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at a recent Year 10 MAT challenge event
at Malmesbury school.

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From the Editors

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As the school year ends this issue of your magazine contains interesting reports from both schools in the village. A dozen keen mathematicians from Bradon Forest school went to a year 10 MAT challenge event at Malmesbury school as described on page 30. During the event, the morning included information and advice about how and where the students could continue with their maths learning. In the afternoon session teams were formed with other schools for a competition involving several rounds of challenging questions that required inter-school teamwork as well as some serious brain power – as illustrated on our front cover this month. A junior maths challenge in the shape of a 60 minute, multiple choice event was undertaken by Year 8 students. It was designed to encourage mathematical reasoning, precision of thought and fluency in using basic maths techniques to solve interesting problems.

On a more down to earth level, it is equally interesting to note on page 32 that the year 10 group has been working hard on their horticultural skills growing numerous different vegetables which they take home to eat afterwards.

It is widely appreciated that everything connected with an Ofsted report can dominate the attention of school staff.

For St. Mary's school, it has proved worthwhile. On page 22 we are delighted to learn that, following the inspection in early May, Ofsted reports that the school "continues to be good." Many strengths in every aspect of the school were highlighted, especially the skills and knowledge of the staff, the rich curriculum as well as the enthusiasm and enjoyment of the children – for which, many congratulations are deserved.

Wiltshire Libraries have launched another free Summer Reading Challenge called Ready, Set, Read. It is for children between the ages of 4 and 11 and is designed to inspire children to read as much as they can, especially during the school holidays. There are several fun prizes available throughout the challenge with a medal and a certificate on completion. Last year in Wiltshire there was a 39% increase in the numbers of children starting the challenge and a 52% increase in the numbers completing it. More details are on page 19, on the internet and in Purton Library.

Finally, our Nature Correspondent has been visiting the Western Isles. His article on page 37 describes seeing golden and white tailed eagles on the wing as well as many other fascinating creatures.

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Bradon Forest students entered the National Science Thinking Challenge. See page 30

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Medals (4 gold, 2 silver and 1 bronze) won by on Bradon Forest student. See page 30

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Collected for Christian Aid from a variety of events in Purton this year. See page 23

Purton Parish Council News



Staff Changes

As two of our valued long term staff members look to start new chapters in their lives, we're sending them off with the warmest of regards in gratitude for their dedicated service and wishing them all the very best for the future.

Leaving us this summer are both 'cheeky chappie' Head Groundsman, Ian Olpin, who has served over two years with Purton Parish Council, and Accountant Richard Collins, who has quietly worked away in the background for nine years, making sure that all is in order.

Ian is hoping to shift the work life balance to a more restful pace as he eases his way into retirement. Richard also looks to move to a quieter lifestyle, with time to support his family, and of course his favourite football team and bands!

Both team members will be missed and everyone wishes them the very best for the future.

With these changes comes new opportunities for fresh faces to bring their skills and experiences to Purton Parish Council.

This August, we will be looking forward to welcoming Angela Raymond as our new Accountant. Angela joins us from Wanborough Parish Council, bringing a wealth of council and accounting skills and experience, which will help us to meet our growing demand. Everyone at Purton Parish Council wishes to offer a most warm welcome to Angela!

Junior Football Pitch Enhancements

We're pleased to announce the re-turfing of this pitch this coming autumn. This work will complete the package of improvements to the area for everyone's enjoyment.

We'd also like to advise of the risks to people and equipment of both the removal of goal net pegs and any attempts being made to climb the goal nets. This is because we would like to ensure that everyone can safely enjoy the pitch and that any future budget or grants can be used for further enhancing outdoor areas.

As ever, please remember to keep all our play areas clear of litter, by using the play area bins provided.

Annual Village Walk

The annual village walk will start from College Road lay-by on the High Street at 2 o'clock on 3rd September. The walk will be about four miles and will include some stiles, hills, and views over the Thames Valley.

Walking Group

We're going out regularly clearing our footpaths by hand and with strimmers etc. We're very lucky to have two good teams of volunteers from Purton, which is brilliant. We have a routine for clearance but the hedges, brambles, nettles etc are growing rapidly, so please bear with us. We intend to cover all footpaths annually together with repairs to stiles, bridges etc.

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field off Vasterne Close to the top end of Vasterne Hill making this footpath into a stile-free one.

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Rise Trust Youth

Our Youth Sessions will continue to operate from the Millenium Hall on Thursday nights from 7.30 p.m. for young people in Year 7 and above and remain FREE to attend, but changes to the two week closure have been made.

Going forwards, the Christmas two week closure will be reduced to just the Christmas week, and there will be a one week closure from 24th July.

The RISE Trust said:

“Our youth service runs for 50 weeks a year and normally we would aim to have a team shut down/reset at Christmas for two weeks. After feedback from youth workers and young people we are now looking to spread this out - week one break will be the week beginning 24th July. Sessions will resume the week beginning 28 July.

RISE Christmas break will be week 25th December and sessions will return the week beginning 3rd Jan.

All 1-1 mentoring will still take place during the July break.

We hope by changing the Christmas break, then the time our young people are not receiving support or sessions is reduced and the July week break will enable youth workers to attend training/ take annual leave.”

Memorial Testing

Purton Parish Council continues to carry out Memorial Testing at Purton Cemetery.

Currently we have seven headstones that have failed a hand test and will require action. These have been safely staked and notices left on the headstone.

We will endeavour to make contact with relatives where available, however if you know the family to whom these graves belong, we would be grateful if you could let them know.

Contact can be made via the office on 01793 771066 or via email on lesley.miles@purtonparishcouncil.gov.uk

The current graves, failing safety testing are:

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PC/Burial/101	Jones
PC/Burial/117	Bristow
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Council Meetings 2023

Public Council Meetings will be held at the Village Hall from 7 p.m. as follows:

- Monday 11th September – Full Council Meeting
- Monday 9th October – Full Council Meeting
- Monday 13th November – Full Council Meeting
- Monday 11th December – Full Council Meeting

Agendas are posted on our four notice boards (Purton Council Offices, Ridgeway, Moulden View and at the Pavenhill Shops) and our website www.purtonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Councillor Vacancies

The Parish Council currently has the option to co-opt four Councillors. If you are interested in this community post, please complete forms which can be found at the link below. The Clerk is also available for an informal chat prior to completion of your application.

