

January 2024

Purton Magazine

£1



Ray Thomas 1950-2023
Chair of Purton Parish Council

An independent monthly publication of news, views, events and information from and for the Parish of Purton, Wiltshire.

Morris Owen

Chartered accountants, business advisers and more...



Chartered accountants
Business advisers
Chartered tax advisers
Independent financial advisers

Find out what makes
Morris Owen more
than just accountants

Contact Jenna Wheeler on
01793 603900 or email
jenna.wheeler@morrisowen.com



Registered to carry on audit work in the UK and licensed to carry out the reserved legal activity of non-contentious probate in England and Wales by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales. Authorized and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. Registered with the Chartered Institute of Taxation as a firm of chartered tax advisers.

www.morrisowen.com

09/24



Cricklade Osteopaths

Hands on help and advice for your aches and pains



- Sciatica/trapped nerve
- Babies/Cranial Osteopathy
- Headaches
- Joint pains
- Muscle pain
- Tennis elbow
- Frozen Shoulder
- Post Op rehab

24 hour online booking available for
appointments 6 days a week
A GP referral is not required.

crickladeosteopaths.com

01793 750504

Not just backs!

03/24



Locate Smart Home
Silver Partner



- Smarthome Solution Design and Implementation
- Multi-room audio, CCTV and alarm systems
- Car charging points (OLEV Grant approved)
- Domestic, commercial, equestrian and agricultural electrical contractors and engineers
- Landlord inspection, testing and certification service
- Part P approved with 6 year warranty on domestic work

Tel: 01793 771167 **Mobile:** 07795 832087
www.butcherselectrical.co.uk

09/24

Purton Contacts

Wiltshire Councillor	Jacqui Lay	770704
Doctor	Purton Surgery	770207
Dental Surgery	Church Street	770532
Junior Church	Mary Hodges	770505
Library	Librarians	770870
<i>(Tuesdays 2.00-7.00pm Fridays 2.00-4.30pm)</i>		
Museum	Lucy Lewis	772466
Police/Fire/Ambulance	Emergencies	999
Police	Non-emergency	101
Scottish & Southern Electric	24hr network failure line	0800 727282
Thames Water	Report leaks, blockages, pollution, supply issues etc	thameswater.co.uk/help/ report-a-problem
Age Concern Minibus	Hazel Woodbridge	770862
Purton Parish Council	Deborah Lawrence	771066
Purton Silver Threads	Lindsey Hall	771890
Recycling Centre, Mopes Lane, <i>(10am-4pm: Mon, Thurs, Fri, Sat, Sun)</i>		
Veterinary Surgery	Purton Vets	771869
Pips Community Café	Duty volunteers	07498 526872
<i>(Tuesday-Friday 9am-4.30pm, Saturdays 10am-2pm)</i> www.facebook.com/purtoncommunitycafe/		

Schools & Playgroups

Bradon Forest School	Secretary	770570
St Mary's Primary School & Nursery	Office	770239

Church of England - Parish Church of St Mary www.stmaryspurton.org.uk

For information about services, see the diary pages in the centre of the magazine.

Vicar: Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith	email: vicarage@stmaryspurton.org.uk Tel: 770077 (773031 emergencies only)
Curate: Revd Judith Wells	email: judithwells36@googlemail.com Tel: 770627
Warden	Sandra Horsnall: 770157

Administrator: Rosie Harris administrator@stmaryspurton.org.uk Tel: 773035

Methodist Churches For information about services in Purton, see the diary pages in the centre of the magazine. Braydon: Sundays 6.00pm Evening Worship

Minister:	Tel: 853197, 1 Garraways, Woodshaw, Royal Wootton Bassett
Revd Shirlyn Toppin	SN4 8LT

Catholic Church - Church of the Sacred Heart, High St, Royal Wootton Bassett

www.thesacredheartparish.co.uk

Priest: Revd Father Lucas Rodrigues Tel: 852366

Lucas Rodrigues

Services: Holy Mass Sunday 11.00am. Mon, Tues, Wed 9.30am. Fri 7.00pm

Catholic Church - St Mary's Church, High St, Cricklade

Priest: Father Michael Robertson Tel: 01285 712586 St Mary's Church

Father Michael Robertson

Services: Holy Days 7.00pm, Sundays 9.30am Mass.

Contents

10 Years Ago _____	25
20 Years Ago _____	25
2024 Magazine subscriptions _____	37
Advertiser Index _____	54
Age Concern _____	22
Christmas Tree Festival _____	30
Church Floodlighting _____	32
Diary Pages _____	28
Football Club _____	35
Historical Society _____	27
Library News _____	24
Mini crossword _____	52
Movies@Mary's _____	24
News from the turkey shed _____	48
Parish Council News _____	6
Pips Community Cafe _____	33
Placard _____	45
Post Bag _____	37
Prayer for Purton _____	46
Profferings _____	34
Purton Contacts _____	3
Purton & District Probus Club _____	38
Purton Litter Pick _____	32
Purton United Charities _____	26
RBL Poppy Appeal 2023 _____	35
Rotary Club of RWB _____	51
St Mary's Primary School _____	33
Surgery PPG _____	21
Tennis Club _____	34
We Record _____	37
Wiltshire Council waste collections _____	39

Purton Magazine

Purton Magazine committee:

Avril Ainscough, Barbara Compton,
Sheila Fowler, Sandra Horsnall, Francis
Sheppard, Richard McCarthy, Neil Miles.

Designed by: Heather Ponting-Bather,
In Touch Design & Print, Purton.

Printed by: Hulbert & Woodall Print,
Royal Wootton Bassett.

Advertising enquiries: Richard McCarthy
Email: advertising@purtonmagazine.co.uk

Copy & advertising deadline: 10th of each
month, please to: Purton Magazine,
c/o In Touch Design & Print, 2 College
Road, Purton SN5 4AR

Tel: 01793 772954
email: mail@purtonmagazine.co.uk

Distribution & Delivery enquiries:

Sandra Horsnall Tel: 01793 770157

Email:
distribution@purtonmagazine.co.uk

Other enquiries and comments for the committee to:

The Secretary, 45 Ringsbury Close,
Purton SN5 4DF

Also online at www.purtonmagazine.co.uk

© 2004-2023

Front cover image: Frosty winter sunrise
at Dom's Rock. Credit: Gary Boyle

InTouch
Design & Print

H&WPRINT
hulbert & woodall

From the Editors

January 2024
Volume 46 No.1
1st Published 1975

It is sad to report the death of Ray Thomas, 20 years a Purton Parish Councillor and who for the last 10 years served as Chair of the Council. On page 6 we learn that he joined the Council in 2004, intending only to stay a few years. Having held several chairing roles for the Council he soon became embedded in council ways as well as with the life of our community and it was a natural progression for Ray to become Chair of Council in May 2013. He has been described as a true gentleman with the community at his heart and we all will have benefitted from his work. Neil Hooper becomes Acting Chair of Council with Sue Relfe becoming Acting Vice Chair and the Magazine Committee send best wishes at this sad time with the best of luck to the revised team.

In other Council news we learn that a supply of new homes for birds, bees, bats, bugs and hedgehogs will be placed around Council sites such as the Dingle by the Grounds Team. The homes have been ordered from TWIGS Community Gardens which is part of the Swindon based Recovery Tree charity that also runs the Olive Tree Café. Both projects aim to help people's mental wellbeing by providing purposeful

activities in a supportive environment. More details are on page 9 and at www.therecoverytreecharity.org.uk with helpful contact details and information about referring people to the projects. The Christmas Tree Festival in St. Mary's Church has been a wonderful success with 35 very different creations, each designed to draw attention to a local organisation and their purpose. The Purton Litter Pickers made their tree from litter grabbers and topped it off with the brightest, shiniest star made out of discarded chocolate bar wrappers. The Young Farmers made theirs out of electric fence posts and baler twine while the WI tree featured their traditional Jam and Jerusalem. There are many more descriptions of the different trees on page 30.

The Age Concern article on page 22 includes a big thank you to all the people who help at their events in so many different ways. Readers are reminded how remarkable it is, the way people respond and that "there really can't be many villages like Purton." Your magazine concurs with very best wishes to every reader, distributor and advertiser a very happy, healthy and successful New Year.

35

Christmas trees were created for the St Mary's festival - see page 30

42

Went by coach on a Christmas shopping trip to Clarks Village, Street, Somerset - see page 22

£11,461

Was collected and sent from Purton RBL branch to the 2023 National Poppy Appeal - see page 35

Purton Parish Council News



Chair of Council, Raymond George Thomas, 21st April 1950 - 3rd December 2023



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our Chair of Council Ray Thomas, on Sunday 3rd December, peacefully at home with his loving family by his side, after a short illness.

Ray joined the Council in September 2004 with a view to staying a few years!

Nearly 20 years later, with various charring roles, he was firmly embedded into the ways of the council and community life and became Chair of Council on 13th May 2013 where he remained until his passing.

Our thoughts and condolences are with his family and friends at this difficult time. Those who knew him described him as, "A true gent, with the community at his heart".

Acting Chair at Purton Parish Council

Due to the ill health and passing of our Chair, Cllr Ray Thomas, we have a temporary change in our Chair and Vice Chair to allow for time off during this difficult period.

As from Monday 13th November, Acting Chair of Council is Neil Hooper and Acting Vice Chair is Susan Relfe.

Should you have any questions or need any help, please contact either of these or our Clerk Deborah Lawrence.

Drop Kerb Update

In a recent survey, local people told us that drop kerbs would help make Purton more accessible, on eight of our roads.



Funding for drop kerbs will be shared across the North Wiltshire Area, so unfortunately, we may not be able to add drop kerbs on all eight roads.

To make sure we can pay for some drop kerbs, Purton Parish Council will ask for money to add drop kerbs at Restrop Road and Reid's Piece as a first step.

Wiltshire Council's Local Highway and Footway Improvement Group (LHFIG) will then decide which drop kerbs can be added.

Matthew Scott NCH
Garden & Landscape Services

Including Fencing, Decking,
 Patios & Walling
 Pruning,
 Clearance & Turfing

Free Quotations, All Jobs Considered

Mobile: 07909 671501
 Tel/Fax: 01793 772986

02/24

Windowology Ltd
 Specialist Designs in PVCu, Aluminium, Wood & Glass.

**Expert design & installation of
 Windows, Doors & Conservatories.
 *Pilkington "Activ" Installer.
 *Aluminium shopfronts.
 *Fascias, Gutters & Cladding.
 *Misted up sealed units replaced.
 Secondary Glazing.



11/24

01793 771582 07973 349797
 dave@windowology.co.uk **FENSA**
 Registered Company

Kaileigh & Guy Tasker welcome you to
The Bell Inn, Purton Stoke

Serving award-winning homemade food & drink



Tues-Sat 12-2pm & 6-9pm, Sundays 12-4pm.
 Bookings are advised. Tel: 01793 770434
www.bellinnpurtonstoke.co.uk info@thebellpurtonstoke.co.uk

07/24

12/24

*All aspects of joinery undertaken,
 with over 20 years' experience*

Peter Garrard Tel: 07854 509887
 Email: peter@garrardsltd.co.uk



GARRARDS
 LIMITED
 FURNITURE • KITCHENS • INTERIORS

**PURTON
 VETS**

A partnership of lifelong care



A small but well equipped, experienced family Vet offering
 exceptional client and patient care, open 6 days a week

Free Parking

Branch surgery at Cricklade open 5 days a week

Join our Pet Health Club for savings across your pet's healthcare

Visit our website for more information

www.purtonvets.co.uk



12/24



RAW AND PASTEURISED MILK

QUARRY FARM,
 THE HYDE, PURTON,
 SWINDON,
 SN5 4EA

WEB: DORASDAIRY.CO.UK

EMAIL: DAIRYMAID@DORASDAIRY.CO.UK

TEL: 07453 348560



02/23

Chimney Mechanics Ltd

Chimney sweeping,
Pots, cowls & bird-guards,
Repainting & stack repairs,
Stoves, liners & fireplaces
Wood-burner installation
HETAS registered

01793 771782

07/24

Quality Builders **MARK MANNING**

Garden walls • patios • drives
• pointing • plastering • roofing
• new chimneys built and repaired
• extensions • loft conversions
Alterations & free advice.

Tel 07980 309877

manningmarka@sky.com

02/24

Toilets & Taps Plumbing Services

Your local qualified plumber, offering a professional and reliable service:

- Toilets and taps
- Leaks
- Washing maching/
dishwasher installations
- Bathroom installations
- General plumbing maintenance

Contact: Ryan 07845 510839

09/24



Purton Farm Shop



Great Value Fresh Local Produce
All in one place!

