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*Barn in a landscape, The Hyde, Purton
Photo: Rick Dixon*

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From The Editors

Grandchildren – and even some children – have been known to refer somewhat unflatteringly to their familial elders as “antiques” probably without fully realising the potential monetary value that certain “antiques” can attract. Whenever an expert suggests a possible value at auction for a particularly special piece, the facial expressions and amazed reactions of the owner is one of the highlights of the BBC’s Antiques Roadshow television programme.

On Thursday 13 June there will be a recording of that programme at the Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester. Visitors are invited to raid their attics and bring along their household treasures and car boot bargains for inspection and valuation although family heirlooms should only be of the inanimate variety! This information was only discovered after your magazine had been paginated, although further details can be obtained at www.bbc.co.uk/antiquesroadshow or by telephone on 0117 974 2395.

Regular readers will know that the more elderly people in our community are usually exceedingly well looked after with much of that support coming through Age Concern. On page 9 we learn that their next fundraising event will be at Dick and Jackie Scott’s home on Bentham Lane. However anyone suffering from ophidiophobia (a fear of snakes) should be aware that Dick recently found two rather large pythons that had been abandoned in a ditch near to his home.

Thinking of animals, we learn on page 5 that a woman in Wootton Bassett has been fined a total of £380 at Chippenham Magistrates Court in April for failing to pick up after her dog. Apparently the fine was £300 and she was also ordered to pay £50 costs with a £30 victim surcharge. Yet again our Parish Council are appealing for all owners to clean up after their dogs, especially as one of the Groundsmen recently had to change his clothing after he was covered in dog mess when strimming the grass alongside Church Path while trying to keep it tidy for everyone.

Returning to the initial thought of grandchildren, on page 52 we learn from Purton Tennis Club that a granddaughter partnered her grandmother (or should that be the other way round?) in a league tennis match – no less. Your magazine would really like to be able to report any other sports club in our community that can claim a similar pairing or other such combination – and we will try very hard to avoid any mention of antiques!

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long pythons found dead
and abandoned at
Bentham
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16%

increase in tennis club
membership already so
far this season
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£380

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Parish Council News

We had an uncontested election as we had fewer than fifteen people stand therefore the following ten people were duly elected as Parish Councillors for Purton:



Geoffrey Greenaway
Ron Harris
Kevin Law
Susan Matthews

Victoria McKerrow
John Papworth
Tony Price
Raymond Thomas

Bob Tinson
Elizabeth Wilson

On 13 May the Parish Council will hold its Annual Parish Meeting when the above Councillors will elect the Chairman and Vice Chairman of Council along with the various Chairmen of Council's Committees. In the July magazine article we will give details about the election of the Chairman etc and provide contact details for the Councillors.

There remain five vacancies on the Parish Council, therefore if anybody would like to be considered for co-option onto the Council then please write to the Clerk of the Council.

Pythons – If you do not read the Evening Advertiser you may not have heard about the two 10ft long pythons that were found in a ditch in Bentham by Dick Scott. The pythons were dead but it is not clear if they were dead or alive when they were left there on 22 April. Whether you like snakes or not it was a sorry sight to see and clearly a cruel act to just dump them there. Our Groundstaff, Paul and David, helped Dick put them into cremation bags to be transported to the Purton vets who had very kindly agreed to dispose of them. Our thanks go to all those who helped deal with this unusual situation. We are very glad it is not a regular occurrence.

Dog Fouling – A Wiltshire woman from Royal Wootton Bassett has been fined £380 after failing to pick up after her dog. At Chippenham Magistrates Court on 16 April the woman was fined £300 and ordered to pay £50 costs and a £30 victim surcharge. So be warned, this could be you if you do not pick up after your dog.

Paul our Groundsman had to go home and change the other day because whilst strimming along Church Path he got covered in dogs mess. We are now buying disposable overall for Paul and David. So once again we ask dog owners to be responsible and pick up after their dogs so that everyone can enjoy a walk without encountering dogs mess along the way.

Injured Girl – On 23 April one of our Councillors noticed a young girl lying on the pavement between Dogridge and Restrop View. Before he could stop to see what the problem was, he noticed that several cars drove past without stopping. He was upset by this seeming lack of care toward this young girl who had fallen and hit her head on the pavement. An ambulance was called and once she had regained consciousness she was dealt with by the paramedic. It is understood that people are nervous these days about some situations where there is concern that a scam could be taking place or the problem is drug or alcohol related. However it could equally be that somebody is having a fit or has simply fallen and injured themselves.

At the very least stay in your car but call an ambulance or the Police.

Bike Bath – on Sunday 23 June cyclists will be coming through Purton on the Bike Bath Ride. This is an event that is taking place over two days with rides of 20, 30, 60 and 100 miles but the cyclists will only be coming through Purton on the 23rd. Some will be stopping off in the Village Hall car park where a check point will be set up. It is not known how many will be coming through the village but the timing is likely to be between 9.30 am and 1.30 pm.

The following Planning Applications have been approved by Wiltshire Council:

- N11/02978/FUL *Mardrea, The Hyde*, Erection of 4 detached houses.
- N12/04015/FUL *Harford House Stores*, Construction of ramp and steps and alterations to front of shop.
- N12/02232/FUL *Land rear of 6 Upper Pavenhill*, erection of 2-bedroom bungalow (Revision of N11/02331/FUL).
- N13/00646/TCA *4 Church Path*, Fell 1 sycamore.
- N13/00519/FUL *18 Blacklands*, Creation of vehicular access with dropped kerb and hardstanding.
- N13/01011/SCR *Land at Bagbury Lane Farm*, Screening opinion as to whether an environmental impact assessment is required in relation to a proposed solar park.

How to contact the Parish Council:

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Website www.purtonparishcouncil.gov.uk

The Parish Council's letter box is on the wall adjacent to the side door (entrance door to the Parish Council offices) to the rear of the Library/Institute.

St George's Spring Concert: 27 April

Thank you for helping to make the concert for the Help for Heroes Fund such a success on Saturday 27 April.

We were a bit short-handed with Jenny Barnes and Brian Davis both unwell and not able to help this year but Janet and Tony Neate stood in and did a great job.

It was a great evening with lovely music and happy flag-waving and singing enjoyed by most if not all people judging by the feedback. It made it all worth while.

Thank you to all of the helpers and to those who donated or otherwise contributed in any way and to all of you who came on the night.

And finally, to Chedworth Silver Band for playing such a lovely selection of music that we all enjoyed so very much.

DOREEN FREEGARD

Cricklade Country Market

The next Country Market is at *The Club at Cricklade* on Friday 28 June from 9 am to 11 am. Please call Nikki on 01793 751845 or Anne on 01793 750125 for more details, to place an order or to become a market producer (baking or growing).

Purton & District Age Concern



We are having problems with getting our befriending service going with the various things like insurance – this is sorted out now – then the CRB forms were no good because the lady who deals with them was on holiday and now they have changed to DBS. If you are interested in joining this team give Vicki Fowler a ring on 772777 or Louise our secretary on 772558.

Our next fundraising event will be held at Dick and Jackie Scott's home in Bentham Lane – this is a coffee morning and is on Saturday 6 July at 10 am.

The last afternoon mystery tour was very enjoyable, with lovely weather and view to match. We went through Melksham, Westbury, Longleat, Frome, Nunney Catch, Bruton and Evercreech, where we stopped for tea at the local Church. They had tables put in various places in their lovely old Church and I sat in the Chancel. The food matched the surroundings and we were even played to by the local organist on the piano – it was like being at the Palm Court of Grand Hotel (who remembers that radio programme?) except for the toilet – there was only one! On the return trip we came home via Shepton Mallet, Radstock, Bath and Malmesbury. We are disappointed with the numbers as there were only 27 on this trip. Is it too expensive? Would you like a shorter trip or a trip without food? We would be interested to hear your comments. The next trip is on Wednesday 5 June to Evesham Country Park and Garden Centre. This is a 10 am start, leaving Evesham at 3 pm. There might still be room so give me a ring on 770696. The cost is £8 with no food provided. After that we go to Cardiff – this is an all day trip and costs £10 – and is on Wednesday 3 July. In August, on Wednesday 7th, we have our yearly trip to Weston with the prices the same as last year – £13 for the elderly and children, £15 for others.

Our 3Bs evening was a great success, a sell-out and, most importantly, everyone enjoyed themselves from all the comments we heard, so look out for next year.

Could I send our best wishes to Gladys Legg and say how much we all miss her? Gladys was intending to be one of our befrienders before she became ill and what a great ambassador she is for Christianity. Also while speaking in that flavour, could I thank Alan Woodward for always being there for us at St Mary's. It is something you take for granted when he has been Church Warden for so long and I know he will continue to be supportive even though he has retired from this post.

Several of our committee went to Bradford on Avon Senior Peoples' Forum as they were interested in the way we operate and wanted to hear more about our street warden scheme and our minibuses in particular. They are hoping to start up similar schemes in their town. We gave them a little talk to begin with and then they asked us a lot of questions, so we shall be very interested to see how they develop.

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Lost & Found

FOUND: Digital watch in the fields beside the lower end of Hoggs Lane, found late April. Contact Rupert on 771583, with a description, to reclaim!

