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The deadline for articles for the next newsletter is 1 March 2022.

Please send contributions to:
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From the Editor...

Our Village Newsletter has hit its half-century! 50 issues. Assuming there have been 4 newsletters produced every year, that makes 12 ½ years! I have had the pleasure of being editor since issue 23, Spring 2014. Goodness where has the time gone?

The new road has finally opened! Its name should also be revealed soon, although the new road works for now! We drove along it, turned round at the roundabout and went back again, then realised we were part of a convoy of about 4 cars doing exactly the same thing the day that it opened! I love the view you get coming down the hill of Gravity and the countryside beyond. All will change at some point soon as it is developed, and hopefully it will be done in a tasteful way that suits the surroundings.

The village is becoming very festive, with the Christmas Window Trail due to run again. The tree is up on the Green and seems to have survived the storms so far! I love walking around the village seeing all the lights and decorations.

The Christmas Lights Competition will be judged over the weekend of 17-20th December, and the winners will be publicised afterwards. They all look amazing!

I hope that you enjoy this issue, there's plenty to read again, and I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

*Best wishes,
Jessica Cather*

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Thursday 16 December Cuppa @ The Clist. 2-4pm Clist Room.

Friday 17 December Christmas Carols in the Garden. With mulled wine and mince pies. Bring a lantern. 6.30pm at 37 Sports and Social Club.

Saturday 18 December Festive Singing with Willow Youth Theatre. 1.30pm at St Michael and All Angels Church.

Sunday 19 December Carol Service. 4pm at St Michael and All Angels Church.

Thursday 23 December Afternoon Club. 2.30-4.30pm at Puriton Village Hall.

Friday 24 December Crib Service. 4pm at St Michael and All Angels Church.

Friday 24 December Midnight Mass. 10pm at St Michael and All Angels Church.

Tuesday 4 January Puriton and District WI. 7.30pm at Puriton Village Hall.

Thursday 6 January Cuppa @ The Clist. 2-4pm Clist Room.

Thursday 13 January Afternoon Club. 2.30-4.30pm at Puriton Village Hall.

Thursday 20 January Cuppa @ The Clist. 2-4pm Clist Room.

Wednesday 26 January Quiz Night. Puriton Inn. See website for more information.

Thursday 27 January Afternoon Club. 2.30-4.30pm at Puriton Village Hall.

Tuesday 1 February Puriton and District WI. 7.30pm at Puriton Village Hall.

Thursday 3 February Cuppa @ The Clist. 2-4pm Clist Room.

Thursday 10 February Afternoon Club. 2.30-4.30pm at Puriton Village Hall.

Thursday 17 February Cuppa @ The Clist. 2-4pm Clist Room.

Thursday 24 February Afternoon Club. 2.30-4.30pm at Puriton Village Hall.

Tuesday 1 March Puriton and District WI. 7.30pm at Puriton Village Hall.

Thursday 3 March Cuppa @ The Clist. 2-4pm Clist Room.

Thursday 10 March Afternoon Club. 2.30-4.30pm at Puriton Village Hall.

Thursday 17 March Cuppa @ The Clist. 2-4pm Clist Room.

Thursday 24 March Afternoon Club. 2.30-4.30pm at Puriton Village Hall.

Saturday 14 August Puriton Flower Show

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Chairman's Report

This weekend saw the lighting up of the Christmas tree, mulled wine and mince pies from the Clist Room, and Christingle service at the church. Huge thank you to those involved and the very kind donation of the tree for another year from Rod Fitzgerald. Big thank you to Evie and Howard for collecting it, and George, Evie and Edward Langley for helping to get it installed, and not forgetting Darren Clay for assisting with the lighting.