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Keep up to date

Further Council details and community information are available as follows:

- Call – 01793 771066
- Email – deborah.lawrence@purtonparishcouncil.gov.uk
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Planning

A) Permission Granted

- PL/2023/02797, 38 Stone Lane, Lydiard Millicent, Swindon, SN5 3LD. Proposed solar panels on south elevation of the garage. Decision: Approve with Conditions.
- PL/2023/02944, 13 Willis Way, Purton, SN5 4BD. Installation of Air Source Heat Pump in rear garden. Decision: Approve with Conditions.
- PL/2023/02636, 10 Restrop View, Purton, Swindon, SN5 4DG. Proposal: Single storey rear extension, and 1 floor extension above garage. Decision: Approve with Conditions.
- PL/2023/02815, 12 Vasterne Close, Purton, Swindon, SN5 4EY. Proposal: Two Storey Side Extension. Decision: Approve with Conditions.
- PL/2023/0293 and PL/2023/03670, The Milk House, Church End, Purton, Swindon, Wilts, SN5 4EE. Proposal: Replacement of old oil boiler (internal) with new model located externally. Decision: Approve with Conditions
- PL/2023/03319, Harford House, 1 Station Road, Purton, Wilts, SN5 4AQ. Proposal: Removal of three existing damaged and leaking chimneys. Decision: Approve with Conditions.
- PL/2023/0301, 103 Pavenhill, Purton SN5 4DB. Proposed annexe with solar panels. Approve with Conditions.

B) Permission Refused

- PL/2022/09406, PL/2022/09619, Hallidays, 24 High Street, Purton, SN5 4AE. Extension and alterations to dwelling. Decision: Refuse.

C) Withdrawn

PL/2023/02449, Bray Farm, Stoke Common Lane, Purton Stoke, SN5

4LL. Proposal: Retention of existing rural workers dwelling; retention of existing agricultural building and lean-to; extension to dwelling; erection of agricultural building; change of use of land to residential; and stables (retrospective).

Ten Years Ago...

The main feature in Purton Magazine for August 2013 was the fiftieth anniversary of the Carnival. Over 25 floats made the procession “such a wonderful event”. Some of the photos taken are shown on the front cover, so repeated here, but my favourite was inside showing a potato riding a horse – no prizes for guessing which was the smarter!

Today the costs and sources of our energy supplies are a serious concern. The series on transforming the village, having stated that “energy prices will form an increasingly large part of household budgets”, offered some radical ideas on how these might

be managed. Dozens of properties were suitable for producing their own electricity, either through solar panels or heat pumps. There were also two proposals for large solar “arrays”. But the writer accepted that much of the dislike of solar, and indeed wind, was subjective and thus little has happened in the last ten years.

The Gardeners’ Guild had a talk on changing fashions in their pastime. The 1950’s “stereotype gardener sported a waistcoat and pocket watch and chain”. In the 1960’s “80% of all roses purchased were sold through the News of the World”. Woolworth’s sold the rejects. And now both



of those institutions are long gone and with them the fashion for the rose.

In the run-up to the centenary of World War I, the massive history of the conflict and its effect on the men of Purton started with the history of the creation of the German Empire. Nothing about the village as yet, but I am sure we will return to the topic many times.

Purton & Green Gable Surgery PPG



Parking for Purton Surgery

Please consider others when parking at Purton Surgery... It is often possible to park just a five-minute walk away and if you can do that, then it will leave more parking in the surgery car park for those less mobile.

Cricklade Festival

Thank you to all who stopped by the PPG table at Cricklade Festival last month. Please remember that the main surgery is in Purton and Green Gable Surgery in Cricklade is a branch surgery which is normally used each morning and one afternoon per week. Surgery staff are committed to other opportunities to use Green Gable – for example holding additional vaccination clinics.

200 Club draw

The June draw was done by Jo Harrison from the Living Well team. The winners were: £100 Howard Ockwell, £15 Christine Shailes. All members of the 200 Club are allocated a number to be used in the draw, if you wish to know your number then please email our Treasurer: treasurer.pspg@gmail.com to request it.

The 200 Club year starts in September and names are now being taken for the coming year. Those paying by Standing Order do not need to take any action as membership

will continue uninterrupted. However, those who pay annually will need to renew... and may want to consider setting up a Standing Order. New members are always welcome. Forms are available in the surgery.

Fundraising

The doors and windows at Green Gable Surgery need replacing and the PPG is currently raising money to help with the cost of these.

PPG Information

Information leaflets about the PPG are available in the Surgery.

Tabletop and Books in Purton Surgery

If you wish to make a purchase from the tabletop in Purton Surgery waiting room, please hand your donation to the reception team. We are unable to receive any shoes for the table. There are also books in the bookcase for purchase (50p each).



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 us by email to: secretary.pspg@gmail.com

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23rd August : Coach trip to Weston-Super-Mare

2nd September : Jumble Sale, Village Hall

6th October : 3B's, Village Hall

3rd November : Wine Tasting, Silver Threads

Coffee Morning 1st July

Another amazing day with the weather holding off until the very end and a successful day for us with a very good attendance. We want to thank Dick & Jackie Scott for allowing us once again to use their lovely garden for the event. They always say that they enjoy it as well, so that's great. We are also grateful to the people who donated items for us to sell along with plants and the biggest range of delicious cakes that went down a storm. We also had tombola, bric-a-brac and as always, the raffle which had about 30 prizes. It's a lot of work for the committee but once again, with the help of volunteers, it was a successful event. Well done everyone.

Coach Trip – Tickets on sale

We will be going to Weston-Super-Mare on Wednesday 23rd August which is our regular trip and this year we are hoping to fill the coach, so please check the date in your diary, I know it's mid-week, but if you can come then please ring Andrew on 01793 956095 to book your place.

£20 for Purton pensioners, £22 for non-pensioners and people who live outside the village, and £10 for children under 12 accompanied by an adult.

Jumble Sale

On the 2nd September we will be having a Jumble Sale at the Village Hall. I imagine that a lot of people have been storing items since before Covid, so I am expecting to have a bumper sale with masses of bargains for everyone, so come along and get that new outfit you have always been promising yourself! DOORS OPEN AT 2 p.m. NB: Items can be dropped off at the Village Hall between 12 noon and 1 p.m. on the Saturday – NO EARLIER PLEASE.

3Bs - Fundraiser

Our popular 3B's (Bingo, Bangers & Beans) event will be on Friday 6th October, at the Village Hall – always a fun evening! Tickets will be on sale shortly, but in the meantime register your interest by emailing events@purtonageconcern.com or calling Andrew on 01793 956095.

Wine Tasting – Fundraiser

We will be holding a fundraising evening hosted by Magnum Wine Shop on Friday 3rd November, at Silver Threads. More details will follow shortly but, in the meantime, please register your interest with our secretary, Georgina. Email: secretary@purtonageconcern.com or call 07966 222967.

Museum Exhibition

We have a display in the museum which includes hundreds of photographs taken over the years. Pop along to the museum and have a look, Saturdays between 10 a.m and 12 noon. You will be able to see how much people have changed over the years! Hopefully for the better!

Qualifying Residents

Are you 65 or over? Do you live in the Purton area? Do you know who your street warden is? We try to maintain an up-to-date list of the 'qualifying' residents in our area, but it's not always possible to keep up with all the changes. If you answer 'yes' to the first two questions, but have recently moved into the area or if you have been here for a while but haven't received any communication from Purton & District Age Concern, please contact Georgina, our secretary, to find out what services we offer and who the street warden is for your patch. Email: secretary@purtonageconcern.com or call 07966 222967.