Betty Fimmers

Once again I write what one would term as a tribute to a strong-willed, lovely sociable lady who was very much a part of our community, more so in days gone by when she was a little bit younger, although in saying that, in later life she was active, especially if she could help anyone and she enjoyed trips out as well. The lady I am talking about is Mrs Betty Fimmers of Restrop View. Betty was born at Kingston Deverell, so she was a Wiltshire girl through and through. She had two sisters and five brothers and her father was a farm labourer. His speciality was ploughing and this was in the days when I think farm workers were employed on a yearly basis. He didn't have a problem getting a job as he was always winning cups and trophies for his ploughing – in fact he won the Ploughman's Championship three years running and retained the cup. With her father's job Betty went to various schools as the family moved from farm to farm but this did not affect her education as she went on to be selected to go to Cheltenham College, where she learnt to be a shorthand typist.

However, she was conscripted to join the Land Army from College and went to a farm at East Leach. I think she was in the Land Army for about three and a half to four years. How about this for a change of life style – she went from there to work in London for the Ministry of Works, using her shorthand typing skills. When in London she stayed with her brother but, because the fares were expensive, she changed jobs and worked for Smith's Meters which was nearer to her brother's home. One of the incidents she remembers when she was a land girl was one day, when she was coming back to the farm with a horse and cart another cart was taking some empty milk churns the other way. The other cart had to pull over onto some rough ground and the milk churns rattled. Betty's horse bolted cart and all – this frightened Betty especially when the horse tried to get back into his stable still hitched up to the cart!

However, life was going to start to change because Henry and his fellow prisoner of war were working on a farm. That was the time of double summer time and it was well past ten o'clock when they finished work each night. They still had to go home to the cottage and cook their meal so the farmer said he would advertise for a man to work on the farm and his wife to do some cooking. The farmer had to go and interview this couple and he took Henry with him – of course, this couple were Betty's mum and dad and they took the job without even looking at the cottage. Was this love at first sight for Henry because Betty had come home for a weekend – Henry had to go round to Betty's mum and dad's cottage and who should answer the door – it was Betty with curlers in. I can imagine she would have looked lovely even with curlers!

Betty came home some weekends to Ashbury but one of her loves was ice skating so sometimes she stayed in London. I wonder if it was Streatham ice rink she went to? Was there a slow development of their courtship when she came home? What I do know is that Betty's mother was poorly and Betty had compassionate leave from work to look after her. Seeing more of each other, the relationship really took off and, with Betty doing the cooking, if Henry needed any

swaying I am sure that would have done it. Betty was always well known for her lovely lunches and teas, where her speciality was old English trifle.

As things developed Henry was invited to London for the weekend – he didn't have the best of welcomes because Betty's nephew answered the door and said to Henry 'If you do not behave yourself, my dad will give you a hiding!' (Just a little thought – Betty's brother was a boxer. However, as we all know, Betty and Henry got married at St Peter's & St Paul's Church at Mitcham and this was sixty-four years ago and by now Betty had become a Roman Catholic. This lovely occasion became a bit worrying when they came out of the Church because the taxis they had ordered were waiting all the time and, as it was a long service with Mass, the charge was fifteen pounds. Well, that was a lot of money in those days and they were worried about having enough money to pay for the hotel. However, Henry's friend Bill paid for the hotel – mind he did work at Harrods!

They had been promised a cottage tied to farm at Kingston Winslow but Henry had to change farms to get it. The farmer had about thirty people working for him and none of them wanted this cottage as it was in such poor shape. When Henry and Betty left eight years later, there were four of them – they had two additions, Elizabeth and Judith – and they had made such a difference to the cottage that everyone on the estate wanted to move into it. That is easy to understand as they were such lovely home makers. They then came to Clardon Lane here in Purton and became part of the community and I really mean that, and of course their third daughter Charlotte was born. At Clardon Lane they had to start work on their cottage as there was no electricity and other mod cons but they soon sorted that out and made a really cosy home. They had one bad memory of Clardon Lane – one day when Betty was cooking, the neighbour called her out to the fence and the chip pan caught fire. Betty spilled the burning fat over her arms and legs so severely she was in hospital for ten weeks.

When her children were old enough, Betty worked at the Dental Factory – or Associated Dental Products – for twenty-five years, being awarded with a crystal biscuit barrel. What is amazing is that she walked there and back. As we know Betty was involved with the guides at Lydiard and, when shift patterns didn't work out to coincide with Henry's, she would walk to Lydiard or back, sometimes each way. The disadvantage she had with her burns and arthritis was someone else's gain, as for therapy she had to do knitting and this was given to disadvantaged children. In later years Betty helped at the Playschool in the school grounds for about four to five years. What a marvellous inspiration and lovely 'granny' she would have been to these children, with her thoughtfulness, kindness and love and also what marvellous institutions playschools are when they are run like they are in Purton. With three daughters, Betty always kept up with the times but whether she approved of their hair-do's, makeup and miniskirts – this was a debatable subject. What we do know is that when it came to choosing careers and life styles, she always encouraged them to make their own decisions and was very supportive. She didn't criticise or judge her daughters and there was a lovely warm welcome in their house for friends and even boyfriends. Mind, in later life there might have been a quiet gasp when the grandchildren would turn up with green nails, pink hair

and with hardly any clothes on but all she would say is, 'Have you worn your anorak?'

I know that, in days gone by, Betty loved the theatre – what type of thing I do not know but the one thing I do know is that she also loved things to do with gardening. In fact, along with Henry and others, she was a founder member of the Gardeners' Guild, where she was remembered with fondness at their April meeting. You cannot mention Betty without Henry, as they were a great partnership. I know they were a great inspiration to us in Age Concern for the way they supported us, especially at the market stalls we have at the Top Shops, and at the mystery tours on which they were regulars. What a marvellous world we would live in if everyone was like Betty and Henry, thrown together by war and living a happy life like they did – an example to us all. Betty was loved by all who knew her, especially the family (and trifles will never be the same for them). We offer our deepest sympathy to Henry and his family and thank them for carrying out Betty's wishes with money coming to Purton and District Age Concern in lieu of flowers.

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We were very saddened to learn of the death of Betty.

Betty's daughters Judith and Charlotte were Brownies and Guides in Purton.

In the 1970s Betty became the Guide Leader of Lydiard Guides and ran the unit with Fay Woods for approximately fifteen years.

Later in 1997, when North Wilts Trefoil Guild was formed, Betty became a founding member. Trefoil Guild is for people who have an interest in guiding and its ideals and meet regularly for varied activities and assisting Guide Leaders in any way we can. Many of our meetings are held outside of the meeting room going on walks, playing croquet, visiting places of interest. When Betty found it difficult to attend, she became a member of the Lone Trefoil Guild which is for less able people. They are kept in contact by newsletter and have occasional meetings where people transport them so they are all able to meet together.

We all have very happy memories of Betty, her enthusiasm for Guiding, her camping skills, and her kind and helpful nature. She will be missed. We send our condolences to Henri and his family.

*Picture: Betty in Leader's uniform
in an early Brownies photo*

PAULINE HALL (Chairman)
North Wilts Trefoil Guild

Joe Bevington

Joe Bevington of Highridge Close was another person who was very kind, thoughtful and helpful. Unless you knew Joe he would not give you that impression. I think this was down to the fact that he had a wicked sense of humour and could tell a good story which you would believe by the nature of the way he told it. Mind, in saying that, he always had a twinkle in his eye. Joe was born in Birch Street in Swindon. How he got the name 'Joe' I do not know because he was christened Gordon Albert. I expect somebody called him Joe and it stuck. Joe would have gone to Westcott Place School – it was quite nice in those days as there were various areas with their

own communities like Rodbourne, Gorse Hill, Moredon etc. I said it was quite nice with these communities but there was also great rivalry between them, not always pleasant either. They were quite competitive at sport as they played against each other, then there was the inter-school sports for more competition.

During the school holidays Joe would camp on Westend Rec. and, of course, they had a camp fire. One of the things they used to do was nick a potato or two on the way down from the allotment to cook on this fire – it wouldn't be looked on as a very good idea today with all the health and safety. Funnily enough we used to do the same thing at the Peak, go out in the rec. and camp and we used to have a camp fire. We would put the potatoes in the fire and they would come out all black – done on the outside but raw in the middle. This was followed by stewed rhubarb done in an old saucepan which Mrs Bletso had given us – no sugar but we used to eat it. I expect Joe had a similar feast! We were not so lucky as Joe because he had the river Ray running through the rec. and he would make a raft and go on the river. I bet there were a few wet feet and clothes. It was a good job there was a grill on the Ray, as I could see Joe going through the tunnel that took the Ray under the Railway Works and he would have finished in Mannington Rec.! Still I am sure they had great fun.

Sadly Joe's mother died when he was thirteen and he was taken under the wing of an aunt. Joe left school at fourteen with a very good report and was able to get a job at the Post Office as a telegram boy. But there was something about the GWR that drew him, especially having his father and uncles working there, so in 1940 it was off to the Park House for a medical and he soon started as an office boy 'inside' until he was sixteen, then it was an apprenticeship to fitting and turning. By now it was wartime and in 1943 he volunteered for the Navy – why I said 'volunteer' by the nature of his job he could have been exempt but maybe it was because he was serving an apprenticeship. Joe, with his expertise, spent most of his service career supporting the Fleet Air Arm, where he was an aircraft electrician mostly based at Yeovilton – what talent, mechanical and electrical. I always wondered how Joe learned all his skills but it was quite something to be apprenticed to fitting and turning and then be taught to be an aircraft electrician.