The Gravity Local Development Order (LDO) submitted to Sedgemoor District Council (SDC) has been consulted on, and we await the decision to adopt this for the continuation and future development of the old ROF site. Many of the questions asked at the public consultation have been left hanging due to the unknowns, such as the client who may be interested in the site. There has been much speculation in the press and the government are pushing for an electric vehicle manufacturer to take up the site as a home for a large factory. Again, all of this is speculation at this stage, and until the final contract is signed, the development is somewhat in limbo, and final design decisions will be based on the clients meeting the criteria set out in the LDO, providing the document is adopted. This surpasses the original Supplementary Planning Document that was approved by SDC previously when the site was called Huntspill Energy Park. The parish council have submitted comments to SDC.




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More information can be found at <https://thisisgravity.co.uk/tag/ldo/> and <https://www.sedgemoor.gov.uk/article/1322/Enterprise-Zone-Gravity>. These pages have a lot of information should you wish to delve further.

The Parish council have set up a Youth Group, this consists of various members of the Parish Council and members from the police, Villages Together and the members of the local community, who currently are looking at funding and a place to hold youth group sessions. The group is planning a consultation event at the Sports Centre in the very near future to establish the wants and needs of the young people within our community, this will include FREE light refreshments. Keep an eye on social media and local points of contact for news of this event. We need as many

young people as possible to attend and voice their ideas and opinions so that we may sculpt the future of youth representation for our community and ensure the facilities we offer meet that requirement. You wanted the pump track and we managed to make that happen so please have a voice when the time comes and let's hear what you have to say!

The council now hold meetings at the Sports Centre on the second Tuesday of every month and anyone from the community is welcome to attend. We are just getting to grips with our new surroundings, but we are getting there!

The new road has been opened and I can certainly see the huge difference it has made with traffic going past my house, no longer do I get woken by heavy transport banging as they go past the house on their early starts. I'm sure you all have your favourite way out of the village, bear in mind pedestrians on the old Puriton Hill new access road and the lack of pavements there, and the same for Hillside. Hopefully people will get used to negotiating the new roundabout, PPC have requested rumble strips be installed at entry points to the roundabout as we have already witnessed a couple of accidents by those not used to or ignoring the new road layout.

Finally a very Merry Christmas and a happy new year to everyone.
Simon Langley



David Howe.

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Fresh from the Oven

I often check out recipes in newspapers and magazines and this one caught my eye. A combination of my favourite things – brownie, cheesecake and raspberries. A rich dessert to be enjoyed in small portions, raspberries give it colour and a fruity tang.

RASPBERRY CHEESECAKE BROWNIE

Brownie

165g 70% cocoa dark chocolate
100g unsalted butter
2 eggs
165g caster sugar
1tsp vanilla essence
100g plain flour
3tsp cocoa powder
Pinch salt

Cheesecake

235g full fat cream cheese
65g caster sugar
1tsp vanilla essence
1 large egg
65g soured cream
125g raspberries

Method:

Preheat oven to 170°C/Gas Mark 3. You will need a 20cmx20cm lined cake/brownie tin.

Brownie layer: melt the chocolate and butter in a bowl over a pan of simmering water, stir until smooth, remove from heat and allow to cool for 3-4 minutes. Whisk eggs and sugar in a bowl for about 2 minutes until pale in colour. Add melted chocolate and butter

mixture and mix until well combined. Sift the flour, cocoa and salt into the bowl and fold in until the mixture is smooth. Transfer to the prepared tin and level. Bake on the middle shelf for approximately 25-30 minutes until slightly risen and set.

Cheesecake layer: while the brownie layer is cooking, beat together the cream cheese and caster sugar in a bowl until smooth, add the vanilla and egg and beat again until thoroughly mixed. Add the soured cream and mix until smooth.

Raspberries: mash into a purée with a fork. Pass half through a fine sieve to remove the seeds, mix the seedless purée back into the mashed raspberries.

The brownie should now be baked, remove from the oven and tap the tin on the work surface to deflate slightly. Leave to cool for a few minutes. Pour the cheesecake mixture over the top and level. Spoon the raspberry purée randomly over the top and run a skewer through the mixture to make a ripple effect. Return to the oven and bake for 40-45 minutes until cheesecake is slightly risen and set. Leave to cool to room temperature in the tin and then chill for at least an hour before cutting to serve.