Organic
Fruit & Veg
Grass Fed Meat
Free Range Eggs
Fresh Bakery
Local Artisan Producers

Church End, Purton SN5 4EB
Tel, 01793 771556
www.purtonhouseorganics.co.uk

12/24

EKINS & CO

Accountants Specialising in the Smaller Business

Accountants and Tax Consultants *Specialising in the Smaller Business*

Partners: Paul Monk & Martin Butler

- ✓ Accounts Preparation
- ✓ Sole Trader & Partnerships
- ✓ Limited Companies
- ✓ Corporation Tax
- ✓ Payroll Administration
- ✓ Book-keeping / VAT Returns
- ✓ Self Assessment Tax Returns
- ✓ Incorporation
- ✓ IRIS, Kashflow, Quickbooks, Sage, Xero

Telephone: (01793) 642577

E-mail: enquiries@ekinsonline.co.uk

Website: ekinsonline.co.uk

1 Cricklade Court SWINDON SN1 3EY

Flexible Hours to Suit YOU

Initial Meeting FREE of charge

12/24

We will update everyone when we know more. Thank you to everyone who completed our survey!

Village Enhancements

In 2024, Purton Parish Council will continue to enhance the village aesthetics to help maintain its rural village feel.

Bus shelter refurbishment will be completed for the 5 shelters not currently renovated; ground level planting will be established at village entrances; and paving outside of the Council Offices will be lifted, in order to allow for more eco-friendly planting.

Keep Purton moving, by keeping water flowing

Purton Parish Council are calling on landowners to ‘keep Purton Moving’ by ‘Keeping water flowing’ this week, in a bid to encourage much needed clearing and ongoing maintenance of watercourses and ditches, following the extreme rainfall on 20th of October.

The action comes amidst a second named storm causing flooding in the village, which has led to a number of local homes suffering the effects of flooding in their homes, outbuildings, gardens, access roads and on the highways.

In response, Purton Parish Council are actively working to support Wiltshire Council to gather data, to enable them to prioritise works and best allocate ‘Flood Warning’ signage and future government funding.

Key to future flooding prevention, is that water courses and ditches are able to carry and store the maximum amount of water, so Purton Parish Council is asking landowners to help their community

and neighbours by ensuring that they are all kept clear. This they hope will ‘Keep water flowing and keep Purton moving’.

Parish Clerk, Deborah Lawrence said: *“Our residents are suffering the damage and distress of flooding. Our Community Emergency Volunteers are working hard to support our community and Emergency Services when we are impacted by flooding. We’d like to ask for landowners to do their bit and clear their ditches and watercourse to ‘Keep water flowing’ so everyone can ‘keep moving’ in the village. This simple action could make a real difference to everyone, including landowners, given the impacts of climate change.”*

Residents known to have been impacted by the effects of flooding have been contacted and those who have not, but who have suffered the impacts of flooding, have been asked to complete a brief survey available at this link: www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Z63KC8Q, so that information can be collated on the extent of flooding.

Rise Trust Youth

Our Youth Sessions will continue to operate from the Millenium Hall on Thursday nights from 7.00pm – 8.30pm for year 7s and above and remain FREE to attend.

As a reminder, the Christmas two week closure will be reduced to just one week (w/c 25th December) and sessions will return in the week beginning 3rd January 2024.

Homes For Wildlife

A supply of new homes for birds, bees, bats, bugs, and hedgehogs has been ordered by Purton Parish Council from

the Swindon based charity TWIGS, in order to support local wildlife and biodiversity. The homes will be placed around Council sites, such as the Dingle, by the council's Grounds Team.

TWIGS Community Gardens is part of the Swindon-based Recovery Tree Charity, which also runs the Olive Tree Café. Both projects aim to help people's mental wellbeing by providing purposeful activities in a supportive environment. You can find out more on their website at www.therecoverytreecharity.org.uk/ This includes contact details and information about how to refer people to the projects.

It is hoped that the community will be able to get involved with the project moving forwards, and further information will be provided once available.

The decision to provide more homes for wildlife, comes following the completion of an ecofriendly survey by local residents who strongly supported such a move.

Updates will be made available in the Purton Magazine and via the Council's Social Media Accounts.

St Mary's Church yard wall & road closure at The Fox

Work is expected to start at the St Mary's Church graveyard in April 2024, to remedy issues with the bowing Church Yard wall.

The issues with the wall have arisen due to historic burials which have been placed on top of each other, with more significant weight from stones and tombs above causing pressure below.

Working closely with the Diocese and experts in this field, Purton

Parish Council has undertaken initial investigations, in a careful, considerate, and respectful manner.

These investigation works have provided some early information, but further assessments will be needed to fully understand the type of remedial works needed, and the level of urgency that the work will need to be completed.

In the event of expected remediations, works should complete in line with planned budgets within 2024. Should more extensive works be required, a more costly and substantial programme of works may be needed in 2025.

To safely complete works, Church End will need to be closed to traffic from St Mary's Church onwards, for an estimated month. Further updates will be made available in the Purton Magazine and on the Purton Parish Council's social media accounts.

Cemetery Christmas Wreaths

Every year we will remove Christmas related items from grave spaces and dispose of them after the 5th of February. Please remove your wreaths and any items of sentimental value by 5th February at the latest. Discarded items will not be replaced, so if you wish to keep any items that have been placed, please remove them before this date.

Any queries contact the office on the below email: deborah.lawrence@purtonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Former Youth Club site at Reid's Piece

Following a number of resident surveys, Purton Parish Council is aware that local people wish to see:

- the site maintained in support of the community;

- more local growing of plants;
- the maintaining and enhancing of village aesthetics;
- and more ground-based planting.

In response, plans are being formulated to demolish the former Youth Club at the start of 2024, in order to create a compound and growing space for the Purton Parish Council Grounds Team.

Work will start in January/February, with the fencing off of the area and the demolition of the existing building before construction commences.

Future ideas also include a potting shed, polytunnel, chipping area and space for community involvement.

Parish Clerk Deborah Lawrence Said:

“This site offers a great opportunity for us to progress our plans to become Carbon Neutral, whilst keeping the village looking its best and reducing costs.”

Slowing drivers through our village

Purton Parish Council has committed funding on an ongoing basis, for speed measurement devices, to continue to ensure that drivers travel at safer speeds through the village.

Such actions include annual metro counts, which records speed and volume of traffic to allow schemes to be initiated, and Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs), which help to measure and document speeds, so that issues can be raised with Wiltshire Council and Local Policing Teams whilst visually advising travelling of the speed limit.

Of note, is that current average speed data, from village speed devices, have indicated that average speeds have not exceeded 31mph, suggesting that typically drivers are slowing down.

This data also means that at the current time legislation does not support the introduction of further Speed Indicator Devices or Community Speedwatch, as average speeds have not exceeded the limit of the scheme, however Purton Parish Council funding and monitoring of the issue will continue.

Parish Clerk, Deborah Lawrence said:

“Whilst the average speed is encouraging, we maintain a firm commitment in the village to ensure that all road users are safe. We have set aside budgets to support this on an ongoing basis and will continue to monitor and act, as necessary.”

Anyone wishing to review the data themselves can do so at this link on the Parish Council Website: www.purtonparishcouncil.gov.uk/services/planning-highways

Purton Red House kitchen

Substantial behind the scenes work has been undertaken and investment made, to pave the way for the new kitchen at Purton Red House. Despite some challenges, this work is now forging forwards with orders for electrics, electrical connections, plans, and building works now placed.

It is now anticipated that onsite works will begin in January 2024, with food being served from April.

Parish Clerk, Deborah Lawrence said:

“Although not visible as yet, there has actually been huge progression and investment in this project and the Charity Trustees remain committed to ensuring the longevity of the Purton Red House by enabling a new revenue stream through the kitchen.

It’s a project that puts the community

back at the heart of Purton Red House, by enabling everyone to come together and by ensuring the facility is there for years to come, as all profits will be reinvested in the site.”

Purton Red House Bar & Restaurant Manager, Chris Martin said:

“We’ll keep all our regulars up to date with what’s going on. We’ll be displaying information both online and in the bar for all to see.”

Easy Access Parish Council Offices

In order to become more accessible to all in the community, Purton Parish Council has been looking towards a future with ground floor offices and information centre.

Challenged by a lack of suitable spaces in the village, investigations will be carried out in early 2024, with a view to finding a new space.

Parish Clerk, Deborah Lawrence Said:

“We want to be easily available to all our residents, so that everyone can access the information, help, and support that they need.

We hope that through this review, we’ll be able to identify viable, cost-effective options, to help us to enhance the service offered to everyone in the village.”

Update on the Royal Wootton Bassett Banking Hub

Work is underway to create the Hub at the Post Office in the High Street to hopefully be ready to open early this year.

Royal Wootton Bassett Library will host an early home for the Community Banking Hubb from December 2023, which may continue until the full hub is open.

The Purton Neighbourhood Plan - our voice when developers want to build in our village!

In the past, having a Neighbourhood Plan has enabled us to exert some level of influence over potential developments because it is a legally recognised document which proves what our village wants and needs.

To ensure it remains effective, updates to our Neighbourhood Plan are now underway, with Councillors, Council Officers, and Volunteers all working together to update it. This work will continue over the next year or so because it must follow a complex, regulated process to become a legally recognised document.

This Neighbourhood Plan update or 'revision' offers an opportunity for you to have your say and shape the future of our village regarding housing and amenities. For example, you can use this chance to say that retirement homes, affordable accommodation, green spaces, or GP appointments are most important to you.

We know that everyone's lives are busy, but we want you to be aware that this is happening and that you can really make a difference by:

- filling in surveys online and in the village;
- coming along to a Consultation Event;
- understanding what is written in the plan about where you live;
- volunteering to work on the plan;
- or voting when needed.

You can find out more and keep up to date by following Purton Parish Council

PURTON'S
**COMMUNITY
FRIDGE**

Located in the Silver Threads Hall
entrance lobby

Open:

Tuesday to Friday

10am-4.30pm

Saturday

10am-1.30pm

The fridge and pantry are open to anyone and everyone, we are NOT a food bank. Our one request is that you only take what you will use, saving food from going to landfill and sharing it amongst the community.

Email: purtoncommunityfridge@gmail.com

10/24

**Casa Colina
Costa Blanca**

A well-equipped detached villa
3 double bedrooms (sleeps 6)



Lovely communal pool, beautiful beaches
nearby and first class golf courses.

Airports at Alicante & Murcia ½ hr.

£500 per week

Contact Caroline: Tel 07799 217995

email: carolinehill41@gmail.com

www.colinaholidayrentals.co.uk

11/24

**WOOTTON BASSETT
SERVICE STATION LTD**

91-93 High Street,
Royal Wootton Bassett, SN4 7HA

Tel: 01793 852083

07774 651270 in emergencies

**SELF DRIVE ■ HIRE REPAIRS
CAR/COMMERCIAL SALES**

24hr RECOVERY

MOTs ■ SERVICING

**We can collect & deliver your
vehicle. Courtesy car available.**

www.woottonbassettservicestation.co.uk

OPEN Mon-Fri: 8.00am-5.15pm, Sat: 8.00am-12.00pm, Sun: Closed

03/24

LAND WANTED

Do you have any land
which may be suitable
for development;
gardens, old yards,
fields or paddocks?

Ring 07770 760219 or Email:
gsbricklaying@outlook.com

on social media (see contact details at the end of the Purton Parish Council section) and by reading the Purton Magazine over the coming months.

Annual Volunteer Recognition Awards 2024

Volunteers in our village give many hours of their time to improve the lives of all of us, without pay or recognition. Without them many local events, clubs and services simply would not exist.

Each year the Parish Council offers you a chance to recognise these community stalwarts, who you have witnessed volunteering for our local community. This takes place via the Purton Parish Council Annual Volunteer Recognition Award Scheme.

To nominate your local hero, you simply need to obtain, complete, and return a copy of the entry form to the Parish Council Office. Nomination Forms can be collected from the Parish Council Office, downloaded from our website or if needed posted to you.

The form is available on our website at: www.purtonparishcouncil.gov.uk/news/whats-on

Councillors will consider all entries, following which Award Recipients will be invited to attend the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday April 8th at 7.30pm, when Awards will be presented.

Each nominee will be welcomed to the Annual Parish Meeting at the Village Hall with their families, to receive recognition and enjoy some light celebratory refreshments.

Your hero can be of any age. They may be new to a project, have set up a project or have been giving their time, energy and commitments to a well-established

organisation for many years.

You'll simply need to let us know who they are, which organisation they volunteer with and provide 50-100 words about what makes their contribution so special. The closing date for entries is January 31st, 2024.

Donations To Your Community

Purton Parish Council Finance & General Purposes Committee, reviews funding for local community groups.