Joe came back to finish his apprenticeship – this was the way it worked in the Railways. You would be an office boy or be found other jobs for two years, then you would start your apprenticeship and even during the days of National Service you could join up at eighteen and then come back to finish your apprenticeship, or go on and finish it and join up when you were twenty-one. It wasn't long before he met the love of his life, Christine, who had left her home in Southern Ireland. It must have been love at first sight as they were married in 1947. After a stay in Birch Street – I wonder if this was along with his auntie – Joe and Christine's first child Tony was born and they moved to their own house in Hinton Street – from one side of the town to other Gorse Hill territory. About 1960 the family moved to Highridge Close in Purton but this was not before their second son Allen was born. Round about the same time Joe could see the way the Railways were going and he changed his job to work at Pressed Steel in the jig department of the Tool Room, where he stayed until he retired in 1988. This was when I first got to know Joe as

he used to travel with me to work sometimes. You had to be on your toes as he would always stir something up and say the opposite to everyone else, but we always had a good laugh.

Sadly Joe and his wife Christine never had much retired life together as she was taken poorly in 1994 and died in 1996. Joe nursed her with love and devotion along with the family through these bad times. I know he was very distraught and saddened when she passed away. Joe was thrilled when his grandchildren arrived – Matthew and Lisa – and was even happier when his new great granddaughter Tabitha came along. After moving to Purton Joe would love a drink at the Royal George – there were some real characters there then, especially some good gardeners. I believe Joe used to do a bit of showing with various items and, as with most shows, they would have debates after at the George. What they agreed on, Joe would say the opposite to keep the arguments going and somebody would say ‘You don’t know what you are on about’ and he would tell them he was a horticultural judge. Now to this day I don’t know whether he was or not because he had that way of telling you with a serious look and a twinkle in his eye.

He was a good neighbour and friend to all who knew him. During the later years he did not enjoy the best of health but was lovingly cared for by the family, never once complaining, always a pleasure to be with. To Tony, Allen, Shirley, family and friends we offer our deepest sympathy and thank Joe for his dry sense of humour, which I still have a smile about now.

TONY PRICE

Obituaries

Purton Magazine is always happy to include obituaries. If you wish to have us publish an obituary of a loved one, please send it via the contacts on page 4 of the Magazine.

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Transforming Purton Parish: Our Water

Following the initial overview in this magazine of the Ps and Qs flagship project, Transform Purton Parish, which aims to address and improve the overall resilience of the parish concerning: water, food, energy, waste, health, education, safety, housing, transport, economy, recreation, connectivity and democracy, we have been summarising brief extracts. So far we have extracted key messages and options on transport and on waste. This extract is about water.

In general, the parish water comes via Thames Water Utilities Limited which abstracts about 65% from rivers and stores this in large, open, surface reservoirs before putting it through a treatment process to turn it into drinking water. The remaining 35% comes from underground boreholes (water originally falling as rain that has seeped into the ground, hence referred to as groundwater). In addition to this, there are various private supplies (springs and wells) throughout the parish.

The parish is in the Water Supply Zone of Ashton Keynes; the zone has an estimated population of 26,414 (of which the parish is about 4,000). On the whole, the parish drinking water is of excellent quality (with no infringements recorded during 2011). There are still some areas of the parish (e.g. parts of Hoggs Lane) that currently rely on septic tank and might benefit from mains sewerage.

As we all know, drainage and flooding issues have been a perennial problem in the parish for some time. In general the Environment Agency looks after rivers, whilst other flooding issues are the responsibility of the Wiltshire Council. The Environment Agency and the Wiltshire Council have flood maps showing the extent of flooding arising from rivers breaching their banks. There is limited budget available to them to be able to spend on areas where only a limited number of properties are affected that is, they will put in flood defences to protect larger urban areas. There is a tendency by the authorities to rely on computer modelling and standardised equations when looking at the risk of flooding in any particular area, rather than using local knowledge and local circumstances.

There has been some attempt to rectify this by Wiltshire Council under the auspices of the North Wiltshire Flood Working Group (originally established by North Wiltshire District Council). Parish and unitary councillors worked with engineers and Environment Agency representatives to document the issues (together with potential management solutions). Many of the local flood hotspots [*Wetspots?! Ed.*] have been considered by Wiltshire Council engineers and negotiations with landowners have been ongoing and have been fruitful with some, though not with all.

The report highlights the worst hit areas and suggests ways forward into tackling the issues, also justifying the need for engineered solutions in some areas (Flooding Report and Flood Management Plan, Wiltshire Council (2010 with May 2010 updates). Although this report was never formally published by Wiltshire Council, a 2012 version has now been drafted. The Report concluded that most of the severe flooding problems occurred as a direct result of the extreme weather conditions experienced in the summer of 2007 and winter 2008. These events also highlighted particular areas that required attention. It also concluded that there must have been a period in the past (possibly 20-30 years ago) when landowners

and developers were left to do as they pleased with drainage, so that the parish has ended up with a series of inadequate, poorly-maintained systems that do not link up, function correctly or are fit-for-purpose.

Since the 2007/2008 events, an extensive programme of improvement works has been carried out in Purton by North Wiltshire District Council/Wiltshire Council to help alleviate some of the flooding problems that were experienced. This was achieved with very little participation from the majority of landowners. There are some areas that may still require attention in the near future and these areas have been clearly identified in this, as yet, unpublished report. The Report highlights how difficult it is to deal with some simple management options (cleaning culverts and ditches) due to the reluctance of certain landowners (named in the report) to engage in the process and carry out their land or riparian ownership responsibilities.

It is a concern that this useful report remains publicly unavailable more than two years after being drafted. Before it can be published it will, however, need to be updated and ideally available on a Geographic Information System (GIS) so that it can be updated in real time and be available when considering planning applications.

The kinds of flooding and deluge rainfall that we have seen in 2007 and since (particularly November 2012) are not likely to be atypical. Indeed, current government projections (<http://ukclimateprojections.defra.gov.uk>) suggest an increasing frequency of floods, deluges, and droughts for north Wiltshire. The parish experienced something of this during November and December 2012. So, tinkering with a few ditches, which will ameliorate matters in the short term, is likely to be insufficient for the future. For that, a more considered reflection is needed on the use of the parish land space. That reflection needs to be now. Simply waiting for, say, another twenty years is likely to mean that the land with which processes may need to be managed may well have been built on (e.g. Ridgeway Farm) through short-sighted and old-fashioned approaches to “growth”. Other parishes have already started to get to grips with their flooding and general water management issues.

The need for urgency in all this has been recently demonstrated by the decision on Ridgeway Farm (for about 700 houses and some infrastructure). The Planning Inspector’s main consideration seemed to rely on the assumption that building these houses would add to the local economy and, therefore, be the appropriate thing to do. What the Planning Inspector did not do, mostly because the “rules” do not allow such obvious thinking, was to consider the effects of the planning application through a lens of a wider perspective: what could be the other options for that land space? It really was a small-minded, short term decision that leaves the parish with fewer options for the future than it had before. The relevance of all this is all too clear, just from the November and December 2012 floods.

Of course, developers always maintain that new flood design and material for housing estates will deal with this. Interestingly, during the most recent floods, there was not one local news item that showed any new development that was dry. The reality is that Government is typically slow to act and local authorities and agencies are afraid to speak out and demand changes. These local authorities let down the people they serve.

The three-river basin management plans that have been prepared for Wiltshire (and surrounding areas) which recognise that many of Wiltshire's rivers are already over-abstracted or over-licensed putting stresses on the rivers that are likely to be exacerbated in the future due to climate change need to be implemented rapidly. In addition, new housing developments must use water efficiently. The Code for Sustainable Homes provides water efficiency standards for new homes. Policies in the new draft Wiltshire Core Strategy sets levels of the code to be met by new homes and for water efficiency measures that should be incorporated within non-residential development.

In addition to these requirements, Wiltshire Council is supposed to maintain dialogue with infrastructure providers and neighbouring planning authorities to ensure an overall improvement in the management of critical water resources, and to ensure that development proposals can be serviced without increasing the pressure on existing natural systems. In practice, it is not as seamless as one might expect. Water companies have a statutory duty to provide water and rarely, if ever, object to new residential developments, since their job is to provide water come what may. If they object or say they cannot provide then they could be open to legal challenge.

The parish is fortunate in having a large number of wells, aquifers, two main watercourses (River Key to the west of the village and the River Ray to the east) small watercourses, ponds and a vast ditch system. In addition, the parish has the small wheel-wash at Restrop, the Weir Pond at Church End, the lake at Purton House, and the Mill Pond at Mill House. Potentially, the village could have a good supply of water for the future and also be able to manage its flooding challenges.

So, although the parish should never "run out" of water, it could be anticipated that it will be scarce on occasions, and be far more than the parish would like at other times. Thinking more creatively, there could even be opportunities to use naturally-occurring wet land (such as behind Jewels Ash and Vasterne Close) and the storm water from the top of the village, to develop new recreational amenity in the village, perhaps with a series of small lakes and parkland, whilst providing a buffer for flooding and a source of water during drier periods.