Puriton & District WI



It seems difficult to believe that we are approaching Christmas 2021 already! Puriton & District WI will be very much part of the re-awakening of our fabulous village in 2022. We meet in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on the first Tuesday of each month to enjoy learning new skills or interesting facts, as well as discussing issues that matter to us locally and nationally.

We always enjoy a cup of coffee or tea, biscuits and a good catch-up too. Even despite the pandemic and having to meet over Zoom for a year and a bit, our WI has flourished, and it has been amazing to meet again face-to-face - albeit at a greater distance with covid-safety measures in place - especially as we have welcomed new members!

Our village has grown quite a bit recently and it is so lovely to see new members of the community joining us at WI, please come along to see what happens, or contact one of our committee members for more information.

We are planning to start next year with a bit of fun and a chance to get to know each other, and in February we have a high-octane speaker giving us a talk about risky sports!

You will be assured of a warm welcome, and we're pretty good at tea and cake!

For more information you can contact Vicci on 420755.

Katie Newell

A graphic advertisement for 'Drivesafe Southwest'. At the top, the text 'I PASSED WITH' is written in large, bold, black, sans-serif capital letters. Below this, the word 'DRIVE' is in red, 'SAFE' is in black, and a white 'L' plate with a red 'L' is shown as if it's been torn off. To the left of the text is a stylized road graphic. Below the text, the phone number '07717 363761' is written in large, bold, red, sans-serif digits. At the bottom, there are two social media icons: an Instagram icon followed by 'Drivesafesouthwest' and a Facebook icon followed by 'Drivesafesouthwest'. The entire graphic is set against a light blue background with a road graphic.



On the Beat!



Puriton & Woolavington Dreamscheme;

The Dreamscheme ran a couple of sessions in Puriton and Woolavington over the Halloween period. The young people made props for an event called Spooky Saturday which the Villages Together organised. They really enjoyed making tombstones, witches, ghosts and much more. We now look to the Christmas events where the young people will be making decorations for the Christmas trees in the villages. Please keep an eye out on the Woolavington & Puriton Dreamscheme Facebook Page for any news and upcoming dates.

The Committee are still looking for more Volunteers to either work with the committee and plan events, or on a 'bank' to assist with projects and trips. If you would like to get involved please contact us for more information. *(This includes anyone aged 16+ who would like to participate in volunteering in their communities to gain experience for University/Job applications)*
[**wpdreamscheme@gmail.com**](mailto:wpdreamscheme@gmail.com)

Other Neighbourhood News;

The local beat team would like to introduce PC Ross Henderson who started on the beat in September 2021. Ross is an experienced PC who is excited to join the team and meet the local community. In addition to Ross, PCSO Georgia Coles and PCSO Benjamin Simpkin still cover the area.

We continue to conduct high visibility patrols and deal with Anti-Social Behaviour and Crime. If you would like to report an incident to police, please use our 999 for emergency, 101 non-emergency or you can report online on the Avon and Somerset Website.

Latest Government Information on Bird Flu

Poultry keepers must take action now to protect their flocks from bird flu this winter. All bird keepers (whether you have pet birds, commercial flocks or just a few birds in a backyard flock) must keep a close watch on them for signs of disease and maintain good biosecurity at all times. If you have any concerns about the health of your birds, seek prompt advice from your vet.

You should register your poultry, even if only kept as pets, so we can contact you during an outbreak. This is a legal requirement if you have 50 or more birds. Poultry includes chickens, ducks, turkeys, geese, pigeon (bred for meat), partridge, quail, guinea fowl and pheasants.

Whether you keep just a few birds or thousands, from Monday 29 November onwards you are **legally required to keep your birds indoors or take appropriate steps to keep them separate from wild birds**. This action now is the best way to protect your birds from this highly infectious disease.