Whilst things are a little quieter now, after Christmas, perhaps you may have time to consider what your group, club or society needs next and be looking for funding.



If so, you may like to contact our Parish Clerk, Debbie Lawrence to learn more on 01793 771066. You'll be able to discuss any potential projects, and criteria in more detail, so please do not hesitate to call to access help and advice.

You may also wish to note that our next round of donations is to be held in February 2024.

Purton Parish Council Christmas lights switch on 2023!



Hundreds of local people, of all ages, came along to the Purton Parish Council Christmas Lights Switch on Saturday 2nd of December, at the Purton Red House.

Although the weather was very chilly, the drinks, food, and welcome were warm, as everyone enjoyed hot food from Dora's Dairy and mulled wine from the Purton Red House.

Together, Acting Chair, Cllr Neil Hooper, and young Zack, switched on the lights, at the end of the countdown.

After the big switch on, the Peartree Pealers set the festive atmosphere with Christmas Handbell Ringing and the Lockdown Brass Band played Christmas Carols in the Purton Red House, so that everyone could keep warm.

Cllr Neil Hooper said:

“This is what Christmas, and village life is all about - bringing everyone together to enjoy music, food and festivities.”

Children's Christmas Party 2023

Around a hundred guests enjoyed the Purton Parish Council Children's Christmas Party, on Saturday 16th December, at Purton Village Hall.

Both children resident in Purton and those living beyond the Parish, were welcomed to attend.

At the Christmas party, children enjoyed all the fun of Razzmatazz Entertainment, with games, magic tricks, real rabbits and snow!

After the party, the children were all invited to visit Father Christmas, who listened to their Christmas wishes and gave them a small gift.

St Mary's Church - Christmas Tree Festival 2023

Purton Parish Council decorated a tree for the Christmas Tree Festival at St Mary's Church, which ran from Sunday 3rd of December to Wednesday 27th of December.

The Christmas Tree Festival at St Mary's Church Purton, welcomed local groups, clubs and societies to decorate a tree which showed the aims and activities of their organisations.

In line with the Churches eco aspirations, all the groups involved were asked to be environmentally friendly, by not using glitter dust or glitter spray.

For health and safety reasons, the 3-4ft trees were all lit with battery operated lights.

In all, 35 trees were included from organisations such as: the WI, Messy Church, Purton Tennis Club, White Lodge Care Home, Ashgrove, Young Farmers and the local schools.

All the Purton Parish Council Tree

decorations were hand crafted by a collaboration of Council Officers and Councillors and were designed to reflect the local amenities and activities of the organisation.

Memorial Testing

Purton Parish Council has completed Memorial Testing at Purton Cemetery.

Currently we have 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 owners 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:

PC/S/7	Vyvyan
PC/S/44	Maltby
PC/Burial/58	Hiscock
PC/Burial/50	Parsons
PC/Burial/53	Brown
PC/Burial/71	Wheeler
PC/Burial/101	Jones
PC/Burial/117	Bristow
PC/Burial/151	Kennet
PC/Burial/162	Parsons
PC/Burial/220	Simpkins
PC/Burial/262	Matthews
PC/Burial/304	Ardley
PC/Burial/357	Eatwell

Planning

Planning applications are received and are discussed under Council agenda 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 or through the Wiltshire Council portal link also on our site. Applications to be considered at our meetings will be posted on our agenda, which can be located on our notice boards and website at:

www.purtonparishcouncil.gov.uk/services/planning-highways

Applications received, granted, and refused at the date of submission for this edition of the Purton Magazine, are as follows:

Permission Granted

- PL/2023/07163 Mistletoe, Cottage, 3 New Road, Purton, SN5 4HF
Erection of L shaped timber structure consisting of 3 bay carport and attached workshop. Decision: Approve with Conditions
- PL/2023/07202 Removal or Variation of a Condition 6 High Street, Purton, Swindon, SN5 4AA, Removal/ Variation 3 relating to application 20/05358/FUL (Change of use from restaurant to staff accommodation, creation of 3 flats to first and second floors and internal alterations)
Decision: Approve with Conditions
- PL/2023/07688 17 Jubilee Estate, Purton, Swindon, SN5 4EU.
Proposal: Single storey rear & side extension, solar panels, rear veranda and associated works.
Decision: Approve with Conditions

Permission Refused

- PL/2022/09058 4 Church End, Purton, SN5 4EB. Installation of 8 1m by 1.8m solar panels on an existing south-facing slate roof.
Decision: Refuse

12/24

Community Spaces for Hire

Purton War Memorial and Village Centre

tel: 01793 771066
www.purtonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Millennium Hall
Bowls Pavilion Function Room (October to March)
Open Space and Recreation Ground

Purton War Memorial and Village Centre
Charity Reg. No 395642



Paul Thrush
City & Guilds Qualified

- ◆ Commercial & domestic plumbing
- ◆ Bathroom suites/shower installation
- ◆ Painting & decorating
- ◆ Property maintenance
- ◆ Heating maintenance
- ◆ Oil boiler servicing & repairs

12 Home Ground
Woodshaw
Royal Wootton Bassett
Wiltshire SN4 8NB



Office: 01793 848122
Mobile: 07784 869277
Web: www.pt-plumbing.co.uk
Email: ptplumbing@yahoo.co.uk

Free Quotations ◆ No job too small ◆ No call out fee

03/24

InTouch Design & Print

Providing a **professional service** for small businesses, community groups, and individuals. from scanning old family photos or documents to a complete brand design, no job is too big or too small, and no minimum order is required.

Whatever your design and print needs, get **InTouch**.

01793 772954 heather@intouchpurton.co.uk
facebook.com/InTouchDesignAndPrint
2 College Road, Purton SN5 4AR (meetings by appointment)

11/24



DRIVING SCHOOL

DSA approved.

Teaching absolute beginners to refresher and motorway lessons
Rich Griffin 07581 578930
rich.griffin@btinternet.com



over 15 years experience

RODENTS **WASPS**

FLIES




N. W. D. S. PEST CONTROL

Mobile: 07932 119999
Office: 01793 770807
Email: nwdspstcontrol17@gmail.com

05/24

12/24

Amazing Glazing


Pure water window cleaners



Neil Saunders
81a Pavenhill
Purton
Swindon
Tel: 07534 964231
amazing.glazing.purton@gmail.com

03/24

New Road Garage



Paul Young
New Road, Purton
Tel 01793 770275

△ Servicing △ Tyres △ Exhausts
△ MOTs arranged



L.H VEHICLE DAMAGE REPAIRS

LEWIS HAWKINS CAR, VAN & BIKE BODYWORK REPAIRS

Do you have a car on finance due to be returned to the dealer? Are your wheels kerbed? Have you got dents, scrapes and scratches? Or need marks polished out of your paintwork?

We offer a range of vehicle repairs:

- Paintless dent repair ▪ Alloy wheel repairs
- Scratches ▪ Scuffs ▪ Dents ▪ Detailing
- Caliper painting ▪ Headlight restoration

Call today: 07907 485902

Find me on Facebook & Instagram
l.vehicledamagerepairs

05/24

08/24

BRUSH STROKES



PAINTING & DECORATING
OVER 20 YEARS EXPERIENCE

KEVIN WEST

Telephone: 01793 772552
Mobile: 07731 547995

Community Hall for Hire

Purton Village Hall

tel: 01793 771066
www.purtonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Purton Institute and Village Hall
Charity Reg. No 203202

A large, bright, flexible community space with ample parking.

Support your local village hall

12/24



DW Dunn Ltd

01793 232546

A family owned company, established for over 90 years



Heating & Plumbing Services for Business and Home



Heating

Oil & Gas Boiler Replacements
Boiler Servicing & Repair
Underfloor Heating
Power Flushing



Plumbing

General Plumbing
Replacement Radiators
Power Flashes
Water Softeners see
www.gloucestershire-softeners.com

Purlieus Barn, Ewen, Cirencester GL7

Proud members of

Checkatrade.com
Where reputation matters

WORCESTER
Boch Group
Accredited Installer

enquiries@dwdunn.co.uk
www.dwdunn.co.uk

02/24

- PL/2022/09346 Works to a Listed Building 4 Church End, Purton, SN5 4EB Installation of 8 no. 1 metre by 1.8 metres solar panels on an existing south facing slate roof. Decision: Refuse

Appeals

- APP/Y3940/D/23/3328123, 67 Pavenhill, Purton, SN5 4DA. Two storey rear extension and a single storey rear extension

Parish Council Meetings 2024

Public full Council Meetings will be held at the Village Hall from 7pm as follows:

- Monday 8th January 2024
- Monday 13th February 2024
- Monday 14th March 2024
- Monday 15th April

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

Dates for your 2024 diary

Do add the following dates to your diary for next year and watch out for more information and updates:

- Neighbourhood Plan Consultations – dates tbc
- Children’s Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday 30th March at Purton Red House
- Annual Parish Meeting & Awards Evening – Monday 8th April
- Family fun and sports days – at the Purton Red House and Village Centre, dates tbc
- Community Safety Roadshow – Saturday 12th October
- Christmas Lights Switch On – Saturday 30th November

- Children’s Christmas Party – Saturday 14th December

Councillor Vacancies

The Parish Council currently has the option to co-opt seven 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.

www.purtonparishcouncil.gov.uk/data-transparency-sub/policies-procedures

Keep up to date

Further Council details and community information are available as follows:

- Call – 01793 771066
- Email – deborah.lawrence@purtonparishcouncil.gov.uk
- Follow us on Facebook – @purtonparishcouncil
- Follow us on Twitter – @PurtonPC

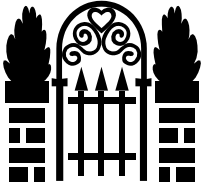
Know who to contact

- To volunteer for Community Emergency Volunteers contact: Emergency@KevinLaw.co.uk
- To access victim support if you have witnessed or been impacted by a crime call: 01225 256 925
- Your local MP is James Gray MP email: jamesgraymp@parliament.uk Tel: 0207 219 6237
- Your local Wiltshire Councillor is Cllr Jacqui Lay Tel: 01793 770 704 Email: Jacqui.lay@wiltshire.gov.uk

Report issues such as those below via - www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywiltshire-online-reporting: Potholes, abandoned vehicles, fraud, weather emergencies, fly tipping, dog mess and graffiti.

COMPTON WELDING est. 1969

8 Station Road, Purton



STEEL FABRICATIONS
GATES & RAILINGS
JULIETTE BALCONIES

WROUGHT IRONWORK
FIRE ESCAPES
SITE WELDING ETC.

email: info@comptonwelding.co.uk
www.comptonwelding.co.uk

TEL (01793) 770742

12/24

**keep Purton
moving,
keep water
flowing!**

This winter, support your neighbours,
community, and emergency services
**BY CLEARING YOUR DITCHES
&
WATER COURSES**

Produced by Purton Parish Council's Grounds Officer Neil Pitt, Purton, Wiltshire, UK.
If you have any queries please contact the Parish Clerk, Deborah Lounsbury on 01793 770444



12/24



ASPEN FENCING SERVICES

We produce a complete range of quality,
affordable fencing solutions, tailored to your
individual size and style requirements

Fencing • Gates • Sheds • Pergolas • Decking

Tel: (01793) 778180

12/24



Cricklade Foodbank will be open in the

Jenner Hall

Bath Road, Cricklade SN6 6AX

**every Friday between
10.00am and 11.30am**

Help & Advice will be available

You can:

Call – 01666 826982 (we will call you back)

Email – cricklade@malesburydistrict.foodbank.org.uk

Visit the website: malesburydistrict.foodbank.org.uk

CRICKLADE SCHOOL OF MOTORING KEITH WALKER

Dept. of Transport Approved
Holder of Diploma in Driving Instruction
Holder of Diploma In Advanced Instruction
(Class 1 - Gold) **EST 1977**
Learner and Advanced Tuition
Purton and surrounding areas
Theory Test Training

Tel: 01793

709883

Over 2,000 passes

www.crickladeschoolofmotoring.co.uk

Purton & Green Gable Surgery PPG



Parking in Willis Way, Purton

Please park responsibly when using the Surgery and remember that Willis Way, Purton is a private road and should not be used for patients' parking.

200 Club

New members are welcome!! The 200 Club year started on 1 October, however you may still join part way through the year, bearing in mind that you will have missed some of the draws for that year. The cost is just £15 a year and there are two prizes of £100 and £15 each month. Setting up a Standing Order for your £15 to be taken annually on 1 September is much simpler for administration purposes. Forms are available at both Purton and Green Gable surgeries.

The December draw was done by Receptionist Andrea Read, the winners were £100 Marietta Crockford, £15 Sue Berry. 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.psppg@gmail.com to request it.