The Ps and Qs Foresight and Resilience Plan calls for:

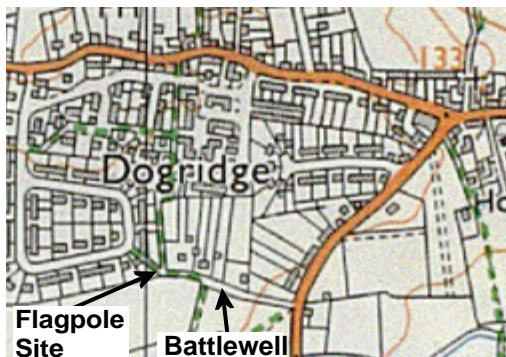
- Updating and publishing the Flooding Report and Flood Management Plan, Wiltshire Council (2010 with May 2010 updates) on a GIS with open access;
- Keeping ditch and watercourses clear and identifying blocked drainage systems;
- Upgrading culverts under railway and creating holding ponds north of railway;
- Requiring all new houses in Parish to be built with rainwater harvesting capability and with water efficiency capability;
- Dredge/upgrade River Ray to take increased volume of water from Swindon/maintain a dedicated flood plain; and
- Assess the feasibility of creating a lake behind Jewels Ash to provide a long term buffer, resource and amenity (there are several potential funding sources for this: UK Innovation Funds, EU Regeneration Funds, EU Climate Adaptation Funds).

The full report, Transforming Purton Parish, is freely downloadable from Ps and Qs web site (www.purtoninfo.org.uk). It is quite large (at about 5Mb) because it contains some 80+ pages of text supported by 60+ pages of appendices, with purpose-designed maps, photographs and diagrams. There is a hard copy in Purton Library.

RICHARD PAGETT (secure@richardpagett.com)

The Changing Face of Purton

Just at the end of April this year, the flagpole and weather vane were dismantled on the site of Harvest Water, Battlewell. It had been there for over half a century. Bob and Mary Wightman had their family home at Harvest Water. Bob was a keen amateur meteorologist and he recorded the weather everyday and gave his data to Reg Carter, who wrote a weather report in this magazine for many a year including fascinating country observations.



On important days, i.e. the Queen's birthday, St George's day and other events, the Union Flag was flown from the flagpole at Harvest Water, which was sited at the corner by the Ringsbury Close footpath and the Dogridge and Restrop View footpath entering into Battlewell, as shown on the attached map.

When planning permission was sought to demolish the Harvest Water dwelling and build six houses on the site, alarm bells rang in the adjacent area. A petition was quickly prepared and signed by many local residents and others wrote letters and emails to stop this small garden development. Our County Councillor Jaqui Lay was petitioned and there was a public meeting held in the village hall for local residents to air their views.

Battlewell is a narrow cul de sac lane with no footpath. Visibility is difficult for traffic to exit on to Restrop Road. The lane is used by children going to school, folk using the buses and those on their way to Upper Square shops and hairdresser. This lane is also a favourite with dog walkers, who use it to go to Ringsbury Camp and further afield.

At present there are only six properties, which do not create much traffic and the large recycling lorries do not use Battlewell. So with the prospect of the number of houses doubling in one clean sweep, this will create over double the traffic and walking along it will not be safe.

The Parish Council did not recommend the site for development, their concerns were around over density of the development and concerns about the access. Their preference was to have two accesses to the site one via Orchard Gardens and one via Battlewell. However, the Orchard Gardens access was not viable. They also asked for an Environmental and Ecological Assessment to be carried out as the removal of hedges etc would impact visually on the area.

All these actions were dismissed by the Planning Authority and permission was

granted to build 6 houses on Harvest Water. Since then archaeologists have excavated the front garden and found part of a Roman wall, which has subsequently been filled in.

It is now a *fait accompli* and we will take our lives into our own hands walking or cycling along Battlewell as the builders begin work on the site.

MARION HOBBS

Weather Report for April 1983 from the 'Harvest Water' weather station

'What dreadful weather we are having!' 'I should be able to grow rice in my garden if it was warmer.' 'We shall soon have webbed feet.'

Are these comments justified? Compared with last year [1982. Ed.] there was much more rain. April 1982 - 28.9mm (less than 1¼ inches) but April 1983 - 95.4mm (approx. 3¾ inches). There was only one day when no rain was measured - April 15, a fine sunny Friday.

12.2mm (nearly ½ inch) was recorded on 20th and 14.3mm (just over ½ inch) on 30th. A wet month certainly, and on the whole quite a cool month too. The air temperature dropped to zero on three nights at the beginning of the month and minus 1°C (30°F) was recorded on the 7th and 12th. There was also a ground frost on the 22nd and 24th. The highest temperature was 16°C (61°F), recorded on the 16th and the 30th. To add to the variety, force 6 gales blew from the southwest on the 10th and force 4-5 westerlies on the 22nd and 23rd. Thunder and lightning was accompanied by hailstones on April 27.

We think we have had a bad month, but do you remember April 26, 1981? On that Sunday we had about 2 inches of snow, branches were broken from shrubs and trees, electricity wires were brought down and a bitter wind blew the snow into drifts 5 to 6 feet deep over night, and our electricity was not restored until 4.30 pm on the Monday!

But in spite of everything the spring flowers have given us an amazing show this year and also the cuckoo is back with us (heard on April 21st), the swallows, house martins and swifts, (seen on the 30th). They must know that summer will soon be here, so we must believe it too.

Taken from the May 1983 issue of Purton Magazine.

Report compiled by the late Reg Carter.

A Summer Serenade, a Concert of English Music

Swindon Choral Society's summer concert takes place on **Saturday 29 June** at 7.30 pm at **St Barnabas Church, Gorse Hill. SN21BU.**



The concert includes music by Vaughan Williams, Sir Edward Elgar and John Rutter conducted by Robin Nelson. The Choir will be accompanied by Paul Turner on the piano and the Tenor soloist will be the former deputy musical director of the Society, Steven Cass.

Tickets cost £10 and are available from the Society web site at www.swindonchoral.org.uk, members of the Society or Swindon Information Centre in the Central Library.

After 8



Our April meeting caused some serious thought but also much hilarity. We had been given instructions to arrive with three items we liked and three we disliked inside a specified supermarket plastic bag. Each person was handed an anonymous bag and had to present its contents so that the owner could later be identified.

Members had no hesitation in commenting on the taste of others and felt quite free to speculate on the psychology of the owner. A bottle-opener was dismissed as 'a 1960's vintage device'. There was some clever ingenuity in conveying ideas: photos showed an appreciation of the countryside and wildlife; CDs indicated musical tastes; a bag of revolting rubbish collected daily, whilst dog-walking, illustrated a dislike of litter in the village.

There were some beautiful objects which needed no explanation. However, a volume of 'War and Peace', thought to be an indication of superior literary taste, was an example of print too small to be enjoyably read. Secrets were revealed: a phobia of sharp knives and a prejudice against the ubiquitous wearing of trainers. An inevitable argument of Bovril versus Marmite took place. We were somewhat confused by the relevance of tea in a Union Jack tin and fascinated by the purpose of a 'Snore Wizard'. Cuddly animals were not the objects of sentimentality but were used to consider cruelty to animals and the commercialisation of toys.

It was an evening of great fun and, fortunately, considering some of the comments made, we parted good friends.

GWYNETH DATSON

Our May meeting was led by Eve the theme being 'Communications'. It took us in many directions and had many conflicting answers.

First we looked at newspapers; it was surprising how few people now have a daily newspaper although Sunday Papers, it seems, are still very popular. Where do we get most of our news from? Well, television that has a 24-hour service as does the Internet, radio, libraries and for some Twitter.

Computers we decided were great, but with modern technology can sometimes leave you very bewildered even so their use was beyond question.

Emails keep you in touch with friends and family and allow you to book appointments, pay bills and shop. Facebook was another area looked at providing as it does the ability to keep in touch with family and friends especially when living abroad. It does however have a down side – it is used by some to relay emotions in public! Having many on-line friends can lead to being isolated and even to abuse; also it has been reported that employers are able to look at potential employees and form personal opinions.

We posed the question, 'How many of us have recently written or received a letter?' It seems technology is taking over. Mobile phones now have so many uses from making and taking calls originally their primary use they now are widely used to take photographs, dealing with emails and even remotely setting your video recorders. You can track other phone users, for instance if you have a teenager and wish to see them home safely you can now track their journey on your mobile

if your phone can connect to the Internet but only if they want to be tracked! And of course mobiles can also be very useful in any emergency.

We have to ask ourselves do we have too much information? As far as the next generation is concerned probably not but for our generation it is proving to be a fast learning curve.

EILEEN COE

The next meeting is Tuesday 18 June, "Treasure Trail around Wootton Bassett" led by Helen. Meet at Borough Fields car park at 7.30 (arrange own lifts).

Purton Evening WI www.purtonevewi.org.uk



The meeting of 15 April could be entitled "High Jinks!" for it was so merry. There was, of course, business to be attended to and first it was the National Resolution to be discussed. The subject was "The Decline of our High Streets and Town Centres" and Helen Dixon argued the case so well for the small shopkeeper. Suffice it to say that the vote was nearly 100%, that we really must do our part in supporting the high street shops – prices might be slightly higher (though not necessarily) but the attention and personal care is well worth it. As consumers, it is up to every one of us to play a part.