Tai Chi Classes

The Tai-Chi classes will continue weekly at 1.30 p.m. on Thursdays at the Millennium Hall, so come along and enjoy the benefits of this gentle exercise. We offer a FREE taster session for beginners. New members will have to fill in a health form at the first lesson. Cost is £7.00 per session, and classes are currently running until the summer holidays.

Minibus

If you need to use the Purton Age Concern transport for appointments or to go on one of our shopping trips, and you are over 60 years of age, then please contact Hazel on 01793 770862 as usual.

Useful Contacts

If you have a problem or need to speak to anyone on any other topic then the

contact numbers you should use, after you have talked to your street warden, are Georgina Colman from Age Concern on 07966 222967, 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.

Electric Buggy & Wheelchairs etc

We have acquired a three-wheeled electric buggy. It has had a new battery, has been serviced, is running well and is available for loan. If anyone needs one on a permanent basis, then an offer might be acceptable to purchase this from us.

We also still have a couple of wheelchairs or walkers which can be borrowed, as well as crutches and walking sticks, so if you think you might need any of these at any time, then you can contact Georgina, our secretary by email to secretary@purtonageconcern.com for details.

If you have any NHS equipment (not toiletry or boots) that you no longer require, please contact Sue Richardson on 772581 so that she can return them to the surgery or hospital. Some of these are being disposed of rather than returned, and that is not acceptable.

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Peter Berry, Chairman

Prayer for Purton

This month the churches in Purton are praying for everyone who lives or works in: *Witts Lane, Jewels Ash, Waite Meads Close, Pear Tree Close (and from Moulden View) Mustang Way*

Purton Annual Flower, Arts, Craft & Produce Show 2023

19 August, 2pm, Purton Village Hall

After months of planning and preparation the show is finally here and we are looking forward to a lovely community event. Growing conditions have once again been challenging for gardeners, but we hope that there will be plenty of produce to enter.

A reminder that we will be holding two booking-in sessions to receive entry forms prior to the show – Wednesday 16th August at Pips Cafe from 2 to 4 p.m. and at The Red House from 7 to 9 p.m. I can also receive entry forms at 3 Orchard Gardens, Purton before the show, but all entries must be received by 9 p.m. on Wednesday 19th August, the exception

being children's entries, which will be accepted until 10 a.m. on the day of the show.

Staging of exhibits will be between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Saturday 19th August, and the show will be open to the public from 2 p.m. Show awards will be at approximately 4.30 p.m.

Entry to the show is by donation. As we have had offers of additional help on show day, we are pleased that we will be able to serve refreshments this year. All profits will be donated to The Royal British Legion.

For further information please contact Pat Hughes. Tel no: 01793 772382 or email patricia.j.hughes@btinternet.com

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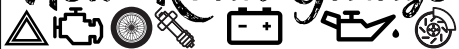
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Wiltshire Council libraries launch Summer Reading Challenge for children

Wiltshire libraries are encouraging families with children aged 4 to 11 to join in the popular and free Summer Reading Challenge from Saturday 15 July, which aims to inspire children to read as much as they can.

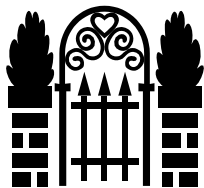
The challenge, produced by the Reading Agency and delivered by libraries, is to read at least six library books over eight weeks during the summer. There are rewards on offer including various fun prizes throughout the challenge, with a medal and certificate on completion.

To support children taking part in the challenge and to encourage continued book borrowing, from 4 July 2023 Wiltshire Council libraries will no longer be charging fines for the late return of children's books. Existing charges for children's books will also be removed. Wiltshire Council hopes this will particularly help those families struggling with the cost-of-living crisis and encourage families to return to the library regularly and borrow books again.

This year's challenge, with the theme 'Ready, Set, Read!', has been developed in collaboration with the Youth Sport Trust and celebrates play and participation, encouraging children to engage in games and sports in the way that best suits them. This year's challenge will also showcase how reading can be active and engaging, and can itself involve teamwork and community.

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The challenge is a personal one and children can choose any books of their choice and can also read eBooks or listen to audiobooks. For every child this will be different, from a child who is just starting to read, a child who might struggle, or a child who is looking to read more widely.

Children can register at Wiltshire Libraries from Saturday 15 July and have until 9 September to complete the challenge. All participants will receive a Ready, Set, Read! folder to keep a record of their reading and for collecting stickers.

This year, the Summer Reading Challenge is also teaming up with Nike and Rebel Girls to give away copies of their new book, 'Rebel Girls Kick It: World Champions Take the Pitch, and You Can Too.' This special, limited-edition book features stories and fun facts alongside original illustrations of 28 Nike athletes, Q&As with coaches and activities to enhance football skills. The books are most suited to children aged between 7 and 12 years old, and will be given to children joining the challenge, while stocks last.

Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cabinet Member for Libraries, said: "We very much hope that children will once again be inspired to take part in this important and successful programme, proven to make a real difference to children's reading skills and attitudes to reading. Last year, 85% said taking part in the challenge had improved their reading, and we received a lot of great feedback from parents and carers on the impact on their child's reading.

"Through our Business Plan we strive to empower our communities to stay active and ensure children get the best start in life, and the summer reading challenge is one of the many ways we are supporting our communities to thrive in these areas.

"I would like to thank all the volunteers and library staff for helping to make this another successful summer of reading, through their support of listening to children's book reviews and reading written reviews, giving out prizes and encouraging children to continue with the challenge."

Last year in Wiltshire, 6,206 children started the challenge, an increase of 39% compared to 2021, and 3,831 completed it, an increase of 52% on the previous year.

Children can also sign up to the challenge online at <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>, they can use the Book Sorter to discover new books, find fun reading activities and active challenges, play games, watch videos and write book reviews. On each of the sticker sheets they get, children will find a code which can be used to unlock additional Ready, Set, Read! content on the website. A child

just needs to sign into their profile and enter the code in the ‘Your badges’ box.

Children finishing the challenge early or aged up to 16 can continue their reading journey by joining the Story Adventurers’ Club at Wiltshire Libraries, a challenge to read 100 books at a pace chosen by the child/young person. As part of the club, children will be given their own booklet to record their reading, and reflect on their reading journey; there are four booklet designs to collect.

Start your Summer Reading Challenge at Purton Library, open every Tuesday 2-7pm and Friday 2-4.30pm.

St Mary’s Primary School

Ofsted Inspection 2023

Following the inspection on 4th and 5th May, 2023. We are pleased to report that Ofsted concluded that St Mary’s “continues to be good”.

In the report, Ofsted highlight many strengths in every aspect of the school, especially the skill and knowledge of the staff, our rich curriculum and the enthusiasm and enjoyment of the children.

If you would like to read more, please visit www.st-marys-purton.wilts.sch.uk/our-school/inspections.

Below are some highlighted quotations from the attached report, which we have aligned with our #ShiningBrightly mission of having a Safe, Ready and Respectful school:

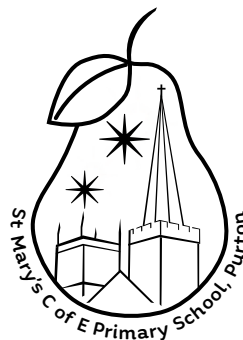
Safe

“Pupils... feel safe and say that staff at the school help them if they have any worries or concerns.”

