of objects, portraits, records, manuscripts, photographs, memories, and ephemera related to Lydiard Park. Working with local residents, archives and authorities, as well as global institutions, we are creating a digitized collection of Lydiard Park's precious legacy. From early medieval times to its 17th and 18th century prosperity, and from dereliction in the forties, to its rescue and dedication to the people of Swindon, The Lydiard Archives tell of a rare heritage

built on survival and tenacity.

Whether for education, social history, genealogy, research or simply local interest, The Lydiard Archives are a living testament to the wide range of primary source materials and objects associated with the House, Park, St. Mary's Church, and surrounding parish of Lydiard Tregoze. Curated special collections, transcriptions of rare manuscripts, along with scholarly articles and handwritten diaries span the incredible breadth of artefacts within the digital collection. With such a wealth of material available, new research emerging and historic items unearthed, this unique site will continue to expand.

You can browse The Lydiard Archives online at www.thelydiardarchives.org.uk; please enjoy the open access we are offering through to December 9th, 2021. After that, we will limit specific items within the site to members of The Friends of Lydiard Park, while most of the archives remain open for everyone's enjoyment. Please feel free to share this link with others you think may be interested, and encourage them to explore the fascinating cultural history of an English country home and the people whose lives it influenced.

Purton Football Club

In the first football programme of the season, I wrote that it is so good to have football back at the Red House, expressed the hope that the season can continue without interruption and wished our new management team of Andy Ealey and Frank Hunt all the best for the coming season.



What happened next you could not make up! We got off with a disastrous start with five consecutive losses with plenty of goals conceded (enough said on that one). Our game against Melksham was called off due to Covid 19 among the Melksham squad and, to top it all, Andy Ealey resigned with Frank taking over first team duties.

Well, as they say, the only way is up! At the time of writing this though, unfortunately results have not improved, but we must put our support behind Frank in what is a difficult time as many of his preferred players are signed on for other clubs, so he has to play a waiting game to see if they play regularly for their clubs or fancy moving on.

May I finish by thanking our regular supporters for standing by the team in what is no doubt our worst possible start, but just think of the celebration when we win and let's hope it is at home when we can have a drink in the Purton Red House.

Finally I am hopeful the memorial bench for Pierce Bolger will have been delivered and sited by the end of September over by the garden benches on the road side of the Purton Red House.

Terry Crumbie, Chairman and Treasurer of Purton FC

Purton Tennis Club

Junior Tournament 2021

Our annual Junior Singles Tournament took place at the beginning of September on a gloriously sunny morning.

The Junior Girls event pitted Laila Giles against Lucy Pidgeon, both of whom were playing their very first competitive match. They played the best of 3 sets having a rest between sets due to their inexperience and the heat. Lucy won the first of these by 6 games to 3 and when they returned later in the day, she won the second by 6 games to 1. It was particularly pleasing to note that very few double faults were served in the whole match and both girls showed the improvement made over the summer.

The Senior Boys also saw only two entries with Louis Giles taking on Raif Gunton, the last of the Gunton boys to go through the juniors (Ethan is 29 now so I have had a Gunton attending for a very long time). They played a best of three set match with Louis coming out the victor by the score line 6-1, 6-1.

In the Junior Boys event four boys took part. Again, many of the boys were playing their first competitive matches and, as with the girls, I was impressed by the way in which they played. Indeed, two of the boys have only been attending Saturday sessions for a matter of weeks! George made it a day to remember for the Pidgeon family by winning all three of his matches and hence going home with the cup. Congratulations to James Hamilton-Gill, Finlay Robinson and Josca Watkins for playing their hearts out in a competitive but fair manner.

Many thanks to Teresa Miles and Tom Kendall for umpiring the matches.

Nicola Gardner



Purton Cricket Club



All Stars (5–8-year-olds) completed their 8-week programme with many saying they would return next year. Some will move into the Dynamos (8-12-year-olds) who, in turn, have provided rich pickings for the Under 11 team and even the Under 13 team. The disruption to cricket over the last 18 months meant that the Under 11s, with a very young team, still managed to finish a respectable 5th from 10 in their division, winning 5 matches and losing 3. Kian M was the outstanding player of the season, scoring two 50s and taking 6 wickets in the season.