Talk on Parkinson's - 26 March 2024, 7.30-9pm

We are restarting the regular Health

Talks which we were organising for patients before Covid ... the first of these will be on the subject of Parkinson's when we have Rachel Gardner, Lead Parkinson's Disease Nurse Specialist at GWH and Vincent Mobey from Cricklade

Parkinson's Café. You may remember that we hold the talks in Purton Surgery where the capacity is limited, hence we ask patients to ask for a ticket (free) from reception. Tickets will be available in the New Year.

Table Top and Books in Purton Surgery

Thank you for supporting our Table and Books. If you wish to make a purchase from the Tabletop then 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). We currently have plenty of books so are unable to accept any more for the time being.

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 secretary. psppg@gmail.com

Sheila Fowler, PPG Secretary



Purton & District Age Concern

Purton and District
~~AGE~~ CONCERN

Dates for the diary:

20 January: Burns Night Celebration

22 March: 3Bs – Bangers, Beans & Bingo

Less-able Party 25th November

We were able to get a good attendance from the care homes in the local area, both residents and carers to meet at the Millennium Hall for a party where the carers came for free and the residents paid £4. It was good to welcome White Lodge for the first time and they had photographs on their website the same day, so they must have enjoyed it. We catered for 50 people and were entertained by Paul and his ukulele (and Ashgrove who had their own Christmas song), singing Christmas carols and other songs that were well known. A very merry start to the festive season.

Shopping Trip to Clarks Village

On November 29th we went by Ellisons coach to Clarks Village in Street, Somerset with 42 passengers on board. The weather was dry and even sunny, just a bit cold but that's expected this time of the year. It was good to see so many people joining us and the feedback was great, it seemed everybody enjoyed their day trip. We left Purton about 10am and returned by 6pm, so a nice full day out. Lots of bags of shopping came back on the coach so everybody had something. I managed to find a slipper on the floor at the end of the trip so we have a pantomime ending with Cinderella 'Edna' meeting the not so handsome prince!

Christmas Party 2nd December

This is our general Christmas Party for anyone in the village, but it also gives us a chance to say thank you to all the street wardens and minibus crews by inviting them free of charge for their efforts. We consider these people our life blood as they control the day to day running of this charity. Thank you all once again for supporting us and we wish you all a Happy Christmas. Entertainment was provided by 'Strung Out' a ukulele group that managed to play all sorts of music from the 60's onwards, including Elvis! Very enjoyable and they would have carried on all night if I hadn't stopped them at the allotted time.

Thank You to all our helpers

A big thank you to all the people that come along before our events to help set up, the ones that stay and help prepare, and the ones who come and help us clear up and clear away the rubbish at the end of the evening. It is quite remarkable the way people respond, there really can't be many villages like Purton.

Burns Night 20th January 2024

Our traditional Burns Night celebration with a three-course meal (including haggis, neets and tatties), piper and a whiskey toast, ceilidh with a live band, raffle, and auction, plus some fun and games. Come and enjoy this very popular evening at the Village Hall. Ring Andrew on 01793 956059 for tickets at £25 each.

Call For Help

We are looking for storage space 2024 onwards. If you have a spare, secure shed, lock up or garage that we could store items in or space that we could erect a shed please get in touch.

Secretary@purtonageconcern.com

Tai Chi Classes

The Tai-Chi classes will be running weekly at 1.30pm on Thursdays at the Millennium Hall, so come along and enjoy the benefits of this gentle exercise. We will be offering 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. If you have any questions, please contact GRAHAM on 07950 510420.

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 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 have been here a while but never 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.

Minibus

If you need to use the Purton Age Concern transport for appointments or to go on one of our shopping trips, and

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 your first port of call should be your street warden. Failing that, other contacts are Peter Berry from Age Concern on 01793 778119, or Debbie Lawrence, Clerk of the Parish Council, on 01793 771066. Remember that Purton is a very special village and there is always somebody that can help and will help.

Wheelchairs etc

We have a couple of wheelchairs, walkers, crutches, and walking sticks, so if you think you might need any of these at any time then you can contact Peter on 01793 778119 or email secretary@purtonageconcern.com for details.

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.

Phoenix - 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!

Keep in touch

Why not check out our social media to keep up to date with our events and fund-raising.

If you would like to be added to our events mailing list, please drop us a note email: secretary@purtonageconcern.com

Peter Berry, Chair

Purton Library News

Wiltshire libraries are extending a warm welcome to all this winter and offering: A free warm space to sit, stay and take part in activities

Hot drinks, where possible

Warm packs (scarf, thermal hat and gloves, fleece blanket and a hot water bottle with a cover) for anyone who would benefit from some free essentials.

Basic energy advice in all but our smallest libraries and referrals to the energy advisors at Warm and Safe Wiltshire

Free SIMs and mobile data at Chippenham, Devizes, Salisbury, Trowbridge and Warminster libraries to people who are 18+ years old and from a low-income household

Signposting to community partners and agencies that can support you through the rising cost of living.

For more details, contact your local library, email libraryenquiries@wiltshire.gov.uk or visit www.wiltshire.gov.uk/libraries-news.

For more information to support you through the rising cost of living, visit www.wiltshire.gov.uk/cost-of-living.

Unfortunately, we are limited as to what services are available at Purton and we're unable to offer hot drinks, however the warm packs are available to those who need them, and people are welcome to sit in the library during opening hours which are currently as follows:

Tuesdays: 2:00-7:00 pm (Closed on 26 Dec 2023)

Fridays: 2:00-4:30 pm

Kim Jones

*Library Assistant Volunteer Support,
Purton Library*

movies@Mary's

January can be a dark and dreary month. So, join movies@Mary's at St Mary's church for a 1940s evening with the film, *Carrie's War* (PG). Set during World War II, this popular and moving story by Nina Bawden, follows the lives of two evacuees from London to a small Welsh village; and, the adults who receive and befriend them. A children's story it may be ... but Carrie's return as a widow with her two children explores grown-up lessons too!

Doors open at 5.30pm for a 6pm start. Raid the dressing up box, or great-

grandma's wardrobe for 1940s clothes. Style your hair a la 1940s; or, come just for the film. Fresh popcorn and conviviality available to munch - just like the old days!

Tickets, by donation on the night, are bookable on Eventbrite*. Donations split between St Mary's and the Harbour Project. Or contact Liz Martin (01793 770171) or Tsara Hodson (07525 258800) Saturday, 27 January 2024, 5.30pm for 6.00pm

*We are using Eventbrite to ensure we have sufficient chairs available.

Ten Years Ago...

Although all the contributors to this edition of Purton Magazine will be trying to put aside their thoughts of the oncoming Christmas, 10 years ago some were looking forward to the centenary of the First World War. Already there were rumbles between the Great Powers (no mention yet of the USA). Britain and France were strengthening their relationship so Germany felt threatened, moving troops to the French border. At the same time Germany tried to set up a naval base in Morocco. A hundred years on, the names may have changed, but not the current scenario.

The sporting clubs in Purton were enjoying different fortunes. The Football Club had had to withdraw its second eleven from league competition as it had insufficient players, while the Cricket Club had managed to raise a third team which would be playing in the Wiltshire league come the summer. The Bowls Club enjoyed seasons which were “quite hectic”; sometimes they played “friendly” (their apostrophes) matches.

One can only imagine what their league matches must have been like.

Purton Evening WI had an outing to a Victorian

Day in the restored town of Ironbridge. “There was so much to see of the old Victorian times”. We aren’t told what prices were paid for such items as sweets (sold by the ounce) or fish and chips, but they were all paid for in old coins which had to be changed at the bank. Coin? Bank? When do we see either of them now? Sometimes it seems that more has changed in the last ten years than in the previous hundred.

On re-reading, I see that I have reached opposite conclusions in the third and first paragraphs! This is the problem of getting old. Yes, 10 Years Ago is 10 years old this month.



Twenty Years Ago...

Although the current version of Purton Magazine was first published in 1975, a new committee of volunteers took over the running of the magazine 20 years ago with the January 2004 issue being printed with 54 pages. Since then it has been published every month,

including throughout Covid without a break and sometimes with up to 84 pages, as in December 2019 – thanks to all our readers; our faithful band of distributors, many regular contributors and, of course, our advertisers.

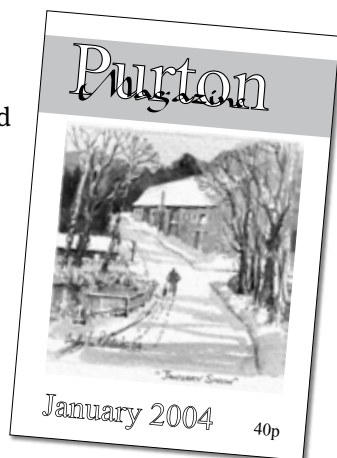
20 years ago there were 85 advertisers

and as many as 120 advertisers just 10 years ago. Readers were reminded 10 years ago that, to avoid being swamped, we needed to keep the total space for advertisements within an approximate maximum of 35% which often created a small – and healthy – waiting list.

That there were only 56 paid for advertisements in a recent 2023 issue is a clear indication of how the finances of Purton Magazine are being adversely affected and justifies the increase in the cover price three years ago. The waiting list disappeared several years ago and we are even more grateful to our regular readers, subscribers and our faithful advertisers.

On the front cover of the January 2004 issue was the first in a series of 12 original watercolour paintings of views in and around the village, generously created and donated by Andy Le Poidevin. Although only reproduced in grayscale in those days, all 12 colour originals were auctioned at the Purton Artists' exhibition in November 2004 with the proceeds going to St Mary's church – so often a key feature in local scenes. There are still a few sets of postcards and prints available as can be seen on the magazine's website www.purtonmagazine.co.uk.

20 years ago the Museum's Exhibit of the Month featured Home Words, a national magazine published in London but which came with a separate pink sheet entitled Purton



Parochial Magazine which was also printed in London. Usually those Parish Notes were on a single side of a sheet of paper but in the bumper issue of January 1893, our vicar, Rev J Veysey wrote: *“we have entered upon the ninth year of our acquaintance with Home Words as our Parish Magazine. When it was introduced, I little thought that we should have kept company with it for so long and yet it is as popular as ever. It contains as good a penny worth of wholesome and interesting reading as can be found anywhere.”* 131 years later we hope that our readers still feel the same.

Purton United Charities

The distribution of funds will take place on Saturday 3rd February 2024 at Purton Silver Threads Hall from 2 pm to 3 pm. Qualifications to receive the Charity are:

- One payment per household.
- Applicants aged 65 or over on the payment date.

- Applicants resident in the parish for a minimum of one full year on the payment date.

If you are unable to attend, you may apply in writing by no later than 3rd February 2024 to: Neil Miles, 5 College Road, Purton or to any other Trustee.

Purton Historical Society



Purton Museum is now closed for the winter months and reopens in April 2024. Next year's talks and events have now been published on the website, www.purtonmuseumandhistoricalsociety.com/ in the Purton Historical Society section.

Purton Voices

Alec Robbins interviewed many elderly inhabitants of Purton and Lydiard and recorded their memories on cassette tapes. These have now been converted to MP3 format and are available in the Latest News section of the website. The interviews are listed on the site and all you have to do is click on the play button to hear them on your computer. The highlight for me is Ted Wicks describing how Brockhurst Farm (where I now live) was bombed during the war, but many fascinating topics are covered by the interviewees.

Purton Historical Society Social Event

Purton Silver Threads Hall, 7.30pm, Friday 5th January 2024. A light buffet will be served but bring your own drinks (alcohol is allowed). Entertainment by SALOS. Quiz and lucky ticket number. Tickets £15 each, available at monthly meetings or from Marion Hobbs, 01793 770185 or Jim Mosley 01793 778395

Next Meeting:

Thursday 25th January 7.30pm,

Purton Methodist Church,

Play Close, A Journey Through Time in Wiltshire, by Nick Baxter

The rich history of the county is explored from the arrival of the West Saxon Wilsaetan people in the 6th century to the opening of the M4 in 1971. Everybody welcome, free for members, guests £3

Keith Allsop,

Email: allsopk83@hotmail.com

Are you keen on sport, a football fan perhaps?

The tragic story of a promising young football superstar is told by Elle Keating in the PHS Bulletin 45. Extracts from newspaper reports of the death, in a freak accident, illustrate the tale. 2,000 mourners attended the Purton funeral of Francis Woolford 110 years ago. His nickname was "Corby" and Elle wants to know where that came from. Do get in touch if you have any idea.

The Editors wish all our readers a happy and peaceful 2024. This year we shall be collecting articles for Bulletin 46 and we're still hoping to include "Encounters with Queen Elizabeth II". A few photos of the royal visitor in Swindon have been given to us but there must be more lurking in drawers and cupboards. Seek them out! It doesn't matter where you saw her, an unexpected fleeting glimpse will be of interest.