“Staff help pupils to understand how to stay safe, including when online.”

“Even the youngest children explain how to keep themselves safe.”

“There is a robust culture of safeguarding in place. Leaders have ensured that all staff have received training. This keeps them up to date with best practice.”



Ready

“Pupils at St Mary’s are proud to be part of this welcoming school.”

“Staff expectations for pupils are high. They want everyone to shine brightly.”

“Pupils are friendly and inquisitive.”

“Teachers and support staff have strong subject knowledge.”

“Pupils follow a purposeful and ambitious curriculum.”

“Leaders ensure that pupils learn about

a wide variety of cultures. This helps to prepare them for life in modern Britain.”

Respectful

Leaders create an environment where everyone feels valued.”

The relationships between adults and pupils are respectful.”

Pupils are sensitive and considerate of one another. They understand the importance of treating everyone fairly.”

Russ Payne, Deputy Head Teacher

Christian Aid Week 2023 Total



We are delighted to report that the Christian Aid Week total this year is well over £6,000!

This is a huge amount for a little village, especially as we all know that straight after Christian Aid Week in May, there was more fundraising for yet another charity, and then another, and then another... and Purton gave generously to those as well!

Thank you to everyone who took part in one way or another. If you would like a further breakdown on the sums involved, please let Libbie know.

Meanwhile we just want to say how grateful we are to you all who participated in the events. We are so very grateful and we know the money will be spent carefully by Christian Aid on our behalf.

Thank you: Libbie and Mary H

Christian Aid Envelopes

If anyone in the village still has a Christian Aid envelope that has not been collected, please let me know and I'll come to pick it up, gratefully. Libbie 771018.



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Purton Historical Society



This is a quiet time for the Historical Society and the next talk (see below) is not until the end of September. For the autumn programme please look at the website – www.purtonmuseumandhistoricalsociety.com/. The museum is open over the summer months, every Saturday from 10 a.m to 12.30 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting

Thursday 28th September, Methodist Church, Play Close, Purton

Everybody Welcome, Free For Members, Guests £3

Portraits Of Elizabeth I, A Talk By Dr Gill White (This replaces the talk advertised previously)

This talk examines the portraiture of ‘Good Queen Bess’ and traces the development of an English icon from tentative beginnings to the triumph of royal propaganda. As a young girl, Elizabeth was a minor cog in the machinery of the Tudor dynasty, destined to move from docile and obedient daughter to modest and submissive wife. As queen, Elizabeth and her ministers struggled to find a suitable visual image but with passing years her image grew in confidence until the realm of England became too small a canvas and Elizabeth triumphed as Queen, Empress and Goddess.

*Keith Allsop,
email: allsopk83@hotmail.com*

Purton Museum News

The Festival of Village Life, held at St Mary’s Church over the weekend of 10-12th September 1988, celebrated the pursuits and leisure activities offered by Purton’s many clubs, organisations and groups. After viewing the displays within the church, visitors were invited to explore a little more of Purton by taking a stroll in the grounds of Purton House, watching Morris Dancers at Play Close and viewing slides on Scouting in Purton at the Scout Hall. On the Sunday, St Mary’s Church hosted an afternoon

of music and the bells rang out at 3 p.m. The proceeds from the weekend were split between contributing towards the cost of building the new Silver Threads Hall, and the maintenance of St Mary’s Church. The programme and photographs from the festival are on display as part of the Purton at Leisure Exhibition.

Purton Museum is open on Saturdays from 10.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and admission is free.

Lucy Lewis, Museum Archivist

After 8



On a very hot and sunny June afternoon, six of us met at Diane's house for afternoon games.

Not a single game was played, but we did all enjoy ourselves sitting in Diane's lovely garden under a parasol, putting the world to rights.

Topics included:

- Transgender issues
- Radio programs
- The Sewing Bee

- Afternoon tea at Highgrove House and singing for the King
- How to get a rescue dog, which it transpired was difficult in the UK – even more so if you are over 70
- Riding a bike round Hyde Park Corner

We enjoyed our chat, plus tea and cake in an idyllic rural location. Thank you Diane for your hospitality.

Marion Andrews

We Record...



Weddings at St Mary's Church

24 June 2023 Lauren Stella Dobbin & Jake Peter White

8 July 2023 Rachel Tin-Wing Tam & David James Baxter

30 May 2023 Karen Mary Valdez & Hoang Van Tran

Ceremony conducted by the Captain on board MV Ventura, in international waters.

Poetry Corner

Nature's Philosophy

Nocturnal birds in sibilant causerie
Forest creatures in distant revelry
While nature's blanket dims their rivalry
And stills the air to peaceful reverie
How brief is this tranquillity
As hostile meetings in darkened shrubbery
Remind, if only momentarily
That man alone enjoys in camaraderie

Victor Timmons

Community information from Wiltshire Council

Make a splash this Summer

Wiltshire Council is encouraging people to reach for their swimming costumes and keep cool in the pool with swim loyalty promotions and intensive lessons this summer.

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The loyalty promotion, available in all Wiltshire Council run swimming pools, offers a free tenth swim once a participant has purchased the first nine swims. Running between Saturday 1 July and Thursday 31 August, the eligible swims can be purchased during all public swimming sessions throughout the week.

Intensive lessons covering a range of the Swim England Learn to Swim pathway, including Ducklings, Stages 1-7, Diving and Water Safety, are offered during each school holiday period. Children enrolled will have access to a daily class throughout the week. The sessions are an ideal way to introduce children to swimming, boost confidence and advance the skills of those already enrolled in the council's swim school programme.

Wiltshire Council Cabinet Member for Leisure, Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, said: With the summer upon us it's a great time for people to keep active, and take up swimming. Whether you're just starting out, joining in with one of the intensive

courses or a regular swimmer, swimming can provide a full-body workout burning calories, whilst also being a great stress reliever - all key themes of our business plan.

With under 3s and all our weekly swim school members getting free swimming already, parents can also use the loyalty scheme to take their children to practice and further develop their confidence and skills in the water. Being able to keep cool during the heat and get yourself a free swim are added bonuses.

The loyalty swim promotion is available on all public swimming sessions; for non-members, leisure card holders, gymnastics and trampoline school members, where swimming is a pay as you go activity.

Details of the swim loyalty promotion are available at: www.wiltshire.gov.uk/leisure-promotions.

Details of the intensive courses, with booking information are available: www.wiltshire.gov.uk/leisure-swim-school. Information on the individual swim school stages is at: www.wiltshire.gov.uk/leisure-swim-school-stages.

Summer activity programme

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the previous provider ceasing trading.

In May the council was informed that its FUEL programme provider partner, Learn By Design, was ceasing to trade and so would not be putting on activities this summer.

In response to this situation, Wiltshire Council rapidly invited a range of organisations to submit their interest in running the programme instead and, following a very positive response, the programme will take place.