With 10 new players, 8 of whom had not played before, the U13 squad grew to 27. Our inexperience was balanced by 5 team members who play representative cricket for Wiltshire. In the T20 North division the squad managed 5th place from 8, a disappointing position which would have been better had 4 of our matches not been lost in the last 2 overs. But there were good wins against at Goatacre and Calne where we performed well in the field. In Division 1, despite excellent work in training and an early season win against Marlborough we finished 6th from 6. Under 15's T20 team finished 3rd from 7 but in the longer format came 5th out of 5, a fate that also befell our U19s in their first season. In the midweek league the A team managed 5th in Division 1 and the B team 5th in Division 4. Lydiard Millicent came 5th in Division 3 and were relegated. Purton's 2nd XI finished a respectable 4th in Division 4 and the 1st XI came a very creditable 3rd in Division 1.

All the players will take a well-earned rest from cricket for now, resuming with winter training ahead off the 2022 season, when all teams will be in a much stronger position.

The Purton CC U13 squad grew in strength to 27 players welcoming 10 new players, 8 of whom were new cricketers this season. This inexperienced squad, ably supported by 4 players playing Wiltshire Cricket Age Group representative cricket, worked well through the season in training to develop their core cricketing skills and specifically their fielding and game management

In the Wiltshire Youth Cricket League (WYCL) T20 North league, our U13's played 6 games and finished 5th in the league of 8 teams. The wins against Goatacre CC & Calne CC were notable for the good teamwork and especially bowling and fielding performances. However, the team were disappointed by the losses against Swindon CC (league winners), Royal Wootton Bassett CC, Marlborough CC and Malmsbury CC because the last 4 games were lost by small margins in the penultimate or final over. Sherston Magna conceded 1 game

In the WYCL Division 1 (35 over) league, our U13's played 10 games and finished 6th in the league of 6 teams. The win against Marlborough CC was a promising start to the season, however the losses against Potterne CC (league winners), Swindon CC, Burbage CC, Marlborough CC and South Wilts CC were challenging. The team

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felt they did not capitalise on their fielding and game management work in training but enjoyed the longer format of the game.

There were several notable individual performances through the season. From a batting perspective, Om T's 74, 49 not out and 3 retirements at 50 runs; William C's 68 not out; and James T's retirement at 50 stand out. From a bowling perspective (Overs-Maidens-Runs-Wickets), William C's 5-0-17-4; Om T's 3.1-1-2-3; Kinshuk S's 1-0-1-1; and Louis P's 2-0-5-2 stand out. However, these individual performances were supported by other team members either batting or in the field, respectively. The U13 squad are already looking forward to welcoming new members & improving performances next season

Graham Wright

Purton Cricket Club's Bicentenary match

Purton Cricket Club's Covid delayed match against the MCC was finally held on Sunday 29th August to celebrate the club's 200th birthday. In cloudy but dry conditions, Purton had laid on a great spread for visitors and spectators alike with a large marquee with plenty of refreshments and a bouncy castle for the youngsters. The MCC batted first and were kept in check by some accurate Purton bowling. At



Purton CC team: Back Row (L to R) - Phil Duffell, Dale Bowler, Aaron Lee, Patrick Whittaker, Callum Wright, Ken Thomas, Adam Woolford, Fraser Conway, Alex Duffell. Front Row (L to R) - Tom Bowler, Elliot Hill, Tom Whittaker (c), Joe Dunn, Dave Allen

the short drinks and sanitizer break after 23 overs the MCC had been restricted to 66 for 4 wickets but soon accelerated with E Hill racing to 33 runs off 24 balls before finishing with 52 runs. The visitors' innings closed at 169 for 8 wickets after their allotted 45 overs with Adam Woolford and Patrick Whittaker claiming 2 wickets each.

During the first innings the club had laid on a lunch in the marquee, mainly for past cricket club members who felt royally catered for throughout the day while they

often reminisced about their own cricket experiences for the club.

After that lunch, the marquee was re-laid for the players tea which was a sumptuous affair with a wide variety of sandwiches and many delicious homemade cakes.