Full instructions on biosecurity can be found by searching for 'bird flu – latest situation' on the gov.uk website.

Bird flu is a notifiable animal disease. If you suspect any type of avian influenza in poultry or captive birds you must report it immediately by calling the Defra Rural Services Helpline on 03000 200 301.

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Somerset Bus Partnership

The future is suddenly starting to look a lot brighter for bus services in Somerset.

Over the past decade, public transport has not been an economic and developmental priority for Somerset County Council. Residents of this large, mainly rural county have been encouraged to rely on cars to get them to work as well as to shops, hospitals and places of entertainment and bus travel has dwindled accordingly. Bus journeys in the County have fallen by 43% over the past decade, we now have the second lowest bus journeys per head in the country and our bus services have the lowest satisfaction score.

But the Government's Bus Back Better strategy has prompted a major rethink with £3 billion of

funding for bus improvements to be shared out between transport authorities across England (outside of London). Somerset County Council has responded and developed a highly ambitious Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) and is asking the Government to fund the Somerset BSIP with an eye watering £163 million grant. You can read the 184 page document that Somerset has submitted justifying this bid here

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/transport-strategy> (the BSIP document can be found under the National Bus Strategy Section).

Even if the full amount of the Somerset bid is not granted, it is a recognition by Somerset County Council that its bus services need major improvement. Transport is the biggest emitter of carbon emissions in Somerset accounting for 44.1% of Somerset's total emissions. Given COP26, we must now make sure Somerset pursues the initiatives outlined in the Somerset Bus Service Improvement Plan that encourage a switch to public transport and away from single occupancy private cars. This will reduce our carbon footprint.



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Somerset Bus Partnership was set up so that the voices of bus users from across Somerset are heard. We now have over 80 “bus representatives” from all parts of the county who ensure we understand and reflect the needs of towns and parishes across the county.

We are looking for extra support within the Somerset Bus Partnership’s core team. Have you had management experience of the bus industry or in a transport department within a Council? Please do get in touch if you have.

Somerset is now entering into an Enhanced Partnership with local bus service operators to implement the Somerset Bus Service Improvement Plan. Somerset Bus Partnership has been invited to attend the launch of the Bus Advisory Board in late November. This is Somerset’s first step in establishing a partnership arrangement with local bus companies.

Somerset Bus Partnership will continue to work with bus users and will hold Somerset County Council to the ambitious and worthy goals now espoused in the Somerset Bus Improvement Plan.

If you would like to get in contact with us please drop us an email: somersetbuspartnership@gmail.com or follow us on Facebook or via our website: <https://www.somersetbuspartnership.co.uk>

Glen Burrows, Co Chair – Somerset Bus Partnership



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Girlguiding in Puriton

Girlguiding Hero Award

Girlguiding has introduced a new award called the “hero” award; this can be earned by any member of Girlguiding who has done something special. I am delighted to say that a Rainbow, Beth, who has just become a Brownie, has been awarded this certificate for organising a sponsored swim and raising £255.00 for the Rainbows.

Our Unit helper, Jenny Wren, has also received the “Hero” award and a thanks badge for the help and support she has given Leaders and girls. She has a wonderful rapport with girls of all ages; she supports and encourages members enabling them to grow in confidence

Margaret Maltby, Girlguiding Somerset’s President, and Leila Nicholson, Bridgwater Division Commissioner, presented the awards to Beth and Jenny Wren. Congratulations and well done Beth and Jenny Wren, Puriton Girlguiding is very proud of you both.



On Tuesday 9th November four girls made their promise as Rainbows. Lots of the girls have been working towards Interest badges, these are completed at home and range from Animal Lover to Drawing to Recycling and Book Lover. One Rainbow has completed 11 of the 12 Interest badges – well done.

Anyone who has been a Brownie will remember the story of how two children discovered what a Brownie is. At the end of the Brownie Promise Ceremony we say a little rhyme to see if the “magic” has worked. “Twist me and turn me and show me the elf, I looked in the water and there saw _____” hopefully the Brownie finishes the rhyme with “myself”. Nine girls made their Promise as Brownies and fortunately the magic worked for all of them!