In total, 16 organisations will be running the summer programme, providing 26 activity camps throughout the county from the end of July. The camps will once again include a range of fun activities and nutritious meals for children from eligible families.

Families are advised that booking arrangements and the programme itself will be slightly different this year given the circumstances.

FUEL (Food Unity, Energy, Laughter) is a Wiltshire programme funded by the Department for Education to help young people who are eligible for benefits related free school meals have free access to activities and nutritious meals during the school holidays. The FUEL programme in Wiltshire has provided thousands of children with activities and nutritious meals during school holidays.



Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cabinet Member for Public Health said: “Although we were hopeful that some organisations would step up to run this programme, we are absolutely delighted with the response we have received.

“Everyone involved with this programme knows just how important it is to the families who use it, and we’re looking forward to working with new partners to put on a range of fun activities over the summer holiday throughout the county.”

Cllr Laura Mayes, Cabinet Member for Children’s Services, said: “This programme provides such valuable support to families and I’d like to thank all involved for working so hard to ensure it can take place this summer. I’ve been lucky to attend some sessions and they’re always fun and full of energy. So even though some of the sessions might be a little different than before, I know the children will have a great time.”

Discussions about the format of future programmes will be discussed in due course.

All the information that people need, including how to book places, locations, dates, times and who is running the sessions can be found at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/leisure/fuel-programme

Purton Village Diary - August 2023

5	Sa	2.00pm	Ashgrove Summer Fete
6	Su	8.00am	Holy Communion at St Mary's Church
		10.30am	Morning Worship at Purton Methodist Church
		10.30am	Church for all at St Mary's
8	Tu	9.00am	Purton Tennis Club Summer Camp for 8-17 year olds
		10.00am	Purton & District Probus meet at Hook Village Hall for a talk entitled Operation Husky, the invasion of Sicily in WWII
9	W	9.00am	Purton Tennis Club Summer Camp for 8-17 year olds
11	F	9.00am	Purton Tennis Club Summer Camp for 8-17 year olds Wiltshire Council Solar Together Scheme applications open
13	Su	10.30am	Holy Communion at St Mary's Church
		10.30am	Morning Worship at Purton Methodist Church
14	M	10.00am	Purton WI meet at the Silver Threads Hall for a talk on Alzheimer's Disease
19	Sa	2.00pm	Purton Annual Flower, Arts, Crafts and Produce Show at the Village Hall
20	Su	8.00am	Holy Communion at St Mary's Church
		10.30am	Church for all at St Mary's
		10.30am	Morning Worship at Purton Methodist Church The FIFA Women's World Cup 2023, hosted by Australia and New Zealand comes ends.
22	Tu	10.00am	Purton & District Probus meet at Hook Village Hall for a talk about Roman Mosaics
23	W		Purton & District Age Concern coach trip to Weston-super-Mare
27	Su	10.30am	Holy Communion at St Mary's Church
		10.30am	Morning Worship at Purton Methodist Church
28	M		Bank holiday

Church Floodlighting

July 11th The Church was floodlit on what would have been **Marian Cotton's** 87th birthday. Missed with tears, Remembered with smiles. With love from Steve, Cheryl and Badger.



For August the floodlighting bookings will start at 8.30pm and the lights will stay on until 11.30pm. Details for other months will be published in the next magazine.

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. Please contact Libbie for further details on 771018.

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
W	10.00am	to 12 noon Coffee and Chat at Pips Community Cafe, Silver Threads Hall.
	7.00pm	to 8.30pm Purton Youth Club for school years 7+ at The Millennium Hall
Th	1.30pm	to 2.30pm (during term time) Tai Chi at the Millennium Hall
	3.15pm	to 4.15pm (during term time) IMPACT after school club at Pips Community Cafe. Games, snacks and Bible exploration. Parents need to stay but need not get involved.
F	2.00pm	to 4.30pm Purton Library open
	3.30pm	to 5.00pm Weekly group for Ukrainian families and their hosts at Royal Wootton Bassett Library
Sa	10.00am	to 12.30pm Purton Museum open, free of charge (Apr-end of Oct)

Every month

2nd Monday	Purton WI meet at 10am at the Silver Threads Hall
3rd Monday	St Mary's Fellowship of Women at Purton Methodist Church
3rd Monday	Royal British Legion meet at the Red House
2nd & 4th Tuesday	10.00am Purton Probus meet at Hook Village Hall.
3rd Wednesday	2-4pm Purton Charity Knitting group meet at Pips Community Cafe 10.30am-Noon Parkinson's UK Cricklade Cafe at the Cricklade Club
4th Thursday	(September to May) Purton Historical Society meet at 7.30pm in Play Close Methodist Church.

The Purton Village Diary is now kept at Pips Community Cafe, add your events and check what's happening in our village.

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

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who took part, 6 achieved gold awards (top 10% of all students nationally), 9 students achieved silver (top 25% of students) and 11 of our students got bronze awards (top 40% of



St Mary's visit our Library

This term, we were thrilled to be able to welcome Year 5 pupils from St Mary's School, back for their second visit to the Bradon Forest library this year. Each class learnt about how to find a range of books and resources using our alphabetical shelving system by taking part in a team scavenger hunt. Then they were responsible for shelving all their books back in the correct places, using their new found knowledge. We were so impressed with their skills and teamwork – well done Year 5!

National Science Thinking Challenge

Mrs Pullen reports: "Last term, I arranged for both my Year 10 Triple Science classes to enter the online National Science Thinking Challenge run by Warwick University. 227 schools and 13,652 students took part. This was the first year we have taken part so we weren't sure what to expect as some of the questions were challenging.

Our results are in and of the 58 students

entrants)! These are fantastic results and I am really proud of our students."

Year 10 MAT Maths Challenge

Mrs Hooper reports: "On 12 June, I took 12 keen mathematicians to a Year 10 MAT challenge event at Malmesbury school (pictured on the cover of this magazine). The morning was spent hearing about how and where maths could be studied after GCSE and talking about the different types of jobs that require maths with some surprising ones coming up.

In the afternoon, students were asked to form teams with other schools to compete in a competition involving several rounds of challenging questions that required inter-school teamwork and of course some serious brain power!

Once again, our students did Bradon proud. It was great to see their enthusiasm for the tasks and the friendly 'discussions' going on about how to achieve the answers! In the end, Jamie and Alex from Bradon triumphed with their Malmesbury teammates to



take 1st place, but congratulations go to all on a great day out!"

Some comments from those who took part:

"It was great to socialise with different people our age." Koroush K

"I enjoyed learning about the different careers that include maths." Romi B

"I particularly enjoyed exploring different branches of maths and their applications like mechanics and statistics." Jenny T

and gave it a go. It's great to see their confidence growing week on week.

Junior Maths Challenge

Mrs Hooper reports: "The Junior Mathematical Challenge is a 60-minute, multiple-choice Challenge. It encourages mathematical reasoning, precision of thought, and fluency in using basic mathematical techniques to solve interesting problems. The problems on the Junior Mathematical Challenge are designed to make students think.