The game resumed with Purton feeling confident in their pursuit of the 170 runs needed from their 45 overs but the visiting MCC bowlers soon took control. After 17 overs the home team had only reached 46 for the loss of 3 wickets, bringing captain Tom Whittaker together with opener Elliott Hill. They set about accelerating the scoring rate and doubled the score in the next 6 overs up to the mid session drinks and sanitizer break.

That pair reached their 50 partnership immediately after the break off only 39 balls until the introduction of Street's spin and after another quick wicket, club chairman Callum Wright joined Hill. Going into the final 15 overs, Purton were 115 for 5 wickets, needing another 55 runs. Progress towards the winning score was interrupted with the dismissal of Elliott Hill for a well crafted 52 runs that brought Patrick Whittaker to the crease. The pair steered the home team safely to victory with 3 overs to spare and the scorecard follows.

The game was a fascinating contest between two well matched sides. Above all the game was played in an excellent spirit and really was a fitting tribute to mark



Left: Returning retired cricket club members (Back row L to R) John Philcox, Malcolm Morrison, Francis Sheppard, Mike Crouch, Brian (Jack) Woolford, Robert Quiney and Dave Herbert. (Front row L to R) Joe Gardner, David Bisset, Brian Gunasekera, Dave Woolford, Nadia Quiney. Right: Rosemary and Joe Gardner were presented with a wooden two-seater bench on behalf of their whole family who have all given many years of outstanding service to the cricket club.

Purton's Bicentennial year. All the players happily stayed after the match to enjoy more food and drink with live music laid on by the club for the members and local community to thank them for their support over the last 200 years.

Rosemary and Joe Gardner received a gift of a wooden bench on behalf of their family who have given years of outstanding service to the club. The bench will be placed where we hope Rosemary, Joe and family including Nicola, Mark, Sarah, Gus, Megan, and Ellie can enjoy the cricket at Purton for many years to come.

Purton Cricket Club

200th Anniversary Match versus MCC

(Played Sunday 29th August 2021)

By Malcolm Morrison

To celebrate 200, the local Purton CC
Played a match against the national MCC,
That prestigious club whose home is 'Lords' –
Not the 'Commoners', with whom they would not cross swords!
A good crowd had gathered before the game had begun.
Some came for the cricket, some for the fun;
For there were other amusements, the cricket besides –
A disco after, and the children had slides.
There were some 'old-timers' – from yesteryear;
Some came from afar, some from near.
Their memories of playing were crystal clear,
As they quaffed their wine or a pint of beer.
Food and drink were readily available;
To take away, or to sit at table.
The day was well organised, so everyone had fun.
It almost didn't matter that it was Purton who won!
As in all sport, one always goes out to win;
But, if one loses it isn't a mortal sin.
The 'spirit' of the game, as one 'takes to the wicket'
Is – that to cheat to win is simply 'not cricket'!

With thanks to all involved in making it a memorable day

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MCC Innings			Purton CC Innings			
S Street	c E Hill	13	b C Wright	P Duffell	c J Gilchrist	b E Price
T Lerwill	Run	2	Out	A Duffell	c and	b C Yorke-Starkey
J Gilchrist	c T Whittaker	34	b P Whittaker	E Hill	c J Gilchrist	b E Price
W Rowe		6	b A Woolford	T Bowler	c J Gilchrist	b E Price
S Westaway		0	b A Woolford	T Whittaker (Capt)	LBW	b S Street
K Emery		9	b P Whittaker	D Allen	st J Gilchrist	b S Street
M Greatley	c A Duffell	15	b F Conway	C Wright	Not	Out
C Yorke-Starkey	LBW	33	b A Lee	P Whittaker	Not	Out
E Price	Not	33	Out	F Conway	Did not bat	
A Carroll (Capt)	Not	13	Out	A Woolford	Did not bat	
T Probert	Did not bat			D Bowler	Did not bat	
				J Dunn	Did not bat	
				A Lee	Did not bat	
			Extras			Extras
45 Overs	8 wickets	169	Total	43 overs	6 wickets	Total
Purton CC bowling			MCC Bowling			
A Lee 1 - 27			C Wright 1 - 6	C Yorke-Starkey 1 - 17		S Street 2 - 37
D Bowler 0 - 7			A Woolford 2 - 40	T Probert 0 - 21		W Rowe 0 - 20
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Lockdown Limericks

The covid lockdowns that began 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 October 2020 providing some interesting reminders of last year.