The speaker Anne Howse, runs "The Clothes Shop" in Newbury where you can hire or buy clothes for That Special Occasion (and, of course, she too was aware of the importance of the Resolution). She brought along a wonderful display of hats – out of the 300 in the shop – and you never did see such a trying-on! Members who had thought themselves just normal quiet folk suddenly blossomed in the wearing of glamorous Ascot hats, and the charm of fascinators and, oh! such lovely colours – and handbags and dresses to match are available if needed! We came away with a leaflet to be studied, with tips for choosing a hat; until 15 April most of us had no idea of the fun to be had.

On 19 June the meeting subject is entitled "Have a go at Kaya Drumming!" For the competition please bring along a musical instrument or artefact and then in social time we shall entertain ourselves!

We enjoyed studying the new 2013 programme that was issued at the April meeting. There is, as always, a great variety of subjects, to include a Pirates' evening in August. (You could start looking for your costume now – though perhaps we should check on that, as there was a recent calamity when a WI dressed up and it wasn't supposed to be that kind of evening at all – red faces all round!) In July the unforgettable Di Greenaway will be along to tell us about her part in the Olympics, at Wimbledon as a Tennis Games Maker. That night the social time will involve an Olympic Quiz and it just can't be too early to start swotting for that, if your memory is in the same condition as mine

Also on 20 July a Cream Tea is being arranged at the Pear Tree – see the Board – and in October the ever-popular Soup and Sweet luncheon at the Silver Threads Hall. The year has been well and truly launched!

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Purton Diary - June 2013

2	Su	8.00am	Communion at St Mary's Church
		10.30am	Service at Methodist Church
		10.30am	Family Service at St Mary's Church
		6.00pm	Evensong at St Mary's Church
5	W	10.00am	Age Concern Half day outing to Evesham Country Park and Garden Centre
6	Th	10.30am	Communion at St Mary's Church
		7.30pm	<i>The Spiderling</i> - talk and slide show at Village Hall
7	F	3.00pm	to 4.30pm: Red Skye Cakes at Purton Methodist Church
9	Su	8.00am	Communion at St Mary's Church
		10.30am	Service at Methodist Church
		10.30am	Communion at St Mary's Church
		6.00pm	Evensong at St Mary's Church
10	M	7.30pm	Purton Parish Council meeting at Village Hall - press and public welcome
11	Tu	11.00am	Songs of Praise at Ashgrove House
		2.00pm	Silver Threads Club: <i>Musical Afternoon</i>
		7.30pm	Purton Yacht Club at The Royal George
12	W	2.30pm	Methodist Women's Fellowship at Purton Methodist Church with Julie Thomas – <i>Child's Trust India</i>
13	Th		Carnival Fortnight Starts – See programme on page 34
		10.30am	Songs of Praise at The Cedars
		7.30pm	Carnival Queen selection and entertainment at Village Hall
14	F	9.30am	Age Concern Minibus to Swindon.
		10.00am	to 12.30pm: Carnival Coffee Morning at Silver Threads Hall
		3.30pm	Communion at The Cedars
15	Sa	9.00am	Historical Society: Summer Coach Outing to Clifton Suspension Bridge & Tyntesfield
		2.00pm	to 5pm: Cream Tea & Bingo at Silver Threads Hall
16	Su	8.00am	Communion at St Mary's Church
		10.30am	Service at Methodist Church
		10.30am	Communion at St Mary's Church
		12.30pm	to 3pm: Conservative Association Annual Summer Event at Lower Hook Farm
		6.00pm	Evensong at St Mary's Church
18	Tu	7.30pm	After 8: Treasure Trail around Royal Wootton Bassett - led by Helen
		7.45pm	Royal British Legion at The Red House
19	W	2.00pm	Communion at Ashgrove House
		7.30pm	Purton Evening Women's Institute at Village Hall: <i>Kaya Drumming</i>
21	F		Summer Solstice

23	Su	8.00am	Communion at St Mary's Church
		10.30am	Service at Methodist Church
		10.30am	Communion at St Mary's Church
		6.00pm	Evensong at St Mary's Church
25	Tu	2.00pm	Silver Threads Club
		7.30pm	Gardeners' Guild at Silver Threads Hall: Frank Hardy - <i>All our Yesterdays</i>
29	Sa	7.30pm	Swindon Choral Society Summer Concert at St Barnabas Church, Gorse Hill

30	Su	8.00am	Communion at St Mary's Church
		10.30am	Service at Methodist Church
		10.30am	Communion at St Mary's Church
		6.00pm	Evensong at St Mary's Church

July

3	W	9.30am	Age Concern All day trip to Cardiff
6	Sa	10.00am	Age Concern Coffee morning at Bentham House Farm

Every week

Tu	9.15am	<i>to 11.30am:</i> Purton Toddler Group at Village Hall
	7.30pm	Bridge Club at the Red House
W	10.00am	<i>to 12noon:</i> Coffee and Chat at Silver Threads Hall
	6.30pm	Rock Solid at the Methodist Church
W	7.30pm	RAOB Excelsior Lodge at The Red House
Th	9.15am	<i>to 11.30am:</i> Purton Toddler Group at Village Hall
Th	11.15am	<i>to 1pm:</i> New Beginnings at Purton Youth Centre
Th	2.00pm	<i>to 3pm:</i> Age Concern T'ai Chi at Millennium Hall
Th	2.30pm	Pram Service for pre-school children at Methodist Church

Moon Phases

 8 June
  16 June
  23 June
  30 June

If your Club or Organization's Events are not included in the Diary Pages, contact:
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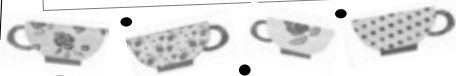
Groups are invited to submit to the Editor details of forthcoming events in, for and on behalf of our community.

Cream Tea and Bingo!

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Only £5 each, £1 per bingo card!

Silver Threads Hall,



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Saturday 15th June

2pm - 5pm

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All the money raised will go to our India link funds!

Please buy your tickets in advance by calling...

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Grace Bartlett 01793 778059

Charlotte Butler 01793 639889

Children's tickets available for £3 including squash and a cake!

THE BENTHAM COFFEE MORNING

at Bentham House Farm
home of Dick and Jackie Scott
on Saturday 6 July 10 am to 12 noon
Lots of bargains, cakes, plants, raffle
and much more
Come along and join in the fun!

A Summer Serenade a concert of English music Swindon Choral Society

Saturday 29 June at 7.30 pm
at **St Barnabas Church, Gorse Hill**
Music by Vaughan Williams,
Sir Edward Elgar and John Rutter
conducted by Robin Nelson.

Tickets cost £10 from
www.swindonchoral.org.uk,
members of the Society or
Swindon Information Centre
in the Central Library.

'The Spiderling'

**Thursday 6 June
Village Hall at 7.30 pm**

A fascinating talk about the tale of a young climber who became world class and later became known as *The Spiderling* and *Secret Climber*. He will give a talk & slide show about the risks he took and the peaks he has scaled!

Refreshments and raffle

Tickets: £5 adults and £3 under 14yrs
All proceeds to Scout Centre Fund.

RED SKYE CAKES

**A Vintage Tea Experience
at Purton Methodist Church**

on Friday 7 June 2013

3 pm - 4.30 pm

Raising funds for

Purton Methodist Church

Come and enjoy a delicious Vintage Tea served on fine china
Including:

A sumptuous selection of sandwiches, cakes and pastries, unlimited teas and coffee

To book places

call Bob & Linda Tinson 771282
£10 per person (limited numbers)

**The Lydiards and Purton Branch
of the North Wiltshire Conservative
Association**

invite you to their

Annual Summer Event

to be held at

Lower Hook Farm, Hook Street,
Royal Wootton Bassett, SN4 8EF

On Sunday 16 June 2013

at 12.30 pm - 3 pm

Raffle

Ticket £12.50 from

Mollie Groom (01793 770544)
and Sue Cook (01793 7705745).

**Royal Wootton Bassett
Orchestra**
presents...

Russian Concert

Saturday 29 June, 7.30pm
Royal Wootton Bassett
Memorial Hall

Adults: £7.50 Under 16s: £2.50

Tickets from:

Brian Taylor Music
or on the door.

Licensed Bar
Refreshments

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■ WILTSHIRE COUNCIL UNITARY ELECTION 2013

Congratulations go to Jacqui Lay once again for her resounding success in being re-elected as Unitary Councillor for Purton and Braydon under the Conservative umbrella for the next 4-year term.

As your Independent candidate I would like to thank all who gave me their

vote in support of a non-political representative to act on their behalf regards community and county issues.

I continue to be a Parish Council member and as such would remind you that the Parish Council is available to address your concerns on any community issues that you may have.

Geoff Greenaway (Independent candidate)



Purton Carnival 2013

With the carnival just round the corner we are hoping for good weather and a good turn out the Purton Helping hand club and the Purton Helping Hand Carnival are celebrating 50 years of help and entertainment for the village so we hope you will come out and celebrate with us.

We hope to have an impressive Carnival for you this year with a great line-up of music and acts on Saturday 22 June at *The Angel* for our annual Pig Roast & BBQ with live music and Table top sale from 6 pm. We hope you can join us and we have had a record amount of floats and walking groups pledged for this year's Procession on Saturday 29 June from 1 pm and the Fete at Bradon Forest School.