Jean Belt and Lucy Lewis

Purton Village Diary - January 2024

1	M		New Year's Day bank holiday
5	F		Twelfth night when all festive decorations need to be packed away
		7.30pm	Purton Historical Society social evening at Silver Threads Hall
6	Sa	10.00am	Purton Litter Pick starting at Silver Threads Hall
7	Su	8.00am	Holy Communion at St Mary's Church
		10.30am	United Covenant Service at Purton Methodist Church
8	M	7.00pm	Full Parish Council meeting at the Village Hall
9	Tu	10.00am	Purton & District Probus meet at Hook Village Hall for a talk on Climate Change
13	Sa	10.00am	Free Hama bead craft workshop at Pips Community Cafe
14	Su	10.30am	Holy Communion at St Mary's Church
		10.30am	Morning Worship at Purton Methodist Church
15	M		Martin Luther King Day
		2.00pm	St Mary's Fellowship of Women meet for their AGM and party at Purton Methodist Church
		2.00pm	Purton WI meet at the Silver Threads Hall and are joined by Katrina Fairgrieve who will be talking about Burns' Night Traditions.
20	Sa		Purton & District Age Concern Burns' Night Celebrations at the Village Hall
21	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
		4.00pm	Messy Church at St Mary's Church
23	Tu	10.00am	Purton & District Probus meet at Hook Village Hall for a talk on The Spirit of Brunel
25	Th		Burns' Night
			St Dwynwen's Day, or Dydd Santes Dwynwen is Welsh St. Valentine's Day
		7.30pm	Purton Historical Society meet at the Methodist Church for a talk from Nick Baxter 'A journey through time in Wiltshire'
26	F		Until 28th The Big Garden Bird Watch Organised by the RSPB, spend an hour watching the birds in your garden, and tell them what you've seen.
27	Sa		International Holocaust Remembrance Day. The date marks the anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi Concentration and Extermination Camp of Auschwitz-Birkenau by Soviet troops on this day in 1945.
		5.30pm	Movies@Mary's showing 'Carrie's War' at St Mary's Church as part of a 1940s evening

28 Su	10.30am	Holy Communion at St Mary's Church
	10.30am	Morning Worship at Purton Methodist Church
		International LEGO Day, marking the date when Godtfred Kirk Christiansen, a Danish inventor, patented the original 2x4 LEGO brick. Celebrate by building a LEGO model!
30 Tu	12 noon	Lou's hot Lunch served at Pips Community Cafe
31 W		Closing date for nominations to the Parish Council for the annual volunteer recognition awards

Every week

M	6.30pm	to 7.30pm Purton Village Voices choir practice at Purton Methodist Church (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

Purton Silver Threads

On Monday 27th November we had our Christmas Tea Party at the Hall prepared and served by Louise and her Pips helpers. It was a lovely spread, the tables looked wonderful and we sang carols and played pass the parcel! Thank you to Pips for catering to our needs. Unfortunately we were only 12 as our numbers are dwindling. We would like to wish Brenda Cook a speedy recovery and hope to see her again soon.



The hall continues to be brought up to date with our new patio door, new toilets and in February, replacement flooring. Thank you to all our local contractors for these items

– we use people from the village wherever possible.

Also, a big thanks to Neil and Amazing Glazing who sneak in and clean our windows for us. Also thanks to our hirers for continuing to use us which enables all these improvements to be made.

Happy New Year! From all at Silver Threads.

P.S. Whoever keeps knocking the wall over at the end of the car park, please at least have the decency to own up. Luke Gough is fed up

having to keep repairing it!

Lindsey Hall, Purton Silver Threads

Christmas Trees in St Mary's Church

First of all we want to thank everyone who took part in the Christmas Tree Festival in St Mary's, throughout December. It was a wonderful display and we were absolutely delighted to receive 35 trees...of all sorts, shapes and descriptions! Each time another tree was brought into church on the 1st and 2nd of December we felt as though it was the most perfect Christmas present! So thank you one and all.

Photos of the trees will be in the

Comments book, in Church, in case you missed seeing them for yourself. There were so many brilliantly creative ideas. Who would have thought you could make the brightest shiniest star for the top of a tree from litter picked up by children from St Mary's Primary School from around the village and make a tree from the litter picker grabbers! The Litter Pickers tree.

Who would have thought a tree could be constructed from electric fencing posts

and baler twine...the Young Farmers tree!

Who would have thought that Jubilee Gardens could make a tree out of sweet corn leaves and cover it with gourds and mini squash and pumpkins!

And then there was the Purton Council's tree...all in blue and gold (colours of our village insignia) with bright clear baubles enclosing photos of all the buildings and spaces around the village that the council is responsible for maintaining ... a timely reminder!

The many Care homes in the village came up with wonderfully loving and caring designs for their trees, with one including all the words that residents used when the staff sat down with them and asked what they hoped for in their care home. Words such as dignity, companionship, loving care were included in their Christmas decorations.

There were beautiful trees brought in by the schools including one covered in stars with the focus on 'Shine brightly' ... the motto for the school.

There was a marvellously impressive tree provided by Age Concern with baubles painted with all their main commitments to the village...including a painting of the minibus!

There was an Open Gardens tree... covered in bright flowers...and a Christian Aid tree...covered in flags of all the countries where Christian Aid is currently working with local partners... who would have thought it would be 25 different countries!

There was a Tennis Club tree ...with yellow ball baubles in purple and green Wimbledon coloured holders... and a Pilates tree with exercise sticks

and balls incorporated into the design. Purton Ballet gave us a tree....so pretty...

And there was even a Memory Tree, made by one Purton lady, in memory of her husband and covered in photos of the things he loved most to do with family and friends,...walking, cooking etc.

The Methodist Church and Sunday Schools were represented...Messy Church, Explorers and even UJC (United Junior Church) who made a tree out of a green umbrella...brilliant! There was a Prayer tree and anyone could add a prayer throughout the month.

There was a tree of books from The Library and a Purton Village Voices choir tree with singers made out of music paper...so pretty.

Peartree Pealers, the handbell team had a tree made of pears and bells and of course the WI had a handsome tree in the porch with 'jam and Jerusalem' celebrated as well as all their values and aims for the year ahead and a magnificent star on top.

The Purton Knitting Group had an array of amazing knitted items on their tree and one lady knitted about 100 Christmas trees, which seemed to appear all over the village throughout the month!

Artists, Brownies, the Museum, Rainbows and Guides all came up



trumps with fabulous trees and we are bound to have left someone out – for which we apologise.

But every tree was a delight and a

joy and we thank you all for making the whole Festival such a wonderful success.

Libbie and Jane

Church Floodlighting



- Dec 22 The Church was floodlit for **Jane Hedges**, for the first anniversary of her passing. Love from all the family.
- Jan 8 St Mary's will be floodlit for **Bob Wightman MBE** on the 112th anniversary of his birth and in celebration of his life. Dearly loved and sadly missed by Roderick, Mark and Ben and all the Wightman family.
- Jan 20 St Mary's will be floodlit in memory of **John Cook** on the 12th anniversary of his passing. Very much loved and missed by Sue, Emma, Lucy, Jonathan and their families.

It is possible to ask for St Mary's Church to be floodlit for the evening. The cost is £20 (to help with the electricity) and it is a beautiful sight. Many people request this as a memorial for a friend on their anniversary; or for a wedding anniversary or any other special event. Please contact Libbie: it helps if she has a couple of weeks warning. Thank you 771018

Purton Litter Pick

Members of the group were delighted to assist St.Mary's Primary School recently, when teacher Mr Cooper, along with some of his pupils, organised their own litter pick - concentrating on the paths and roads near to the school. The pupils were clearly surprised at how much litter they collected - although luckily, some of it could go for recycling, rather than heading straight for landfill. The children were very enthusiastic about the task - and very knowledgeable about the effects of litter on the environment. It is difficult to say who enjoyed this activity the most - the pupils or the volunteers from the Litter Picking Group! It is hoped to make this a regular event.

Please note the following dates (which are all a Saturday), for Litter Picking throughout Purton village:

January 6th, April 6th, July 6th, October 5th

Meet outside Silver Threads Hall at 10.00am, to collect equipment. Children under 16 must be accompanied. Please bring your own gloves (gardening or similar), high vis vest if you have one (we do have a few we can loan) and a black bin bag.

Please email: purtonlitterpick@gmail.com if you would like further information.

Pips Community Café



Happy New Year everyone, we hope you've all had a healthy and peaceful Christmas break.

November and December were really busy months for us all here at Pips Cafe with Remembrance Sunday opening, our craft workshops, Christmas tea parties and Christmas lunches, all of which were a huge success!

Our next FREE walk-in craft workshop will be on Saturday January 13th at 10am and we will be making designs from Hama Beads. All the equipment will be supplied and you will all go home with as many completed designs as you can make! Both adults and children are welcome to attend; under 13's need to be accompanied by an adult. Some of this year's workshops will be free and some will have a small charge. We will always give plenty of notice to let you know either way.

The following craft workshops will be on Saturday 10th February (in time for

Valentines Day), Saturday 9th March (in time for Mothers Day) and Saturday 23rd March (in time for Easter). What we will make will be decided nearer the time.

The next Lou's Hot Lunch will be on Tuesday January 30th which is served from 12 midday. We'll be having steak pies, mash, cauli cheese, veg and gravy followed by chocolate muffin and custard! Everyone is welcome, as usual we will have at least 30 portions of lunch and pudding available, so plenty to go around. Main meals are still only £5 and puddings are £2 with a free drink of choice if both courses bought together. If anyone needs the mini bus please book by calling Hazel on 01793 770862.

We are back open again on Wednesday January 3rd at 10am, we look forward to welcoming you all back again in 2023! Best wishes from all the volunteers.

Louise - Pips Volunteer

St Mary's Primary School

Volunteers Needed – New School Governors

Looking for a new challenge in 2024? St. Mary's Primary School, Purton is looking to recruit new Governors to the school Governing Body. You don't need to be a parent to take up this role – just a keen interest in the education of children within the village.

There are six meetings a year of an evening either in person or online, with other opportunities to visit the school.* If you think you may be interested in this varied and active role please contact the Clerk to Governors at clerk@st-marys-purton.wilts.sch.uk *All applicants will need to be DBS checked prior to appointment.



Purton Tennis Club



Welcome to the New Year. We hope you all had a good Christmas and a good New Year.

Now that the festivities are behind us, this is the perfect time to think about taking up a new hobby, getting some exercise and meeting new people. Joining the Tennis Club might be just the thing you are looking for; we have 4 excellent hard courts in and around The Red House Campus just off of Church Street in Purton. January is the month when subscriptions are due, so now is the perfect time to join the club. Please take a look at our website <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/PurtonTennisClub/> for all the information about the club, including the fees for 2024, or contact our membership secretary: Jo Adams who can answer any questions you may have. New members are always very welcome.

On court the Winter season will continue in early January, so we are hoping for some dry crisp days in order to get the matches played. We are also organising a New Year fun event, where we will have some social tennis, in between lots of eating and drinking!

We have Sid Falconer and Dave Morris, our coaches, still working through the winter months, likewise one of our members Graham, runs a 'rec' session for some of the juniors on Saturday mornings. So, despite tennis generally being considered a summer sport, we do play all year round.

Off court we had our AGM at the end of last year. Everyone on the existing committee has agreed to stand again, which is great news – with the exception of Sarah who is moving away. Sarah did a wonderful job with our media and website and we will miss her very much.

Our Christmas get together was at the Ganges in Royal Wootton Bassett which was great fun and some of our members came along to a music night at The Royal George to support some of our members who were playing music (not tennis) that night.

With best wishes for 2024 from all at Purton Tennis Club

*Janet Saunders (secretary) on behalf of
the Committee PTC
janetcsaunders@gmail.com*

Purton Profferings

- A Pure DAB radio and two speakers - Legato II. In excellent condition and working order apart from the CD function. Medium wood colour. The radio measures 21w x 15h x 26d cms, the speakers 16 x 25 x 25 cms. Complete with remote control and manual. Please contact 01793 771563.

Purton Football Club

The progression of our teams results-wise is still on track for the football club to have a successful season on most counts after basically two barren years where we really failed to compete. Then we continually looked up the table at other teams instead this season when we can look down on most.

Weather has also played a large part in games this season with the 1st team making three attempts to play a cup game and getting through it successfully but unfortunately lost in the next round and through all of November no league games played but they still sit 3rd in the table.

The Development side and Sunday side continue their good form and both sit second in their league with games in hand to reach the summit if results go in their favour.