These are the students in Year 8 who managed to get enough scores to get a certificate. Oliver M not only got a Gold certificate but got the best score in the school!"

Paralympian in the making

Every year, Year 7 student Reuben W takes part in the Dwarf Games. He



Year 7 BMX

This term, Year 7 students have started their five week BMX course! Bike handling, body position and cornering were the first skills learnt by the group. Well done to everyone who came



is very successful and this year he won seven medals: Four Gold, two Silver and one bronze. He won gold in running and shotput, silver in hockey and cycling and bronze in basketball.

Reuben said, "I like going to the games to compete and meet up with friends. I would like to one day take part in the Paralympic Games."

Happy Pride Month

Happy Pride Month! Thank you to all involved in our Pride Picnic. We were blessed with sunshine, a great turn out and lots of happy faces!



Miss Fennell, who runs our LGBTQ+ Club, said: "We are very proud to have hosted our second annual Pride Picnic. Last year the students really valued the friendly, inclusive event, which was a recognition of the community. All students were welcome to join in and feel welcome.

"Thank you to all the students who were involved in making items to sell, running games and competition stalls, handing out Pride flags and selling ice creams. It was great to see so many students and staff enjoying the picnic.

"Events such as this really strengthen the inclusive community feeling at our school!"

Science Fair

Mrs Hall reports: "On Tuesday, we welcomed Year 4 from St. Mary's over to our Bradon Forest Science Fair. Year 7 and 8 students had prepared projects in their own time to share with everyone. The projects ranged from volcanic eruptions and robot arms to echolocation and distillation.

"Karya and Daisy from 7P1 said, 'The science fair was really fun. The children from St. Mary's were really enthusiastic and asked lots of questions.'

"I was very impressed with all those



pupils who took part. They did a wonderful job of presenting and sharing their knowledge with our younger guests. I'm already looking forward to organising it again next year!"

Horticulture Garden Update

Our Horticulture garden is looking bountiful in the summer sunshine! The Year 10 group has been working hard growing the following extensive range of vegetables: Onions, beetroot, cabbage, potatoes, French beans, broad beans, carrots, kale, courgette, pumpkin, squash, tomatoes and chillies!

The students get to take home and eat whatever they grow.



The new Year 9 class started last week. Their first project is to renovate the long jump pit, and we're already impressed with their hard graft and willingness to learn.

Sing Four Four Community Choir: Summer Concert 2 July 2023

If you were not able to make it, or did not know about the recent concert performed by the choir in St Sampson's Church Cricklade, you really missed a treat.

The choir performed an eclectic mix of songs from sea shanties to Schubert, and a selection from *Les Misérables*. We received many very positive comments and compliments from our large audience. Plus there was cake afterwards!



Several of us from Purton have joined the choir and have fun on Thursday evenings. We rehearse at the United Reform Church in Cricklade on Thursdays between 7.30 and 9.30 p.m. You don't have to be able to read music. Rehearsal time is given to learning our parts, plus there are sound files available for members.

What are you waiting for? Come and join us! Singing is good for body and soul and for your mental health.

Rehearsals recommence on Thursday 7th September. New members are most welcome.

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August Nature Correspondent

“*Crex crex*”

On warm midsummer evenings local birders are straining their ears for the sound of the Quail from downland fields of wavering cereal: our smallest game bird, its call is a distinctive, far-reaching “wet-me-lips!”

Meanwhile, on the island of Iona, residents are kept awake at night by the persistent rasping call of another secretive and seldom-seen game bird – the Corncrake, Latin name “*Crex crex*.”. Once common in England until the 20th Century, less than a thousand singing males were recorded in the U.K. in 2021, now confined to the western isles of Scotland.

The adjacent island of Mull is a great place to be in early June, with a wealth of distinctive wildlife to enjoy. Luckily for us the weather was warm and sunny, the sky light till well after 10.00 p.m. with the midges not yet out in force.

Both Golden and White-tailed Eagles were on the wing and all three species of Diver seen in summer plumage. Red Deer roam the hills and with patience, Otters can be spotted along loch shorelines. One I saw surfacing briefly may well have been the same one videoed with two kits by a fellow holiday-maker. Photogenic Highland cattle cool off in the loch’s shallow margins, the comical young calves pale and fluffy.

Here, 500 miles from Marlborough, populations of the commoner birds are different. Cuckoos and Willow Warblers, increasingly scarce in Wiltshire, are doing well, while our familiar

Yellowhammers, Corn Buntings, Magpies and Jackdaws are all scarce. Carrion Crows are replaced by Hooded Crows and wild Rock Doves, as opposed to the feral version that flock in Trafalgar Square, nest on the cliffs.

From Fionnphort boat trips take you out to Staffa, on which you are landed for an hour or so to see the nesting puffins and visit the famous Fingal’s Cave. As we came alongside the island the skipper played us a snatch from Mendelssohn’s Hebrides Overture. Writing to his sister, the composer, who had rowed there with his friend in a skiff tossed by angry waves, admitted to being dreadfully sick, despite being inspired by the scene before him.

On a much calmer sea we saw a Minke Whale as well as Razorbills, Guillemots, Black Guillemots, Gannets, a Great Skua and several Manx Shearwaters congregating around a shoal of fish.

Back home I recently happened on a poem by a local man:

“You heard the corncrake,
Like scissors scraping on stone, a
metallic grating.

You wanted to chase that bird away,
till suddenly you stopped, and thought
how all December you would remember
this
and want back the sleepless calling of
the corncrake.”

*Robin Nelson, Commissioned by Tower &
Town, Marlborough*



Purton Tennis Club



In the summer holidays, the tennis coach, Sid Falconer will be holding Tennis Camps for 8 to 17 year olds. These will be held on Tuesday 8th, Wednesday 9th & Friday 11th August, on our courts next to the cemetery in Church Street, Purton, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Spaces are limited, so please book early if you have a child that would like to attend one or more of the tennis sessions. Please see the Purton Placard for details.

So far, it has been a lovely summer for tennis and we have had some great tennis played. Social tennis is always fun – lots of laughs and it is not taken too seriously. We also have our various in-house tournaments – doubles, singles, mixed and so on. These are proving popular as players can come up against people they have never met before, which is always a challenge.

The summer league is more serious and our teams are doing well. We have a new squad playing in one of the lower divisions, but the tennis is competitive and great fun, and, so far, they have had some really good results, so well done to all the players involved. The Men's & Mixed B teams are flying high and will hopefully be champions of their leagues, with Louise, Simon and Graham top of the stats – certainly something to be proud of!

In June, we had a very successful open afternoon. It was good to see some new faces, and some familiar ones turning up to play Purton and some joined the club on the day, which was great to see. We will have another open day in the future, but should you be interested in picking up a racquet then please get in touch. Jo Adams, our membership secretary can help you with any queries (jo.adams7@live.co.uk). Likewise, if you would just like to hire a court by the hour and play with family or friends, then please visit our website and follow the Clubspark link to book and pay for a court. (Please remember to contact the secretary for access.)