Please follow behind the end of the procession until you reach the entrance of The Peak and then make your way up to the field where we have a Bar, BBQ, Fun Fair, Car Boot and other attractions, as well as all these other events:

Date	Event	Where	Time
13 June (Thurs)	Queen Selection	Village Hall	7.30pm
14 June (Fri)	Carnival Coffee Morning	Silver Threads Hall	10am-12.30pm
15 June (Sat)	Family Skittles	Red House Club	6pm
19 June (Wed)	PHHC Bingo	Silver Threads Hall	
22 June (Sat)	5 A Side Football	Bradon Forest School	10am
22 June (Sat)	Pig Roast & BBQ with live music and table top sale	Angel Pub	6pm
23 June (Sun)	Run Round The Houses Race	Village Hall Car Park	11.30am
25 June (Tues)	Under 5's Teddy Bears' Picnic	Purton Club	1pm
25 June (Tues)	Carnival Quiz	Purton Club	7.30pm
26 June (Wed)	Carnival Crib	Angel Pub	7.30pm
28 June (Fri)	PHHC Carnival Lunch	Silver Threads Hall	
29 June (Sat)	Carnival Procession	High Street	1pm
29 June (Sat)	Carnival Fete	Bradon Forest School	12 noon
30 June (Sun)	Carnival Golf	Cricklade Hotel & Country Club	10am

Please note some changes to your Purton Planner: The Teddy Bears' Picnic is now at 1pm. Carnival Golf is now at Cricklade Golf & Country Club

With the good comes the formal "Red Tape". If you normally park your vehicles on the route of the procession could you please help us and remove them from 12 noon until the end of the procession this will make the whole event safer for spectators, emergency vehicles and for your vehicles.

Please do not use water bombs/balloons, water pistols and hosepipes on persons on or around the procession, who have spent time and money to partake in the procession for a worthy cause. It is an offence; the police will be in attendance and you could be formally charged under section 5 of the Public Order Act 1986 and we really don't want anything to spoil what we hope will be a wonderful day

To make the event as safe as possible for all involved we will, as always, be closing the road from 1 pm until approximately 3 pm. This means no one in and no one out during that time – with the exception of official emergency vehicles. If you need to use your vehicle during those hours please park it safely and legally outside of the road closure area (procession route). We take safety very seriously. This is an official road closure and anyone trying to break through will be prosecuted and could face up to a £1,000 fine, points on their license and/or a prison sentence. You have been warned.

With the formalities out of the way we hope you enjoy this year's carnival and hope that we can raise money that is spent only in this village for the good of its residents; without your help, support and encouragement we couldn't do it, so on behalf of myself and the rest of the carnival committee thank you for this year and the last 50 years.

KEVIN LAW, Carnival Committee Chairman

Carnival Procession

Well, Carnival is nearly here, and the procession is still growing! We have 4 more floats entering - PADS (mentioned in last month's mag), Playclose playgroup, Baby and toddler group (with a vintage bus!) and a group of friends. We haven't got to the fifty I was hoping for, but there is still time for last minute entries! Please let me know on marynettleton@hotmail.co.uk or 772298 if you can help swell the numbers! A big thank you to everyone who has signed up, and I'm looking forward to a wonderful procession!

Teddy Bear's Picnic

Please note that the time has changed from that printed on the Purton Planner. It is now at 1.30 pm in the back room at the Purton Club (time changed to help with collecting children from schools.) Please let everyone know the new time.

MARY NETTLETON

Just a Thought

Those are my principles, and if you don't like them... well, I have others.

Groucho Marx



Congratulating Positive Achievements

Selected students were invited to have a celebration cake in the Headteacher's office on Wednesday 17 April 2013 at break time. The top boy and top girl in each year group were selected based on the positive achievement points they collected this year. In December top achievement point winners were awarded Olympic Gamesmaker watches.

This term Ms Wilkinson and Ms Hunter hosted a celebration event and students were presented with certificates for their efforts during the year to date. Students were asked to identify what led to their success. They suggested that being polite, helpful, trying their best, being positive, participating in lessons and being involved in out of school opportunities have all contributed to them being awarded their positive points.

Ms Wilkinson set them the challenge of being on the list again in Term 6 for the most positive points as a third different reward will be given. Ms Wilkinson reported that "it was fantastic to meet the students and help them celebrate success!"

Swindon Music Festival

Congratulations to all of the Bradon Forest musicians who took part in the Swindon Music Festival in March. We have been advised of some of the highlights as follows:

Elliot Gunton (*below right*) came away with a rather large trophy for the best woodwind player. The Swindon Young Musician Flute ensemble, of which Elliot is a part, also won their class too. Elliot was then asked to play again as part of the Supreme Champion event.

Jessy Zhang (*above right*) won her Piano class and also the Holmes Music Trophy. There is a full article regarding Jessy's success in the Swindon Advertiser.

www.swindonadvertiser.co.uk/news/10302569.Youngsters_music_talents_go_on_show/ [There are 4 underscore characters '_' between Youngsters and music in this link. Remember to type them all! Ed]

Charity News

Mr Winward reports: The month of March saw all students, Years 7 - 11, busy with their fundraising efforts. The Senior Prefect Team responsible for Charities assisted as we got more students on-board to support each other.

Mrs Atherall's Tutor Group in Year 9 helped plan and lead the Silver Trail Competition alongside Mrs Brett-Harris's 'Harlem Shake' in the gym. The Year



11 ASDAN Group supported Tonya Greenhill in her roller skating challenge. Antony Blanshard in Year 11 assisted by filming various events including the leg waxing sponsored activity with Mr Stiles and myself with the support of 7S and Mr Beck.

There are so many people to thank but notably Mrs Walker for her leg waxing 'talents', students and parents who baked and sold lots of cakes as well as the monetary contributions collected on Mufti Day. Overall we raised £1396.34 in total. A fantastic achievement!



Student News

Jordan Allen (10P) reports: *On 27 March, I was lucky enough to be chosen to go to RAF Henlow Air Cadet Camp for one week of activities, training and fun. The days were long, starting at 6.30 am, but included various RAF exercises (including a night exercise), swimming, flying club, gym and bowling. We also had talks from the Station Commander, the RAF Regiment, and visits to RAF Hendon and Duxford Museum. I met lots of other cadets from around the country and made new friends that I will definitely keep in touch with. Overall it was a really worthwhile and exciting week.*

Former Student News

We were delighted to see an article regarding former student Hannah Carter in the Swindon Link Magazine. Hannah (pictured right with TV personality Gok Wan) was one of the winners of the Vodafone's World of Difference Programme and is working with DASH – Discovering Autistic Spectrum Happiness, a Swindon group which supports people with Asperger's Syndrome. Click on the link below to read the full article:

www.swindonlink.com/news/wildflowers-give-dash-to-wedding-favours-in-swindon

HELEN WILKINSON, Acting Headteacher



Marlborough Open Gardens Cancelled

Unfortunately, Marlborough Merchant's House has had to cancel the 9 June Open Gardens. It is planned to hold this event again in 2014.

A Date for your Diaries!

The Royal British Legion Purton Branch Annual Horticultural Show 2013 is taking place on Saturday 31 August at The Red House Club Purton. There are classes for everyone including the children. The schedules will be available soon.

Further details: David Herbert (Chairman) tel. 770002, Heather Harris (Hon Sec) tel. 770850.



Contact Information for St Mary's Church

A number of people have asked how to contact the Church, especially in the event of an emergency, as the staff are part-time. For general administration and for initial enquiries about baptisms and weddings please contact Rosie Harris, our part-time administrator, at the Vicarage on Tuesday and Friday mornings between 10 am and 12 noon on her direct line 01793 773035. Messages can be left for her at other times, or on 01793 770077. Alternatively send an email to administrator@stmaryspurton.org.uk

For all pastoral matters please contact the Vicar Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith, who works half-time, mainly on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays (day off Thursdays) at the Vicarage on 01793 770077 or via email vicarage@stmaryspurton.org.uk; or the Curate, Revd Judith Wells, who also works part-time and can be contacted on 01793 770627 or via email curate@stmaryspurton.org.uk. At other times, messages can be left on those numbers and we shall return your call as soon as we can. The phone numbers of other voluntary members of the Church leadership are at the beginning of the magazine. However for life and death emergencies please phone 01793 773031, which is automatically linked to the mobile of one of the Church ministry team so we can respond to your needs. Thank you for your understanding as we seek together to serve the people of Purton.

IAN TWEEDIE-SMITH

We Record ...

Funerals

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| 12 April | Norman Mills at St Mary's Church |
| 16 April | Stanley Gordon Goodwin at St Mary's Church |
| 19 April | Alice Amelia Shailes at St Mary's Church |

To add your family announcements to this section contact Purton Magazine. Addresses on [page 4](#). We are happy to include births, marriages, deaths, special birthdays and anniversaries, exam successes ...



Prayer for Purton

This month the churches in Purton are praying for everyone who lives or works in *Purton Stoke, Bentham, Hayes Knoll, Braydon and Cross Lanes*. If there is anyone or anything that you would like us to pray for during our Sunday worship, please contact Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith, Revd Judith Wells or Revd David Perkins. Their contact details can be found on the inside cover of this magazine. You can give as much or little information as you wish. We don't even have to know a name.