The Ladies team is probably the one hit hardest by the weather with games being postponed home and away and although losing 3-1 to local rivals

Royal Wootton Bassett, bounced back with a good win against Stockwood Wanderers (Women) First.



We have a two week break over the festive period to all charge our batteries and if we can all keep up the same momentum as we have all shown in the first half of the season we should be looking at silverware from some teams to end the season on a really positive note.

May I also take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and should you wish to pop along to the Red House on a Saturday afternoon hopefully you will catch a good game and your support will be most welcome.

Finally news just reached me of the passing of Ray Thomas and could I, on behalf of myself and Purton Football Club send our condolences to the family.

Terry Crumbie, Chairman and Treasurer of Purton FC

The Royal British Legion 2023 Poppy Appeal

A total of £11,461.15 has been sent from Purton and district to the 2023 Poppy Appeal, and we would like to thank everyone who contributed in any way. Special thanks to the staff and pupils of Bradon Forest, St Mary's and Ridgeway Farm schools and to the local businesses who supported the Appeal so that poppies were widely available again this year.

Also, we would like to thank our many volunteers who help to sell Poppies both in Purton and at the West Swindon Centre.

*Shirley and Michael Lawrence, Poppy Appeal Organisers
Tel. 01793 771084 Email: the_lawrences@btinternet.com*



Open 10am-4.30pm Tue-Fri
(last orders 4pm)

10am-1.30pm Sat (last orders 1pm)

For the latest information visit:
[facebook.com/pipscommunitycafe/](https://www.facebook.com/pipscommunitycafe/)

Join us at the Silver Threads Hall for;

freshly prepared paninis and sandwiches,
homemade cakes, hot and cold seasonal
dishes, barista-style coffee and a range of hot
and cold drinks.

email: marynettleton@hotmail.co.uk

Tel Mary: 01793 772298,

Duty team: 07498 526872

WEBSHOP COMING SOON!

H&WPRINT
hulbert & woodall

FOLDERS • LEAFLETS • DESKPADS
FLYERS • COMPLIMENT SLIPS
LETTERHEADS • LABELS • BOOKS
BUSINESS CARDS • POSTERS
ENVELOPES • BROCHURES
BOOKLETS • CALENDARS
and now...

BANNERS & ROLLER BANNERS

t 01793 853849

e info@handwprint.co.uk

T-SHIRTS & MUGS COMING SOON!



**FREE COLLECTION & DELIVERY
FROM YOUR HOME OR PLACE OF WORK**

- **Servicing & MoTs**
- **Brake, clutch & cam belt replacement**
- **All repairs • New batteries**
- **Free fit tyres, puncture repair and exhaust centre**
- **For all makes of vehicle at competitive prices**

Audi, BMW, Citroen, Fiat, Ford, Kia, Honda, Hyundai, Jaguar, Landrover, Range Rover,
Lexus, Mazda, Mercedes, MG, Mini, Mitsubishi, Nissan, Peugeot, Renault, Rover, Saab,
Subaru, Seat, Skoda, Suzuki, Toyota, Vauxhall, Volvo, VW, all 4WD & Vans.

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

Purton Post Bag



The editors reserve the right not to publish letters received where space and content dictate. No correspondence can be accepted for publication without the proper name and address of the correspondent supplied. However, these details may be withheld from publication if requested.



Duncan Joslyn (Jos)

Jos was a huge part of not only our lives, but clearly a greatly important person to the village too. We are so grateful for

the support and kind messages we have received over the past few weeks.

He will be loved and missed beyond words, forever. Thank you all.

Sally, Harry and Kate x

Magazine subscriptions for 2024

We are delighted to be able to confirm that the annual subscription for Purton Magazine next year will remain at £10.00 for a fourth year to include delivery in and around the village by courtesy of our vital volunteers. The cover price for retail sales will remain at £1.00.

Early payments help our cash flow and would be much appreciated through your respective distributor. New subscribers in the village are always welcome and are asked to contact our Distribution Manager, Sandra Horsnall, on 01793 770157 or at distribution@purtonmagazine.co.uk and she will be happy to add you to the list of the nearest distributor. Thank you.

We Record...



Funerals at St Mary's Church

29 November 2023 Francis Hubert Strange (Frank) (95)

8 December 2023 Duncan Charles Joslyn (Jos) (68)

Wedding at St Mary's Church

2 December 2023 Steven George Dearlove and Jennifer Anne Stillwell

Baptism at St Mary's Church

3 December 2023 Daisey Sarah Betty White

Purton & District Probus Club



Alan Smith Concorde Test Pilot – The Last!

This was Alan Smith's third visit to Purton Probus as fortunately he lives nearby. His talk began with a resume of his career in flying over a period of 50 years. He explained that he had his first taste of flying with gliders in 1948. At that time, gliders were single-seaters so his first ever glider flight was solo! By 1950, he was an ATC cadet; joining the RAF shortly afterwards. By 1952, at the age of 19, he was flying Meteor Mark IV aircraft at 600 MPH. He mentioned at this point that the safety record of Meteors was not great with more no less than 165 such aircraft crashing globally in a single year.

He eventually became a Concorde 002 Test pilot in 1973. Training included driving through troughs of water on the runway at speed to see whether the spray gets into the plane's engine. We saw views of the flight deck, which is very compact! We were told about the escape route if the plane is going down. Quite a complex operation. Test pilots had to go through this complex escape during training, often landing in the Bay of Biscay where they got into their dinghy and then waited for a helicopter to bring them back to land.

At one stage of the presentation, Alan Smith gave a rundown of the types of pilots involved in commercial travel. These included experimental test pilots, engineering development pilots, production test pilots and then training pilots like Alan who would teach the 'customer' pilots to operate the plane. There are also communication pilots. Eventually, he became a test pilot for Concorde. The Concorde, in fact, is an extremely complex aircraft to master. Apparently, on training courses there was a thirty percent failure rate both with British and French pilots at the onset of Concorde travel. At this point of the talk, Alan Smith explained the title of his talk as, in fact, he is the last surviving test pilot of the eleven who originally fulfilled that role for Concorde, or as he said somewhat wryly he's the 'last man standing'.

However, the main focus of the talk was about the Concorde itself. Concorde was a supersonic passenger-carrying commercial aircraft. It was developed in the late 1950s by British and French engineers. The Concorde could attain top speeds of 1,350 MPH, but it was not allowed to fly that fast over land because of noise restrictions. Over its lifetime, Concorde transported over 2.5 million passengers over the course of 50,000 flights. It travelled at around 60,000 feet, a height of over 11 miles, which meant that passengers could see the Earth's



Christmas waste and recycling collection schedule

www.wiltshire.gov.uk/recycling

Your normal collection day	Rescheduled household waste and recycling collections	Garden waste collection
Monday 25 December (Christmas Day)	Wednesday 27 December	⊗ No collection
Tuesday 26 December	Thursday 28 December	⊗ No collection
Wednesday 27 December	Friday 29 December	⊗ No collection
Thursday 28 December	Saturday 30 December	⊗ No collection
Friday 29 December	Tuesday 2 January	⊗ No collection
Monday 1 January	Wednesday 3 January	⊗ No collection
Tuesday 2 January	Thursday 4 January	⊗ No collection
Wednesday 3 January	Friday 5 January	⊗ No collection
Thursday 4 January	Saturday 6 January	⊗ No collection
Friday 5 January	Monday 8 January	⊗ No collection
Muesday 8 January	Tuesday 9 January	Tuesday 9 January
Tuesday 9 January	Wednesday 10 January	Wednesday 10 January
Wednesday 10 January	Thursday 11 January	Thursday 11 January
Thursday 11 January	Friday 12 January	Friday 12 January
Friday 12 January	Saturday 13 January	Saturday 13 January
Monday 15 January	Normal schedule resumes	Normal schedule resumes

Wiltshire Council

The Mobility Store

MAKE LIFE EASIER

buywithconfidence.gov.uk

The leading car scheme for disabled people

Rise and Recline Chairs

Adjustable Beds

- Large Range of Mobility Aids •
- Hire Services • Wheelchairs •
- Stairlifts & More...

Mobility Scooters

Living Aids

Walking Aids

FOOTCARE APPOINTMENTS & FREE HEARING HEALTH CHECK

Cosyfeet
extra roomy
Shoes and Slippers

www.thehearingandmobilitystore.co.uk

7 Clive Parade, Cricklade Road, Swindon SN2 1AJ
56 George Lane, Marlborough SN8 4BY

01793 701313
01672 511550

6 Devezes Road, Wroughton SN4 0RZ
Lansdowne, Bourton on the Water GL54 2AR

01793 815083
01451 810088

FREE LEVEL ACCESS PARKING AT ALL STORES

YOU REPORT IT, WE SORT IT

Simply, quickly
and easily with
MyWilts

my.wiltshire.gov.uk



Wiltshire Council

Landscaping & Tree Surgeons **Amherst**

- Professional tree surgeons
- Landscaping & Grounds maintenance
- All aspects of tree work by Qualified Staff from Surveys, Reports, Felling, Pruning, Planting
- Excavations & Clearance
- Hard and soft landscaping
- Driveways & Buildings - high pressure washing
- Weed Control
- Fencing
- Digger hire with operator, 1 - 13 ton
- Demolition with waste removed
- We sell topsoil & compost per ton, delivered

We cover all from Small Domestic to Large Commercial Contracts

Telephone - 01793 772268

Mobile - 07921 856089

Greatfield, Swindon, SN4 8EQ

Fully insured, free estimates

Email - AmherstContractors@hotmail.co.uk



10/24

12/24



Royal
Wootton Bassett



01793 852458



Appointments Mon - Fri: 9am - 6.30pm
and Saturday: 9.30am - 12.00pm

Scan to book your next appointment



curve. What was to happen at Air France Paris in July 2000 was to be the beginning of the end for Concorde. There was a fatal crash caused by a small piece of metal which had dropped off a previous plane which had just taken off. This was, in fact, a strip of titanium that cut the Concorde tire leading to a devastating fire resulting in more than 100 fatalities.

Alan explained that 001 was the first French Concorde and 002 was the first British version. The first Concorde flight was in March 1969 . In terms of local interest, it was April of that year that Concorde 002 first arrived at Fairford. There were three prototypes of the aircraft at Fairford and a similar number of prototypes at Toulouse. In total only five pilots were selected to fly British Concordes at this time. What was interesting was the description of the air crew set up at Fairford, which included so-called test/training pilots, navigators, flight engineers, flight test department, course engineers, management and medics etc. In fact, Fairford was home to a large contingent of personnel working with Concorde, which possibly stresses how relatively few Concorde-trained pilots there were there.

There were 12 tonnes of recording equipment in the 002. It was explained that the spray guard so essential for protecting the engines from exploding had to be tested. We also learnt about engine surging, which supersonic flights lead to shock waves. We were shown what a shockwave looks like. Shock waves are important because they cause the engines to surge which can damage the engine. To combat this, the air in the intake has to be slowed down. By using what are called intake ramps. For this operation to work fully, the doors of the aircraft during testing are fully open at take-off. The intakes are closed gradually during flight which slows down the flow of air intake. It took years to perfect this. This was tested by flying close to the Equator where at 50,000 feet the air is cooler. Manual control was needed to test the surge level. This testing was described as 'frightening' during the development stage. As Alan quipped, a test pilot's life can be a 'bit hairy'.

The 002 version of Concorde can still be seen at Yeovilton Aircraft museum. In December 1971, an updated version of Concorde arrived at Fairford with a more powerful engine. This can now be seen at Duxford War Museum. Alan flew that particular aircraft at a speed of Mach 2.21. Above Mach 1 an aircraft will create a pressure wave, known as sonic boom. In 1974 third, Concorde arrived at Fairford with a longer tail and a fully glass fibre visor that helped it fly even faster. We were also recommended to visit the aircraft museum at Filton.

The Russian/Ukraine Equipment used in the current war by John Clarke

John Clarke has been a Purton Probus member since 1991. He explained that this is a brand-new talk, and he was keen for questions to be asked and any suggestions to improve the presentation. Working for the Fighting Vehicles research and development establishment (FVRDE), John oversaw the checking of captured military vehicles to find out information about how they functioned. An aim, for example, was to find the 'weak' points in such vehicles. He mentioned with a wry smile that later he turned this into a business after his military career.