Not so Top Trumps

3 October 2020

This week Trump is out of the game
Which isn't much of a shame
If he loses the race,
He'll tweet to save face
And say C19 was to blame.

Monkey Business *19 October 2020*

Russians are honing their craft
With rumour that, frankly, are daft.
They say British vaccine
If taken, will mean
We turn into monkeys (we laughed.)

No Time to Die *10 October 2020*

Cineworld can't make ends meet,
As filmgoers vote with their feet.
Because of the plague
There'll be no Daniel Craig,
As Bond beats another retreat

Bananas in Pyjamas *26 October 2020*

The autumn half-term, now let's see,
A whole week of – where will you be?
Bournemouth, Bahamas?
Or in your pyjamas
At home under strict lock and key

Pub Grub *14 October 2020*

A woman walked into a bar
With her friend and ordered a jar.
When told that the pub
Can't serve booze without grub
She said
“Two bags of scratchings please. Ta”

Furlloff *30 October 2020*

As the furlough scheme comes to an end,
On which so many people depend,
Sunak's conceded
Support is still needed,
With money he's pledging to lend.

This is the final selection of Anna's lockdown limericks and we repeat our thanks to Anna for letting Purton Magazine reprint some of her lockdown limericks in our last five issues. The full 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.

News from The Cedars



It's the circle of life
And it moves us all
Through despair and hope
Through faith and love
Til we find our place
On the path unwinding
In the circle
The circle of life

I think this chorus from the Lion King describes how we are now enjoying a slow but hopeful opening up of our home. We can now have more visitors, entertainers and events, although lateral flow testing, proof of vaccinations and various items of PPE are still part of our circle of life. Our residents are now happily back into the circle of coffee mornings, knit & natter sessions, arts, cookery etc. And many are loving their weekly hair appointments. With a full activities program planned, there is something for everyone to get involved in. However, as I write this, our full-time activities co-ordinator has accepted another job. Khai did a great job in setting up the activities program which has definitely made the circle of life for our residents much more enjoyable. We wish Khai well in her new venture as we now look to recruit someone new. Hopefully they will have the same passion and drive to keep our activities program on its ever-unwinding path.

It's the Circle of life

The lives of our residents can only be enhanced by great activities and fabulous volunteers sharing their expertise with us. If you enjoy singing, art, board games, bridge or have other skills you'd like to share with our residents, we'd love to hear from you. It could be just a few hours a month, weekly or ad-hoc. Please do get in touch and help us keep the circle of activity going at Cedars!

For anyone interested in being a volunteer or working at Cedars please call Victoria on 01793 772036 or email V.Wallis@osjct.co.uk

Thank you and best wishes, Activities Team at The Cedars.

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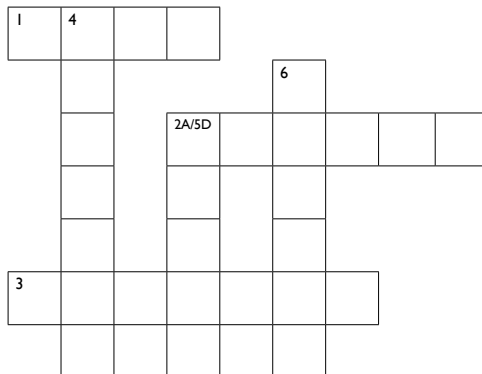
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Mini crossword

Here is the next 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 September's puzzle are 1) Sapphire 2) Virgo 3) Stowaway 4) Harvest 5) Highway 6) Retina

1. (across) October birthstone (4)
2. (across) Tasty rewards (6)
3. (across) Sorceresses (7)
4. (down) Cinderella's carriage (7)
5. (down) Round of cards (5)
6. (down) Folios (6)



This is the second crossword created by Neil Miles. Answers in the November 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

I know a chap who compiles crosswords and just turned 100. He was sent an anagram from the Queen.

I asked a friend if crossword compilers made up words. He said “no, just down and across words”.

If you see someone doing a crossword today, just lean over and say “7 up is Lemonade”

I didn't realise that I was addicted to crosswords but when I look back now, all the clues were there.



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