Finally, we recently had our welfare inspection from the LTA (Lawn Tennis Association). It is very important that tennis is fun, but also a safe sport to play. Our committee has undertaken training on the subject, and put in place various policies so that all players of all ages can feel safe and welcome at Purton. Our policies are published on our website for all to see, and hard copies are displayed in the pavilion for members to read.

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Purton Cricket Club



Summer is in full swing and with the school holidays approaching, the action at Purton CC is picking up by the day, with all of our cricket teams enjoying the weather on show.

On the field, the first XI are currently on an eight game unbeaten run, with seven of those being wins before the abandonment against Swindon Nalگو CC on July 8th. A run that has seen them pull clear at the top of the Wiltshire County Cricket League Division One. Nisaar Cook tops the club run charts with 682 whilst Tom Bowler, having returned to the club, has 347 runs himself in seven innings, at a ridiculous average of 347. With ball in hand, the same two players have 27 and 19 wickets respectively, whilst all-rounder Greg Davies has 14 himself to go along with his 55 off 27 balls against Nalگو.

Meanwhile, the second XI's struggles have continued, with one win from their first 10 games. However, performances have picked up in recent weeks, which have seen Cole Crumbie take his wicket tally to the season with 15. Phil Duffell has seven in his last couple of games to go with his season tally of 163 runs. Some other individual performances include Harrison Burr ridge and Fraser Conway both taking four wickets against Keevil, whilst Guy Dawson scored 61* in the same game.

Away from the men's teams, there has been a whole host of youth cricket too. The Under 19s won their opening game, with captain A. D'Sa hitting a six off the penultimate ball. Also, W. Carter hit his second century of the season, with 119 against Goatacre CC. N. Pari and S. Sheppard both have over 200 runs for the Under 13s. Another U13 player, M. Manickam, has 17 wickets for the season including 4-10 against Avebury. In the same game, H. Fry took 3-9.

Off the field, the club has been as busy as ever. The 'Club Night' in June was a huge success, and the club is hosting another one on July 21st with a BBQ and our second women's training session, which anyone of any ability is welcome to come along and participate in. Also, the club will be hosting a series of summer camps with two very experienced coaches. Keep an eye out on our social media pages on Twitter, Facebook or Instagram for more information.

On the back of that, we are continuing our drive that new members from the under 9s all the way up to adult cricketers! Everyone is always welcome and if you are interested then send an email to membership.purtoncc@gmail.com

Harrison Burr ridge

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Swindon Croquet Club

Swindon Croquet Club players travelled to Bristol Croquet Club for their latest Level Play league match.

Bristol fielded a strong team with several players on lower handicaps than the visiting team. Despite this, Steve Hares and Beverly Briggs (doubles), Martin Briggs (singles) and Dave Booth (singles) secured impressive early wins, then Steve staged an amazing comeback from 5-1 down, playing some impressively accurate long-range shots to clinch the game 7-6 on a tense 'golden hoop' decider. These wins contributed to Swindon holding a two point lead at the end of the morning session.

However Bristol narrowly won several closely contested games after lunch to secure victory by 13 – 7.

Captain Terry Clements said, "It was a great effort to be leading at lunchtime, playing away against a stronger team on paper. Credit must go to the Bristol players, who were solid throughout the afternoon session and, crucially, won several games by the narrowest of margins. We thanked Bristol for their hospitality and the friendly spirit in which the match was played."

Photo (L-R): Colin Bailey, Dave Booth, Martin Briggs, Terry Clements (Captain), Tony Mayer, Beverly Briggs, Steve Hares



Does anyone want to borrow 'Go Lightly'?

I have recently read a book called 'Go Lightly', by Nona Karnikowski. It was recommended to me by another Purtonian who is interested in issues related to reducing our negative impact on the planet. I bought the book and am now happy to share it with others.

It is a quick read, but includes many useful suggestions for how to travel with more care for our surroundings;

how to avoid single use plastic; how to embrace slow travel; how to see the world in a much less harmful way by travelling more sustainably. There are challenges and practical tips, and plenty of contact details for organisations that are searching for alternatives.

Do let me know if you would like to borrow the book. Contact Libbie on 771018.

Community information from Wiltshire Council

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Mini crossword

Here is the next in our series of mini crosswords that are only designed to be a bit of fun. Again there are no prizes but the answers to July's puzzle are 3A) Church 4A) Limestone 6A) Medieval 8A) Spire 9A) Tower 1D) Listed 2D) Building 5D) Bells 7D) Aisles.

This month there are eight clues.

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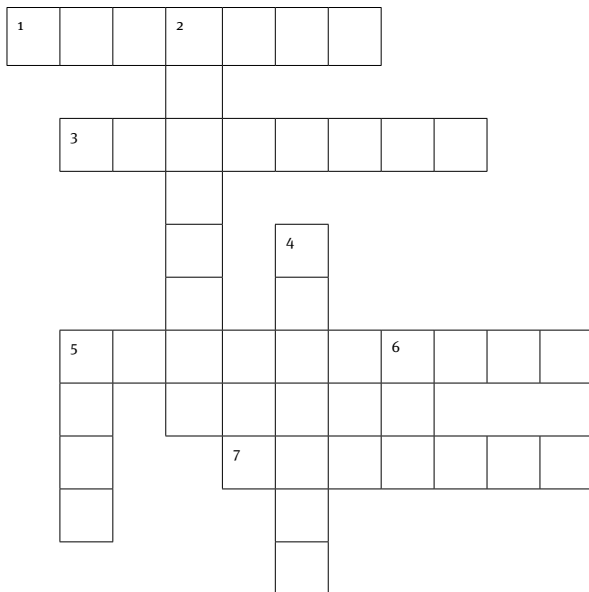
1. Runs aground (7)
3. Posh camping (8)
5. Shades (10)
7. Protection from sun (7)

Down

2. Moving sideways (8)
4. Bag for everything (7)
5. Material found in banks (4)
6. Large body of water

This is the next crossword created by Neil and Rob Miles to challenge readers. Answers for this quiz will be in the September 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. Some of the words come 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.



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Probus Talk (13/06/23) –

Nelson Mandela: the Man Behind the Myth

This talk was given by Bjorn Watson, who spent many years in Southern Africa and refers to Mandela as “an iconic figure of 20th century South Africa”. Bjorn acknowledges the influence of Professor Colin Grundy from the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) and Professor Ellie Broehme, both of whom he studied under and who were the source of considerable information about this great African leader. Much about Mandela’s political life, his imprisonment on Robben Island, but also about his personality and life outside politics was gleaned from these sources.

Behind the myth and the gift of the garb

Born in July 1918, Mandela was a Xhosa and was born in the Transkei. His father was a local chief, but he died when Nelson was a young boy. Nelson was then sent to live in Umtata with guardians. Not only did Nelson love to dress up, but he was a consummate performer; always willing to entertain. In Umtata, he wore his guardians cast off suits. Later in life after studying law, he wore a range of immaculate suits and shirts. Possibly, Mandela’s fondness for immaculate, but bright clothing, was one minor factor in his desire to create a ‘rainbow nation’.