On Sunday 14th November the Rainbows and Brownies took part in the act of Remembrance by the war memorial in Puriton. The Rainbows made “poppy field” pebbles and the Brownies made poppy wreaths.



All the units are looking forward to a trip to the cinema to see Disney’s Encanto and various Christmas activities.

Denise Eggington, Brown Owl with 1st Puriton Rainbows and 2nd Puriton Brownies.

Festive Word Search



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Remembrance Day

A big thank you to all the lovely people of Puriton who came to support the Remembrance Day service which was held on the Green on Sunday 14th November. The weather was perfect, bright and sunny.

Thanks to the Guides, Brownies and Rainbows who took part, and also two older boys (who used to belong to Sunday School) who did readings for us.

Also thanks to Sharon and Nick who made teas and coffees afterwards in the Clist Room. Well done to everyone!

Pearl Temblett

Photographs opposite from Howard Morton, Liz Crook and Pearl Temblett

Green Homes Grant Scheme

Residents across Sedgemoor and Somerset West and Taunton council areas can benefit from free energy efficiency improvements worth up to £10,000 thanks to receiving a share of a multi-million pound Government-funded programme, led by West of England Combined Authority, working with E.ON and Happy Energy Solutions.

Under the Green Homes Grants Scheme, owner occupiers will benefit from energy efficiency installations up to the value of £10,000 with nothing for them to pay towards the costs of works. Tenants of rented properties can also access grants of up to £5,000 for energy efficiency upgrades, but the landlord will be expected to contribute at least one third towards the cost of works.

Nigel Dewbery, Director of Residential Solutions at E.ON, said: “We’re really pleased to be working with the South West Energy Hub to give eligible residents the opportunity to install a range of energy efficiency measures on their properties.

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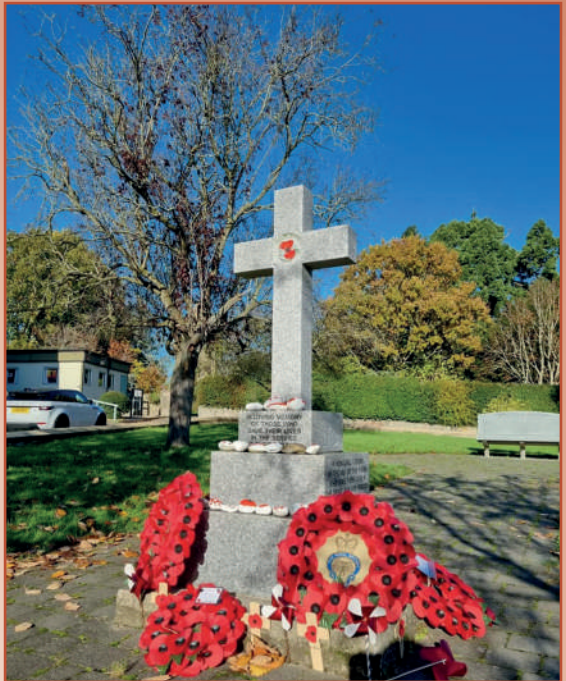
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Potting Shed Tips...

MORE THINGS TO DO OVER THE NEXT COUPLE OF MONTHS

If you are interested in gardening there are things you can achieve during the next couple of months. I think we all agree there is nothing like growing your own produce to enjoy the freshness.



Indoors

If you have very little garden, you could use windowsills to grow some early rocket lettuce - one caveat being it needs to be a warm spot with maximum light.

Bowls or troughs of daffodils, hyacinths or crocus for example could be obtained from garden centres ready to flower in the spring, if you haven't had time to prepare your own, giving a pleasant aroma around your home.