Coffee and Chat

We meet every Wednesday from 10 am until noon at the Silver Threads Hall. We play Scrabble, cards, dominoes and other games, or you can just 'sit and chat'. If you want some company, come and join us – a welcome awaits.

BOB TINSON

Exhibit of the Month: A Radio

I'm going to cheat this month because this Exhibit isn't actually in the Museum's collection. Sometime in the early 1960s, my Mum and Dad bought me a Times Sputnik SR-7 Solid State radio for my birthday. As you can see from the picture it was a modernistic design for the time, but only received in the A.M. band (Medium Wave). This was fine because in those days there was no such thing as F.M. and there wasn't very much of interest on Long Wave that wasn't duplicated on A.M. To give you an idea of scale, it was about 5 inches in diameter (13cm).



Many kids would tune in to Radio Luxembourg, a station which seemed a little bit risqué as it was breaching the BBC's UK monopoly, but did have far more interesting music than the Light Service in those days before Radio 1.

But those were also the days of the Cold War and I'd listen to the radio, quietly, late at night while in bed, picking up the competing politics of Voice of America, BBC World Service with the jolly 'Lillibullero' theme-tune ... and waiting for the once-a-minute playing of the 10-note 'Moscow Nights' jingle* to end and Radio Moscow's news in English to start. There was always the thought in the back of your mind in those days following the Cuban Missile Crisis that nuclear war might break out at any time and obliterate us all.

As a country, continent even, we are now in an amazingly long-lasting period of 'peace'. The end of the Cold War in the 1990s, the invention of the European Union, and other forces of integration have meant that it is almost inconceivable that we could see another major European War such as had been all too commonplace in preceding centuries. I have put 'peace' in quote marks as we are aware that war has not been eradicated as evidenced by examples such as Afghanistan, Iraq, the Congo ... and the sabre-rattling coming out of Korea.

The tie-in to the Exhibit is that, as will become clearer next month, we are embarking on a large project to commemorate Purton and the Great War. That war was a continuation of several previous wars and the cause of other wars to follow it. The 'War to end all Wars' was nothing of the sort.

Meanwhile watch this space as they say. I don't know what happened to my old radio, but I saw one just the same sold on eBay recently for over £70!

As always, there will be clearer pictures on the Museum's web site at www.purtonmuseum.com

RICK DIXON. Outreach Officer

* [Moscow Nights:](#)

click to play

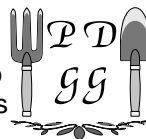


New Museum Opening Times: (from 5 June)

Wednesdays 2 pm to 5pm

Saturdays 10 am to 1pm

Purton & District Gardeners' Guild



A beautiful, sunny evening enticed members to our April meeting to hear a talk from one of our own members, Moira White. Prior to Moira's talk members observed a minute's silence for Betty Fimmers, one of the founder members of Gardeners' Guild who has sadly died. It is a credit to the founder members that a club started in 1975 should continue to thrive with an ever-increasing membership enjoying the variety of topics presented by our speakers. Long may it continue.

Moira presented her talk on the subject of 'A Cutting Garden'. She explained this is growing flowers or foliage, specifically for cutting in, from a patch of your garden or allotment. Moira has developed an interest in this after watching the gardener and writer, Sarah Raven, present the idea on a BBC Gardener's World program some years ago. The Victorians invented the cutting garden in the 19th century. when head gardeners grew flowers for the 'big house'.

A cutting garden is more productive and garden borders are not spoilt by cutting in the best flowers. You can managed it like a vegetable garden, cutting as needed. It also encourages bees which, as we all know, are currently in decline.

Approximately £2 billion is spent annually on cut flowers and Marks & Spencer say they sell more daffodils in February than pints of milk. So, you can save money by growing your own flowers, they are really fresh and last longer. No air miles are involved and the patch will provide pollen for wildlife, with endless varieties.

To prepare the patch you should choose a sunny position and dig and remove all weeds. Add compost to one end for bulbs and dahlias and leave the other end for annuals. Then think about supports for netting. Rake over one end for direct sowing.

Raised beds improve drainage for clay soils and warm up early in spring. They're easy to weed and maintain and the frame acts as a barrier to weeds coming in.

Moira's talk was accompanied by a delightful slide show of some of her favourite plants for cutting in, including bulbs, corms, perennials, annuals and grasses.

Moira grows daffodils in rows and when the flowers are finished she overplants with annuals. When it comes to perennials, there are so many to choose, all excellent for cutting in and many easily grown from seed. These include *Gaura*, *Aquilegia 'Nora Barlow'* and *'Green Apples'*, *Allium*, *Alchemilla Mollis*, *Erysimum 'Bowles Mauve'*, *Lychnis*, with its vivid pink flowers and silvery grey foliage, *Rudbeckia 'Cherry Brandy'*, and Moira's particular favourite, *Scabious*, although these are better bought as plants as they are difficult to propagate from seed.

Moira gave us some valuable tips on looking after cut flowers. Don't cut flowers during the heat of the day. Let them rest for a few hours or overnight before searing the stems in boiling water for about 20 seconds. Place them a vase of tepid rather than in cold water and remove lower leaves that would sit in the water.

This interesting and informative talk revealed Moira's passion for the subject giving us 'food for thought'. My husband can see me eying up space on our allotment!

There were some fantastic entries for our 'A Spring arrangement' competition. Congratulations to: - 1st Janice Simpkins, 2nd Mary Read, 3rd Maureen Griffin.

Jill thanked everyone who sold tickets for the Gardeners' Guild quiz. She

received 15 complete entries – congratulations to Sue Pitts of Vasterne Close who was the outright winner and received a £20 garden token for her efforts.

Please note that for our outing on Tuesday 11 June to Webbs of Wychbold, the coach will leave Purton at 9am, returning from Webbs at 4 pm. If any non-members would like to join us please check with Jill Herbert for availability.

Our next meeting will be on 25 June at 7.30pm in Silver Threads Hall, when we will be joined by Frank Hardy, who will be speaking to us on the topic of 'All our Yesterdays'. Our competition will be 'Something Old'.

MARGARET GOODALL (*Secretary*), DIONNE CHILD (*Chair*)

Purton Historical Society

PHS Outing Saturday 15 June ... to Clifton Suspension Bridge in the morning where we will have a guided tour and then on to the National Trust Property at Tyntesfield which has been extensively restored and renovated with new catering and retail facilities. The cost will be £24 for non-NT members and £12 for NT members. You don't have to be a PHS member to come on the outing. Booking forms can be obtained from [In Touch Services](#) at 115 Pavenhill or from our web site www.purtonmuseum.com. For further information please contact me on 01793 770648 or email mail@purtonquarry.fsnet.co.uk



Our village tour is on Saturday 20 July. We are going to Bromham where the church warden will take us on a conducted tour of the church and village. Meet outside St Nicholas' parish church at 10.30 am.

There is no Society meeting over the summer but we meet again on 19 September when Martin Buckland will give us a History of World Canals.

[HELEN DIXON](#), *Chair*

Purton Museum News

The Museum Management Sub-Committee have decided to change the opening hours of the museum for a trial period.

It is hoped that we can provide stewards to help and advise our visitors and make their time at the museum a more pleasurable and informative experience.

The new opening times will be:

Wednesday 2 pm to 5pm Saturday 10 am to 1pm

Our first day of the new opening hours will be Wednesday, 5 June.

We are indebted to our friends at Purton Library who have been keyholders to the museum for some considerable time. The key will no longer be available through the library assistants after 1 June.

The Historical Society has been fortunate enough to receive a donation of the photographic collection of the late Mr Roy a'Court.

As Purton celebrates 50 years of the village carnival in June, there will be a display in the museum of photographs of the carnival celebrations in past years. If you were involved in any carnival parades come and see if you feature in any of the photographs! We hope to extend museum opening hours during Carnival Week – please look for notices around the village.

JAN WALKER

Purton Rainbows, Brownies & Guides



St George's Day featured in all sections' programmes. Rainbows made dragon puppets using wooden spoons and ate scones and jam prepared by the Rainbows. 1st Purton Brownies also made dragons but theirs were done by junk modelling. The Guides worked in patrols to put on plays of the tale of St George and the slaying of the dragon. One play was inspired by *The Only Way is Essex!* Guides stayed with an arts theme by making pom-poms and tassels for a yarnbombing project as part of the Swindon Festival of Literature. Look out for these in local libraries.

So far the weather has been kind to us and not hampered outdoor activities. 1st Purton Brownies did a litter walk and were quite shocked at how much they managed to collect. They also gathered natural items to make collages and then spent an evening in glorious sunshine weaving willow to make dream catchers. A group of Guides took part in the Division Guide challenge which this time was a night-time incident hike around Cricklade. There were challenges to complete *en route* and scoring was based on teamwork, completion of challenges and the time taken. The Purton group were delighted when they were announced the winners as the last time Purton had won the trophy was 1994. The sleepover which followed involved only a limited amount of sleep!

The eldest Brownies from 2nd Purton chose and planned a fundraising event for Macmillan Cancer Support. Each six group organised a game/sideshow and they also served tea and coffee, had a cake stall and raffle, raising a commendable total of £108.76.

Staying with girl-led guiding the Guides prepared a Patrol evening with a pyjama party, marshmallow toasting and games. Another week, Erin ran a fundraising evening for her trip to India next year. She made cakes to sell and guess the weight and held a raffle. She also organised games, dressing up in saris and making friendship bracelets.