Nelson studied Law at Fort Hare University; the only place where blacks could study at Higher Education level in South Africa during Apartheid. However, eventually the future African leader was sent down from university for protesting against the way black students were treated, and he subsequently moved to Johannesburg. There he met Walter Sisulu of the African National Congress (ANC), and they became lifelong friends. Like Sisulu, Mandela became a political activist. During this time he lived in Sophiatown – an African township where there was a vibrant but violent lifestyle. This was a very similar situation, at the time, to the New York area of Harlem.

Mandela’s relations with women

Nelson met his first wife, Evelyn Mase, through knowing Sisulu. They married in 1946 and they had two children. He was a proud family man. He enjoyed dancing and boxing and by the early 1950s he had become a successful lawyer, but his marriage began to unravel. Evelyn suspected her husband of being unfaithful and divorce followed. Mandela remained single until he met and married

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Winnie Madikizela in 1958. They were to remain married until divorcing in 1996. His third and final wife was Graca Machel, who he married in 1998. Professor Grundy called Nelson a male feminist, legendary charmer and shameless flirt. He had high profile meetings with Princess Diana and the Spice Girls, which were carefully choreographed.

During all this time, Nelson Mandela became increasingly involved in political activities. When the Pan-African Congress was formed in 1958 however, he was opposed to their racial exclusivity, which meant that no other ethnic groups could join. Meanwhile, the situation in Apartheid dominated South Africa became increasingly oppressive, with the Sharpeville Massacre in 1960 being an example of white oppression and African protest against the anti-black pass laws. The death of 60 people and the injury to 180 typified the tension, but despite international disgust, martial law was declared. Nelson was forced to go underground and became known as The Black Pimpernel. Typical of Mandela's personal vanity, however, he refused to shave off his beard. Mandela persuaded the ANC to abandon their non-violence policy and they became dedicated to war and acts of violence against Apartheid.

Eventually Mandela was arrested as a member of the ANC. He insisted on appearing in native clothing during his trial and was sentenced to five years. The infamous Rivonia Trial followed in October 1963 when Mandela and others were accused of various treasonous acts. During the trial, he famously stated, "I have fought against white and black domination, and I have cherished the ideal of democratic and free society in which all persons will live together in harmony and equal opportunities."

He was sent to Robben Island where, for example, he led a protest about prisoners having to wear short trousers. He spent 18 years in a damp concrete cell with a straw mat. He was forced to break rocks and initially not allowed to wear sunglasses. He was then moved to another prison on the mainland. In 1991, he was released and travelled the world and famously greeted the British Queen in a very informal way, "Hello Elizabeth." He continued to wear smart clothing.

In 1994, the ANC won a landslide victory at the elections and Mandela became President. His aim was for a 'rainbow' nation where the colour of one's skin was irrelevant. Famously, in 1995 when South Africa hosted the Rugby World Cup, he wore a Springbok shirt – at one time a symbol of white domination.

The Mandela Legacy

Professor Grundy claims that Mandela was not a great political

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thinker, but believed in action rather than words. He was deeply principled and based his policies on reconciliation and compromise, humanism and multi-racialism. There is one train of thought which accuses Mandela of becoming an 'Uncle Tom' figure as he moved too far to accommodate the whites in South Africa. Towards the end of his life, he became disillusioned with the ANC. He believed that every struggle leads to further struggle. His stand against any form of racism was a major factor in his life. He stated that, "No one is born hating another person because of their colour thus people must be led to love one another."

Sadly, the rainbow nation legacy has gradually been eroded, as the top 10% of South Africans earn virtually all the wealth and only 50% of these are black.

Ex-President Jacob Zulu began a prison sentence for failing to deal with corruption in the country. There has been widespread unrest in the townships, leading to looting and rampage. For example, the city of Durban was ransacked; a far cry from the heady days of 1994 with anarchy once more set loose.

SMART Tech by Maurice Ponting – 27/06/23

A programme made by the Discovery Channel was introduced by Maurice Ponting, a member of the Probus Executive Committee, who spent much of his career in the field of making 'bits' for various types of technology. Maurice explained that initially, silicon was the 'fall back' used in the production of certain products used for transport and medical purposes, as well as a range of everyday devices requiring semiconductor chips or micro-chips. However, this has now been replaced by L.E.D.s, although they are more difficult to cut. In this field of technology, there is a race to build increasingly sophisticated material.

The Discovery Channel programme narration started with a look into the 'near future' stating that the morning routines for most of us will change completely; all made possible through a new generation of semiconductors. The Toyota Camry car is an example and is referred to as a 'dream car' with a power-control centre made from silicon carbide (SiC), which requires less fuel than ever in a car motor. This typifies the great demand for new materials that are cheaper to manufacture with ever-improving fuel efficiency. Examples mentioned include the engine control model made increasingly compact through precisely crafted SiC by the DISCO Corporation. In order to achieve this it is necessary to be able to cut the materials with ever smaller surfaces. This can be done by using ultrasound waves to prevent the material from cracking. The Tokyo railway is used in the film to demonstrate how energy use has been cut by more than 30%,

which has allowed space for more batteries to be used to produce motion. It is anticipated that in the near future trains will be able to be run solely using battery power.

The Probus members were next presented with a range of examples of what can be achieved in the near future using laser technology. This technology, for example, is being used in the manufacture of contact lenses. This requires incredibly small micro-chips with the smallest possible pixels. They are 100 times smaller than a human hair and are 100 times brighter, but using 100 times less energy in production. The use of sapphire, which has great hardness, was demonstrated as part of the manufacturing being employed by the DISCO Corporation.

It was shown that L.E.D.s have many very different possible uses in the near future. For example, a team at the University of Tokyo has developed a water purifier using L.E.D.s which removes any trace of contamination in water. Researchers at Strathclyde University are working on the effects of L.E.D.s when used to look into the human brain. In this case the L.E.D. has to be extremely thin; in other words, 200th of a millimetre! DISCO Hi-Tec Europe are working on thin layers called wafers that are 300th of a millimetre. Laser technology can be employed increasingly at home. An example was a man using amazingly thin laser technology to check his blood count. The use of so-called dry laser technology means that in production the wafers don't have to be touched at all and therefore will not break despite the incredible thinness of the material.

In summary, the development of L.E.D.s is having an incredible impact on health, travel, information, entertainment and sport; in fact, on virtually all areas of modern life and, if not already available, will be so in the very 'near future'. This Discovery Channel programme was presented as a last-minute alternative for Purton Probus members because the presenter of the intended topic was forced to pull out. It is a topic that might seem not be of interest to some of the audience, but far from it, as this turned out not to be the case at all considering the number of questions that Maurice was asked to field once the programme had ended.

Purton Probus meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 10 a.m. at Hook Village Hall. New members are always encouraged to attend. Why don't you come along either with a member, or simply turn-up and introduce yourself?

The presentations for August are on the 8th (Operation Husky: The invasion of Sicily during WWII) and the 22nd (Roman Mosaics).

John Slaght

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