Looking for early crops of peas? Sow in a greenhouse ideally in some spare guttering, so that when ready for planting into the garden, they can be carefully slid off the guttering with the minimum of disturbance. The same method could be applied to early leeks with protection with fleece if it becomes really cold, then plant in the garden in early spring. An easy vegetable to grow is radish in an unheated greenhouse. Protection as above

Outdoors

Plastic pots such as 3" and 5" need to be cleaned ready for next season, a bucket and some washing up liquid will do the trick.

Feeling energetic? Then why not build several raised beds ready for spring, they can prove very worthwhile.

Lawn mowers and shears could be taken for a service and sharpening of blades.

In the new year, when shopping for various soil compost, avoid bags where the printing looks a bit faded, this could signify old stock.

Potatoes can be counted as a must in the garden or could be grown in special potato bags. When the potatoes arrive in the garden centres, shop early to get the best choice from the plethora of varieties, and try to pick the average size ones.

For some of the earliest crops Red Duke of York is a good choice, with Charlotte being fairly early and ideal as a salad potato. For later main crop Marfona is a good all round choice producing a good crop. When purchased the tubers need to be "chitted" meaning stood up in a seed tray or used egg containers are ideal to allow the tubers to start shooting before planting.

Many thanks to our guest contributor Mike Parker

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Regular Events

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Puriton Afternoon Club WI	2nd & 4th Thurs, 2.30-4.30 First Tuesday in month, 7.30	Grace: 683355 Vicci: 420755
Rainbows (age 5-7)	Tuesdays, 5.00-6.00	Denise: 07889 202068
Brownies (age 7-10)	Tuesdays 6.00-7.30	Denise: 07889 202068
Sunshine Pre-school (age 2 - school age)	Mon, Tue, Wed & Fri, 8.30-3 Thur 8.30-1.00	07746 487759
Bingo	Every Monday, 7.00 for 7.30	Jacky: 07980 052519
Puriton Players	Thursday evenings	Alan Scott: 07734 357981
Willow Youth Theatre	Friday 5.00-6.30 willowyouththeatre@gmail.com	

CLIST CHURCH ROOM

Coffee Stop	Tuesdays, 10.30-12.00	All welcome
MU Bring & Buy & Coffee	Last Tuesday in month	
Patchwork & Quilting	Tuesdays, 7.15-9.15	Lin Fry: 691398
Bell Ringing (at the Church Tower)	Mon 7.30 (newcomers welcome)	Norman Salter: 684050
Knit and Natter	Alternate Tuesdays 2.00-4.00	Sue Smith: 684700
Puriton Guides	1st Saturday in month Kingfisherpuriton@gmail.com	Karen 07811 004531
Coffee @ the Clist	1st & 3rd Thursdays 2-4pm	Janet Williams: 684027

OTHER ACTIVITIES/SERVICES

Hunny Bears (age 2 - school age)	Daily 8.00-6.00 (including school holidays)	Lorraine Toms: 683512
Slimming World	Thurs 9.15am, 5.30pm, 7pm	07397 863084 at 37 Club

HIRE CHARGES

Facility	Contact	Charge
Village Hall	Kim: 07419 842834	£15.00/hour (private function) £10.00/hour (Hall & Kitchen) £8.00/hour (Committee Room)
School Hall	Enquire for regular user rates Reception: 683630 or office@puriton.somerset.sch.uk	£7.50/hour
Clist Church Room	Mrs A Russ: 684221	£6.00/hour
Sports Centre	Judith Fletcher 07717 831082 prices may be subject to VAT Two meeting rooms, a large function room/kitchen and fields Also Sports Hall is very suitable for a kids' party. puritonplayingfields@gmail.com	please enquire when booking

SPORTS CENTRE (Puriton Playing Fields Charity no. 296549)