The focus of John's talk was to describe in detail some of the tanks and other military equipment used during the current Russo-Ukrainian conflict. He began by describing the T-54 and T-55 tanks, which are a series of Soviet main battle tanks introduced in the years following the Second World War. Ironically, most of the technical work on tanks during the post-war period took place in the Ukraine. As a result, the Ukrainians had the skill to carry out any necessary repairs. Russians are famous for stockpiling military equipment and consequently have thousands of tanks. In comparison, the UK doesn't even have a tank factory. Russian combat ready stock piles are considerable, but the Soviet/Russian have a particularly poor storage record for such any such equipment. This is the case with Russian tanks and estimates are that they at least 100,000 tanks currently plus an assortment of ex-Soviet Bloc vehicles. Many of these are not combat ready. For example, the T80 and T90 tanks have never been properly tested. Many of these vehicles were actually made in former Soviet Bloc countries such as Romania and Belarus. In comparison, the UK and NATO forces have well-documented systems in place.

Because of the poor service record of many Russian vehicles and because so many haven't been used for a long-time, various parts such as coils and oil filters are in a state of disrepair. Tactically, this has proved fairly disastrous for the Russians during the current conflict. A good example of this is a Russian convoy, which on its way to attacking Kyiv was up to 40 miles long. As a result when one vehicle broke down the convoy ground to a halt. We were shown a photograph taken from the Telegraph showing how the enemy can benefit from this by bombing the static convoy with devastating consequences.

A further major disadvantage for the Russian tank convoys was the lack of radio equipment available for the troop leader. However, this is not the case in Russian tanks. What this amounted to is that orders tend to be given at the onset to the troop leader but any

ensuing problem that might arise cannot be dealt with by radio. The result is often chaos. This has proved to be to the advantage of the Ukrainians because their tanks are equipped with radios. A further disadvantage for the Russian convoys is that if their tanks become mired in mud the steering can go wrong. The Russians used defence mechanisms for the tanks which are really demeaned to be particularly poor. As a consequence, the HIMAR US missile being deployed by the Ukrainians systems imploded on impact have the effect of literally sucking the energy out of their enemies' tanks. A similar weapon used against the Russians is the British Javelin anti-tank missile, which again is causing considerable damage to the Russians' efforts at invasion. Both missile types have the ability to detonate the ammunition being carried in Russian tanks. In contrast, all the ammunition in the Ukrainian Challenger tanks is stored in the back and very well protected. The ammunition cannot explode until loaded for firing. However, it is important to understand how financially expensive it is to launch a single HIMAR missile needed to knock out a single tank. We learnt that a single such missile can cost up to £1 million!

A particularly interesting part of John Clarke's presentation focused on the use of AI drones. This is because they are much more difficult to knock down. They can be released in thousands as opposed to one huge drone which can easily be hit. Such AI drones can assume defensive shapes, for example resembling a murmuration of starlings in the sky. These are called swarm drones. A great advantage is that AI Drones can interact with each other and thus making them much more effective. For example, they can change the line of attack at any point by communicating with each other thus confusing the enemy defence. They fly in thousands and therefore only some can be knocked down while the others will do the damage intended. During these attacks the launchers/technicians of the drones do not have any control as AI carries out all communication! An example of the formation that these micro-AI drones can assume was witnessed during the recent Commonwealth games when drones were used to form the image of a bull figure lighting up in the night sky. Similarly, AI drones can be shaped as an attack aircraft that confuses the enemy. Drone warfare is now becoming the modern form of conflict. The micro drones are little bigger than a cigarette packet. The very latest tactic being used by Ukrainian defence is the creation of avatar tanks, which resemble an actual tank. The enemy, by attacking this avatar, will give away their position. Russian tanks are so far not equipped with the radar needed to identify an avatar whereas the tanks supplied to the Ukraine do.

Report by John Slaght (Past President)

The annual President's Lunch was held at the Restaurant of the Wrag Barn Golf Club, Highworth, on Tuesday the 5th of December. Forty Eight members and guests enjoyed an excellent meal and a pleasant social occasion. Mr Trevor Domm, the General Club Secretary, welcomed our guests and introduced the Guest of Honour, Mr John Kingham, President of the Royal Wootton Bassett Probus Club, accompanied by his wife Audrey. After conversation and crackers, Mike, our Vice-President gave the Grace and the meal was served.

After a substantial meal, John Godfrey proposed the Royal Toast. Mr Nick Yerbury, our President then thanked the committee for a very satisfying year; Trevor, for his work as General Secretary together with Annemarie for organising the Draw on Social Occasions, Mike for Welfare, Maurice for the Speaker Programme and David Horne the Treasury function. He also thanked Janet for refreshments at the meetings and Bob & John Slaght for the entries in the Purton Magazine. Nick finished with some comedy concerning his prowess as a golfer, recalling a time when his final drive on the 18th at Wragg Barn landed a few feet from the hole. The restaurant in which we were dining overlooks the 18th.

The Royal Wootton Bassett President replied with a talk recalling the importance of Uniform in maintaining discipline and behaviour, from school days, through careers, and even into retirement clubs. It's something that we are experiencing, unfortunately disappearing. John, the RWB President then called for a Toast to The Purton & District Probus Club.

To close, Nick thanked the Royal Wootton Bassett President and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Bob Stevens

Purton Probus meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 10 am 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? Meetings will resume on January 9th 2024 after the Christmas break.

New year programme: Jan 9th - Ken Ingamells - Global Warming, Jan 23rd Bjorn Watson - The Spirit of Brunel.

Visit www.purtonmagazine.co.uk for previous issues of our village magazine, and our advertisers' database for local businesses. We welcome submissions for publication in the January issue. Our copy deadline is the 10th December, please email: mail@purtonmagazine.co.uk

Purton Placard

Purton and District AGE CONCERN

Forthcoming Events

Jan 20 *Burn's Night Celebration*

Contact Andrew on 01793 956095
for details.

Purton WI

On Monday 15th January 2024 at 2pm in the Silver Threads Hall, our speaker Katrina Fairgrieve is talking about Robbie Burns and Burns Night Traditions. All visitors are welcome.

movies@Mary's

Saturday 27 January At St Mary's
Church 5.30pm-8.00pm

'Forty-fy' yourself for 2024. Raid the dressing up box. Enjoy 40s music and old fashioned popcorn to watch the period film Carrie's War set in World War II Wales Free tickets bookable on Eventbrite. Donations to St Mary's and The Harbour Project.

If you'd like your event featured in the Placard, please send details by 10th of the preceding month to mail@purtonmagazine.co.uk



The Great Panto Puzzle Purton Village Hall Wednesday 24 January, 2pm - 4pm



Join 'Tor Theatre' for lots of laughs, songs and excitement in this hilarious show. There's something up in Pantoland. Nothing is working as it should and things feel very strange.

Come and help them find the missing piece of the puzzle.

Tea & cake will be served after the show.

This is a free event, but booking is required. Please contact Pat Hughes on 01793 772382 or email patricia.j.hughes@btinternet.com

PARTNERS

WILTSHIRE
MUSIC
CENTRE

Pound Arts

COMMUNITY
FIRST

Wiltshire
ageUK

Wiltshire & Swindon
HISTORY
CENTRE

WILTSHIRE
CREATIVE

Funded by

Wiltshire Council

Wiltshire
Community
Foundation



MAJOR FUNDERS

COMMUNITY
FUND

Substantial grant funding from
ARTS COUNCIL
ENGLAND

www.wiltshiremusic.org.uk/CAW

Prayer for Purton

This month the churches in Purton are praying for everyone who lives or works in: *Pavenhill, Upper and Lower Pavenhill, Paven Close, Bunce Court, Gleed Close, (and from Ridgeway Farm) Cob Hill, Saxon Mill and Cowleaze*

Jon's Changes

Specialist in PVCU windows, doors,
patio doors, bi-folding doors
and conservatories.

White, Woodgrain, Woodgrain on white
or Coloured.



For a free quotation please call:

Jon Usher 01793 770596

Email: jonschanges@btinternet.com

Over 25 years experience

10 College Road, Purton, Swindon SN5 4AR

03/24

Local Organic Products



Delivered to your doorstep by 7.30am
Milk, butter, yogurt, cream and much more!

FREE Cool bag and natural yogurt
with your first delivery



www.shop.10green.co.uk

01793 688834

10/24

Cotswold Tree Surgeons

Qualified tree care specialists. Established in 1979

For the best in tree care

- *Pruning* • *Hedges* • *Planting Schemes* • *Care of veteran trees*
- *Dangerous trees removed* • *Advice and surveys* • *Maintenance contracts*
- *Domestic tree work* • *All our wood chip is recycled*

Tel 01793 771742

www.cotswoldtreesurgeons.co.uk

03/24

LOGS by SOUTHERN FORESTRY

Seasoned logs for open fires and wood burning stoves.

Locally-grown, Woodsure certified and ready to burn.

Call Keith Mills

01793 771742

Authorised to meet
Domestic Solid
Fuel Standards

03/24

News and wattles from the Turkey shed

The turkey season so far has been a success but as I'm writing this half way through December I don't want to tempt fate! The turkeys have been killed and plucked and are currently game hanging in our fridges prior to butchery. Traditional turkeys are game hung, this greatly improves the flavour and texture of the bird. In the past farmers would simply hang turkeys in a barn – which is fine if you can guarantee a nice cold December, but if it's too warm there will be obvious problems, and if it's too cold you have a frozen turkey to try and butcher!

The modern way is to hang in a fridge, this gives us complete control to hang in hygienic conditions at the optimum temperature.

Turkeys can only be hung if they have been dry plucked or (like ours) wax plucked. The vast majority of turkeys are plucked using warm water where the feathers are beaten out of them with rubber fingers. Turkeys plucked this method would go off if hung.

Anyway, while the turkeys are safely hanging in the fridge it gives me a chance to have a thorough clean down and swap our processing area from plucking to butchery. Butchery takes place just a few days before Christmas as it's only once the bird is drawn (removing the innards) that it will lose its freshness. Being such a small scale operation allows us to do this right at the



Pictured top: Turkeys game hung, middle: the latest pop up farm shop, bottom: cattle enjoying the December sunshine

05/24



PURTON'S UNIQUE HOTEL,
SPECIAL EVENTS AND WEDDING VENUE

JOIN OUR TEAM

We are actively seeking to recruit locally for a number of vacant positions for our restaurant, kitchens and accommodation. If you are interested in joining our team then please get in touch, we would love to hear from you.

eventsteam@peartreepurton.co.uk

12/24

**BBooth
& Son
SLtd**

WELDERS IN STEEL
Stainless & Aluminium
STEEL STOCK HOLDER
Suppliers Of RSJ's Box/Tube All Types Of Mesh & Much More

SHOT BLASTING
In House & Mobile Small To Very Large Items In All Types
Of Materials Including Brickwork, Stone & Wooden Beams

TEL: 01793 771048

www.boothandson.com

11/24

PC Doctor Dan

115 High Street, Cricklade
Tel: 01793 759192 Mob: 07890 377517

Home & Business Computing

- ✓ Free pick-up and drop-off service
- ✓ Purchasing advice, setup and installation
- ✓ Secure wireless and home networking
- ✓ Share files, photos, music and printers
- ✓ Virus and spyware detection and removal
- ✓ Training to meet your specific needs
- ✓ Hardware/ software repairs and upgrades
- ✓ Improve PC performance and reliability
- ✓ Create backups to protect key information
- ✓ Consultancy and managed service options

20 years IT experience @Intel Corporation
www.pcdoctor-dan.co.uk

12/24



Haines Fencing & Landscaping

We are a family run business with over 30 years experience in garden design, and construction

Fencing, Decking, Ponds, Water Features, Walling, Hedge Cutting, Garden Clearance etc...

For a free quotation or to view portfolio

Tel: 01793 778060

Mob: 07780598812

Email: dkhaines68@gmail.com

last minute, larger processors have to start much earlier. In a series of stages the turkey is prepared, boxed and returned to the fridge. Even with a fairly efficient mini production line this will take 10 of us 2 days.

2023 wildlife review

So far this year I've notched up 81 species of bird on the farm which is the same as the previous three years (although the species vary). I failed to spot Bullfinch, Water Rail and the annoyingly named Common Gull but did manage to add Brambling and Golden Plover as new species for the farm list which now stands at a respectable 102. The Brambling was spotted by my keen eyed friend Nick, as it flew over in February, slightly underwhelming as I'd hoped my first Brambling would be a nice view of its stunning colours as it browsed on Alder seeds in the copse – I still hope to have a proper sighting. By contrast the Golden Plover smashed onto my bird list with a flock putting on a stunning show flashing their colour as they twisted and turned through a shaft of light between foreboding clouds. The fact that this was on a “challenging” day in April when things were tough from weeks of continuous rain made it all the more special. An ornithological sight I will remember forever.