The Rainbow unit seems to be on a roll with new volunteers as this month they were delighted to welcome back one of their earliest Rainbows, Alix, as a Leader. The Guide unit would love to have something similar to report. Due to Rachel's work commitments, a third adult would be a really valuable addition to the existing leadership team. If you would like to find out more about helping with Guides, please contact Braydon District Commissioner Jo Begg by phone on 874066 or by email at braydondc@wncounty.org.uk. You can also register interest at www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested

Car Driver Wanted

Occasional car driver required. Remuneration and times to be agreed.
Ring Ward 770238.

Wise Words

Happiness is nothing more than good health and a bad memory.

Albert Schweitzer

Having a Great Time at the Royal George Pub

On Friday 3 May the *Royal George* Pub on Pavenhill hosted Chris O'Leary, a singing-guitarist. As Chris was tuning up we had a premonition of a wonderful evening's entertainment. We were not let down! From the start and for the next three hours Chris kept us toe-tapping and singing along. As members of the audience got up and joined in behind the microphone as well as picking up an additional guitar for a few renditions of well known songs, we all joined in with a forty-plus community sing-along, Mustang Sally even rode in.

The Landlord, Will Cook, put on a delicious buffet spread of Chillies and Curries with all the accompaniments to keep us well fed, as well as well ... "watered".

The Royal George is really turning into a community asset with these event evenings being booked for every other Friday, with Chris, Michael I. Brown, Ian Oliver, Tony M and Sister-Sister getting dates for this spring and summer.

Will already has his Steak, Curry and Fish nights during the week as well as a wonderful Sunday Roast AND a new Purton Pudding Club, which has started on the first Tuesday of the month (7 May saw a spread of five puddings to sample from five local participants) which shows every indication of growing interest and participation.

The new Patio is now open so there will be B-B-Qs coming up as the weather improves. If all of that wasn't enough to temp you to the Royal George, Will is starting up a mid-week Jam session, so if you play or sing or just enjoy listening to those who do, you will be most welcome. Keep your eyes open for all of the events on the display boards.

OH! And Chris will be back on Friday 31 May, so come and join us, you won't be disappointed!

BOB TENNANT

Children In Need Summer Ball

There are still a few tickets available for the Children in Need Summer Ball. As this will probably be the last ball we organise, it may be your last chance if you want to go.



It will take place on Saturday 15 June on Bradon Forest sports field. Tickets are £50 per person to include a casino, excellent three course meal, a comedian, raffle, prestige auction finishing with dancing to a live band.

If you're interested, please contact Tony/ Sue on 01793 772581.

TONY RICHARDSON

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For further information contact [John Creasey](#).

Tennis is now in full swing after the spring cleaning day which certainly proved many hands make light work! The league matches have started and coaching in full force.

Nicola Gardner, our ladies captain and junior co-ordinator writes:

"The summer league matches are now well under way and it was a relief for the first week of matches to be played under blue skies after the travails of last season.

"On the junior front, the boys have completed 5 matches over the 3 age groups, U18, U16 and U14. The U18 team represented by Jack Adams, Matty Hall and Daniel Horsell have lost comprehensively to strong Highworth and Pewsey teams. The U16 team have beaten Highworth, thanks to the conceding of 2 of the rubbers, and thanks to a good singles win for Elliot Gunton. The U14 team of Oli Madsen and Tom Kendall have come up against older and more experienced boys but have acquitted themselves very well and are already showing signs of improvement.

"In the Swindon and District League, the first week and a half saw both the Ladies' C and Men's B record 2 wins to make strong starts to their campaigns. History was made when in the second Ladies' D match 'Gran' Rosemary Gardner teamed up with her granddaughter, Ellie, to become the first grandparent to play with a grandchild for Purton in the league. It is probably a first for the whole league as well!"

The Purton Tennis club coaching team goes from strength to strength and we welcome Phil Kerley to the squad. We now have a wide range of coaching opportunities including cardio tennis on a Wednesday from 6 pm to 7 pm and summer camps for juniors of all ages.

Membership is already up 16% on last year and we expect this to increase further over the next two months as the season gets into full swing.

We all thoroughly enjoyed the bingo evening at the Red House Club and raised £517 for the club and hope to have a similar event later in the year. Many thanks to Rachel, Janet and Sammi, our social team for organising.

The social membership for this year is only £60 for an adult and the family social membership is only £100. Our membership secretary Mary Turner (07779 580893) would be happy to talk through the options for you. Please visit our web site purtontennis.net as it makes a good read and keeps you informed of the social events, fee rates, coaching availability and match calendars.

STEPH BROWN, Secretary

Purton Cricket Club purton.play-cricket.com

Season 2013 has started well with batsmen in particular doing well; two having already scored two half centuries and one, U13 player Elijah Samuel, recording a century. Although the league season is, at the time of writing, about to start the U13 team have already won a trophy playing Shrivenham in a long delayed game caused by last season's wet conditions and winning the 2012 division by a narrow margin – well done boys!

In August club coaches are running a summer cricket school which will be part



of the Cricklade and Wootton Bassett Area Board's 'Olympic Legacy.' We hope to attract young players and introduce them to cricket.

We would like to thank all those who supported our recent Race Night at the Red House. It was a social and financial success.

In the third year of his contract with Gloucestershire Cricket Club, Craig Miles made his first appearance of the 2013 season in the match against Leicestershire which Gloucestershire won by 9 wickets. Craig scored 23 runs and took 2 wickets. Well done Craig!

June Fixtures at Purton

1 st	2 nd XI v Goatacre	1.45pm	15 th	1 st XI v Nalگو	1.45pm
2 nd	U13 v Marshfield	1.45pm	22 nd	2 nd XI v Norton St Philip	1.45pm
8 th	2 nd XI v Highworth	1.45pm	23 rd	U15 v Cannings	1.45pm
9 th	U11 v Marshfield	10.30am	29 th	1 st XI v Swindon C.S	1.45pm

From the Archives

1899 Patrons - Miss Brockmer, Mrs Coombe, Miss Russell, C M Beak Esq, C Booker Esq, E C Brown Esq, W Brown Esq, Dr T S Coombe Esq, R Dawson Esq, T Hooper Deacon Esq, T Glen Esq, J P Greenham Esq, T Hill Esq, T Kingscote Esq, C Wykeham Martin Esq, P L Pemberton Esq, C R Plummer Esq, W H Robson Esq, A Strode Esq, Rev J Veysey Esq, R Waugh Esq, N West Esq.

JOE GARDNER

Purton & District Darts League

We now have another player who has completed a 12-dart finish – well done to Ben Smith – fantastic darts. He joins Adam Woolford who has also got a 12-dart finish. However, Dave Gould has completed a 9-dart finish so many congratulations to you.



The Pairs competition on 2 May produced some fabulous darts at the various venues, thanks to everyone who took part and a bigger thank you to the venues for holding the events.

The Singles competition on 9 May was hotly contested and I will be able to report next month on the winners.

Rules of both competitions include:- Bull to start, 401 with a double in and out, make the draw on the night, best 2 of 3 games, losing team goes first in the 2nd leg, two singles and one pair from each venue to go through to the finals, completed sheets to be returned to me as soon as possible or call me with the results.

Colliers Cup: the various games have been played and the two finalists were Angel A and Sun B. Well done to both teams. You will play out on Finals Night.

Bevan Night held on 16 May: 2 men from each team played with a prize fund of £30 for the winners and runners up of £20. Thank you to the Red House Club for hosting the event.

Finals Night held on 17 May: to include Ladies Competition and to be held at Purton Club.

Registration Fees: £60 payable per team together with £10 competition fees per

team is also required by the same date. If you have not paid, this is overdue – please pay immediately.

Don't forget to visit the web site at www.d4rts.com/paddl/

If you have anything that you would like me to add to the monthly blog, please contact me either on 0776 499 4933 or pop and see me at 36 Pavenhill, or failing that, drop a note through my door!

LISA MARTIN, Secretary

Christian Aid Update

Quiz

The quiz winner this year is Lynne Duncombe, who achieved a clean 100% and wins the £25 prize – many congratulations. Thank you to everyone who took part – over £300 was raised by the quiz this year.

Envelopes: thank you to all the amazing army of volunteers who distributed and collected the Christian Aid envelopes throughout the village. Special thanks go to the Purton Guides who visited around 200 houses in the middle of an exceptionally heavy and wet rainstorm. We do apologise if your envelope has not been collected by the time that you read this, please contact me ([Libbie Sheppard](#)) and I will come and collect it.

We will let you have the grand total in the next magazine.

Christian Aid Curry Evening

Thank you to Khalique and his team at *The Maharajah* Restaurant for supporting Christian Aid once again, with a wonderful Curry Night.

Over 40 people enjoyed the hospitality and delicious food. It was a really lovely evening, for the funds as well as for friendship.

Fundraising beyond Purton

Every year we try to raise funds for Christian Aid in Purton. And we tell you about it!

This year we need to mention the tiny hamlet of Braydon. Last week, in Braydon, a very special family and their friends and neighbours opened their house for a coffee morning.

Five hours later they had raised over £1,000 for Christian Aid. They do this most years... but it always takes us by surprise.

What generosity: what enthusiasm: what a team! Thank you Braydon

[LIBBIE SHEPPARD](#)

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