Another special feature that I will remember about 2023 is the continuous presence of Kingfishers. I normally only see Kingfishers once or twice a year but since the addition of some leaky dams the Stickleback population has increased which must have attracted the birds. With no suitable nesting habitat in the area I set about creating a vertical section of bank 1.2m vertical from the surface of the water and about 2m long – this was mostly done in the dark with a spade. I thought the odds of it being used were slim but worth a go. On my final visit to finish off to my amazement a Kingfisher flew off! I never returned to the area and ensured no one else did either. They are easily disturbed and as a schedule for one bird you would need a licence to go anywhere near the nest. Kingfishers are very discreet birds but I noticed the birds every few days whizzing along the brook with activity peaking at the end of May and early June. And then they were gone. I waited several weeks with no sightings before going back to the nest area for the first time in five months. The birds had in fact dug a tunnel into the bank and the sticky trail of muck under the hole would indicate probable breeding. I think Kingfisher chicks quickly disperse over a wide area, I have had occasional glimpses since so let's hope they do the same again.

If you fancy coming along to our next pop up shop it's on the 13th and 14th of January 10am - 12pm.

Chris Rumming

Rotary Club of Royal Wootton Bassett & District

REME Soldiers from MOD Lyneham renovate Rotary's Santa Sleigh

Santa's sleigh used by Rotary's Royal Wootton Bassett and District and Royal Wootton Bassett Town clubs has been used for many years to raise for local charities before Christmas. Over the years, repairs were carried out but it now needed a major renovation.

Last year, Linda Locke the Club President of Royal Wootton Bassett & District, asked Head of Establishment MOD Lyneham and Commandant DSEME, Colonel Paul Johnson (a newly appointed honorary member of the Club) if it were possible for some of his soldiers to help Rotarians with this renovation. He gladly offered assistance from his team and through Major Chris Marsh and Staff Sergeant Robert Hollis, the work began in their spare time to bring the sleigh and sound system into full working order.

Rob Hollis did an outstanding job rebuilding the chassis, sound system, lights and safety features so that Santa now has many years to continue the good work of raising funds for local charities.

The Commandant DSEME, Paul Johnson at the sleigh handover said:

'I am delighted that Staff Sergeant Hollis and his team have devoted their spare time and energy in doing such a superb renovation of Santa's sleigh, and I wish Santa and the Royal Wootton Bassett Rotary clubs a happy journey and every success this Christmas.

Both Rotary clubs are extremely grateful for the help received from the REME soldiers from MOD Lyneham and a BIG thank you in particular, goes to Staff Sergeant Rob Hollis.

Pictured from the left is Rotary President RWB Town Club Harry McLaughlin, Staff Sergeant Rob Hollis, President Elect Rotary Club RWB & District Linda Locke, Rudolph, Santa (substitute) Rotarian RWB & District Bob Vaughan, Rotary President RWB & District Ray Sanderson and Commandant DSEME Paul Johnson.



Santa collecting his sleigh outside headquarters at MOD Lyneham.

Linda Locke, President, Rotary Club of Royal Wootton Bassett & District

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 December's puzzle are 1D) Baubles 2A) Candle 3D) Cards 4D) Snowman 5D) Lights 6A) Tree 7D) Gift 8A) Stocking 9A) Wreath

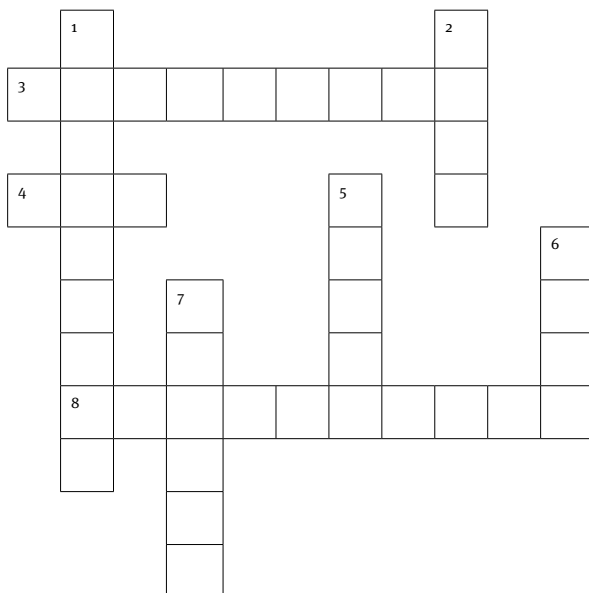
This month there are eight clues.

- 3 across Look back on (9)
- 4 across Not seen before (3)
- 8 across Hours in a day (6,4)
- 1 down Rejoice (9)
- 2 down Jump (4)
- 5 down Cheerful (5)
- 6 down Twelve months (4)
- 7 down A score (6)

This is the next crossword created by Neil and Rob Miles to challenge readers. Answers for this quiz will be in the February 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 can 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.

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: purtonmagazine.co.uk



Did you know Purton Magazine is available in large print?

If you subscribe to Purton Magazine, you can read all the local news with ease in large print.

To request a large print copy to be delivered to you each month, please call Sandra on 01793 770157.

Local Firewood Logs

- Quality Split hardwood logs • Ideal for Log Burners and open fires
- Grown, dried & seasoned at Restrop Farm • Ash, Oak, Beech & Nut

2 cubic metres £220 (includes delivery)

Text: 07825 888954 Email: restropwood@gmail.com

Web: www.restrop.com

03/24



It's easier than ever to find a local business and click straight through to its website or social media page for more information.

Visit www.purtonmagazine.co.uk

church street

DENTAL PRACTICE

A PERSONAL, FRIENDLY & CARING SERVICE

- ROUTINE & COSMETIC DENTISTRY
- CONVENTIONAL & INVISIBLE BRACES
- SMILE MAKEOVERS
- DENTURE WORK
- EASY PAYMENT OPTIONS AVAILABLE

Nigel Masters BDS DPDS

1 Church Street, Purton, Swindon, SN5 4DS

Tel: 01793 770532

csdental@btInternet.com

www.csdental.co.uk

invisalign

06/24

Need to get
to the GWH?

CONNECT
Wiltshire

Live in Wootton Bassett?



**Book Connect2
for work,
appointments
or visiting.**

To book call

01249 890794/07305 411004

For information

01380 860100

If you need to get to
villages surrounding
Wootton Bassett,
we can get you there too!

**Connect2 GWH
and Wootton Bassett
door-to-door services.**



Wiltshire Council
Where everybody matters

Index to Advertisers

Please mention Purton Magazine when contacting advertisers

Amazing Glazing window cleaning _____ 17	Forrester Sylvester Mackett Solicitors _____ back	New Road Garage _____ 17
Amherst Contractors _____ 40	Fresh Springs Care _____ 55	NWDS Pest Control _____ 17
Aspen Fencing Services _____ 20	Garrards Joinery _____ 7	Oakview Tree & Garden Services _____ 55
Bell Inn, Purton Stoke _____ 7	George Veterinary Group _____ 40	Paul Thrush Plumbing & Maintenance _____ 17
Blackwells Funeral Directors _____ 55	Gloucestershire water softeners _____ back	PC Dr Dan Computing _____ 49
Booth & Son Welding _____ 49	GO Driving School _____ 17	Pearce Funeral Services _____ back
Brush Strokes Painting & Decorating _____ 18	Haines Fencing & Landscaping _____ 49	The Pear Tree events venue _____ 49
Building land wanted _____ 13	Haskins Garage _____ 36	Pips Community Cafe _____ 36
Butcher's Electrical Services & Technology _____ 2	Hulbert & Woodall Print _____ 36	Purton Community Fridge _____ 13
Casa Colina holiday villa _____ 13	In Touch Design & Print _____ 17	Purton Farm Shop _____ 8
Chimney Mechanics (Sweep etc) _____ 8	Jon's Changes PVCu windows etc _____ 47	Waste collections _____ 39
Church Street Dentist _____ 53	Learning Curve Day Nursery _____ 55	Purton Vets _____ 7
Compton Welding _____ 20	LH Vehicle Damage Repairs _____ 18	Purton Village Hall _____ 18
Connect 2 _____ 53	Malmesbury & District Foodbank _____ 20	Purton War Memorial & Village Centre Charity _____ 17
Cotswold Tree Surgeons _____ 47	Mark Manning builder _____ 8	Restrop Firewood _____ 53
Cricklade Osteopaths _____ 2	Matthew Scott Landscape Services _____ 7	Southern Forestry Logs _____ 47
Cricklade School of Motoring _____ 20	Mobility Store _____ 39	Ten Green Bottles dairy deliveries _____ 47
Dora's Dairy _____ 7	Morris Owen chartered accountants _____ 2	Toilets & Taps Plumbing Services _____ 8
DW Dunn Ltd, plumbing & heating _____ 18	MyWilts reporting App _____ 40	Windowology _____ 7
Ekins & Co Accountancy & Tax _____ 8		Wootton Bassett Service Station _____ 13

BLACKWELLS

Est 1916

01793 611060

38 CHENEY MANOR ROAD, SWINDON SN2 2NS
WWW.BLACKWELLSOFSWINDON.COM

**BLACKWELLS
OF CRICKLADE**

Est 1916

01793 750225

THAMES HOUSE, THAMES LANE, CRICKLADE,
WILTSHIRE SN6 6BH
WWW.BLACKWELLSOFCRICKLADE.COM

Independent Funeral Directors

24 hours a day, 365 days a year.
Interest free pre-payment funeral plans.

**OUR FAMILY WILL CARE FOR
YOUR FAMILY**



05/24

OAKSVIEW

TREE & GARDEN SERVICES

Supplying quality work at affordable prices for everyone



Free quotations given without obligation

Tree lopping or felling • Fruit trees pruned

- Hedge cutting • Garden clearance
- Landscaping • All types of fences and gates erected • Prompt professional service with over 25 years experience • Registered waste carrier • Public liability insured
- Driveways, paths and patios cleaned.

Tel: 01793 238854

Mob: 07767 385836

Email: oaksview@email.com



05/24

LEARNING CURVE

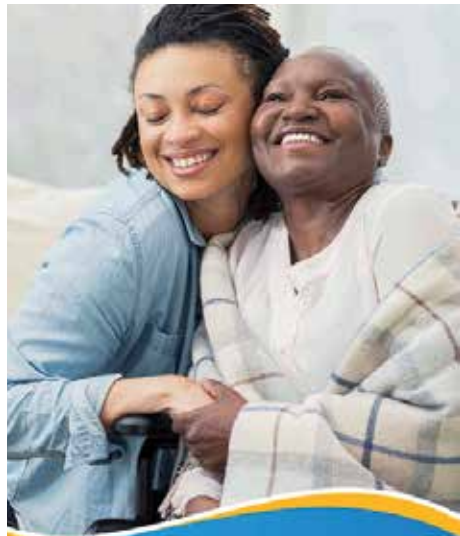
day nursery
- It's a whole new world -

- ✓ Modern architect-designed building
- ✓ For children aged 3 months to 5 years
- ✓ Full time and part time places
- ✓ Extensive outdoor play areas
- ✓ Open all year from 8am - 6pm



Brinkworth Road, Royal Wootton Bassett
tel: 01793 851495
www.thedaynursery.com

12/24



Fresh Springs Care Limited

0179 320 0084

info@freshspringscare.co.uk

www.freshspringscare.co.uk

Office 83, Bowman Court,
Whitehill Industrial Estate,
Royal Wootton Bassett, SN4 7DB



**FRESH SPRINGS
CARE**

11/24

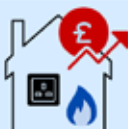
What is Limescale Costing You?



Reduced
Appliance
Life



Cleaning
Products
& Time



Increased
Heating &
Water Bills

Prevent Limescale With
A Kinetico Water Softener

Request A Free Quote



info@gloucestershire-softeners.co.uk
www.gloucestershire-softeners.co.uk



01285 770002

02/24



Pearce Funeral Services



92 Ermin Street
Stratton St Margaret
Swindon SN3 3NN
01793 832072



Papermakers House
1 Rivenhall Road, Westlea
Swindon SN5 7BD
01793 422422

Our family service caring for you

"Outstanding is an understatement.
These people are the ultimate in care, compassion
and understanding the needs of the family."
Online review - September 2023

FAMILY RUN, COMPASSIONATE SERVICE
PREPAID FUNERAL PLANS AVAILABLE
RECOMMENDED IN THE GOOD FUNERAL GUIDE
COMMITTED TO THE FAIR FUNERAL PLEDGE



Golden Charter

www.pearcefuneralservices.co.uk

10/24



Forrester Sylvester Mackett

SOLICITORS

What matters to you matters to us

enquiries@fsm solicitors.co.uk

www.fsm solicitors.co.uk

CHIPPENHAM

FROME

MALMESBURY

SWINDON

TROWBRIDGE

WARMINSTER

01249 444300

01373 485485

01666 822671

01793 522688

01225 755621

01985 217464

07/24