Parish Council	2nd Tues of month	7pm, Upstairs
Puriton Gold Archery Club	Tues & Fri, 7.00-9.00pm	Keith: 01278 284063
Burnham Company of Archers	Sundays 10.00-2.00pm	Adam Joyce adam@17may.co.uk
Coastal Archers	Wednesdays 6.30-8.30pm (winter only)	Robin: robin9longbowsrus@btinternet.com
Pilates with Gemma	Wednesdays 6.00-7.00pm	Gemma: 07989 371796
Zumba	Thurs 6.30-8.00pm	Madeleine: 07974 555391 or Zumba Mad Facebook page
Dance Fit	Wednesdays 9.30-10.30am	Karen Earthy: 07770 886475
Fitness with Tash	Mondays 6.00-7.00pm	Tash: 07766 145647
Victoria Park Rangers FC	(Juniors)	Jason Bale: 07786 851710
Little Kickers	Tues and Sat mornings	Andy Parkinson: 07557 533170 aparkinson@littlekickers.co.uk
Little Feet Football	Fridays 1.30pm	Ben: littlefeetfootball@gmail.com
Ballroom Dancing	Mondays 7.00-8.00pm	Margaret: 685125
Bowls	All day, every day	Derek Clarke: 683882
Table Tennis	By arrangement	Judith: 07717 831082
Boxing Club	Thursdays 6.30-8.00pm	Robert Haddon: 07950909247
Puriton Happy Tots	Fridays 10:30-12.00pm Parent-led toddler group	Clare: 07776 335166 or Happy Tots Facebook page

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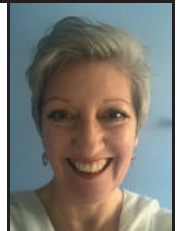
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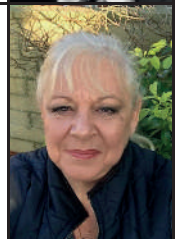
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If you are new to the village and have not yet received a
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Sally Diaz clerk@puritonparishcouncil.org.uk
and we will get one to you as soon as possible.

From the Clerk's Desk

Where has the time gone, I can't believe it is nearly Christmas! The Parish Council continue to work behind the scenes and have been considering the budget for next year! Maintenance continues around the parish as we head into winter.

The Village Ranger has the daffodils ready for planting for the spring, which always brightens up the communal areas. The Council would like to thank Chris for all his hard work throughout the year.

The Christmas lights will be judged around 17th to 20th December, so please ensure your decorations are up before then, winners will be announced on Puriton People and on the website.

If you have any nominations for the Good Citizen Award please contact me, the winners will be announced at the Parish Council meeting on 11th January 2022.

Enjoy the festivities and wishing you all a merry Christmas and happy new year.

Sally Diaz, Parish Clerk

Puriton Primary School

At Puriton Primary School, we love reading! Over half term, we encouraged the children to share their love of reading by creating a story box of their favourite story. The boxes were brilliant and showed great creativity. Stories ranged from The Gruffalo, to Harry Potter, to The Midnight Gang, to Charlie and the Chocolate factory and many more!

We have also reintroduced Octavius, the storytelling owl. Each week he visits the class which has had the highest percentage of children on the reading rocket. The children can then listen to him telling traditional tales in their reading time. They love it!

We have big plans in place to create a new library in the school too. Mrs Madge has been busy working with Miss Travis to design the new library and is hoping that very soon, we will have a wonderful new place to sit and enjoy a huge range of books.

During the run up to Christmas, we talked about our wishes for the future, following on from a special assembly led by Miss Williams. The children wrote their wishes on gift tags and we hung them on the school Christmas tree. Here are some of the children's lovely ideas:

I wish for an end to homelessness.

I wish that everyone will have someone to spend Christmas with.

I wish for people to look after our planet.

I wish that no one ever had to go hungry.

I wish for people to treat everyone the same, ignoring race, religion or anything else.

I wish for world peace.

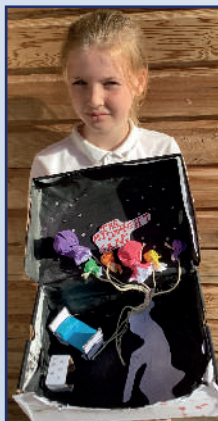
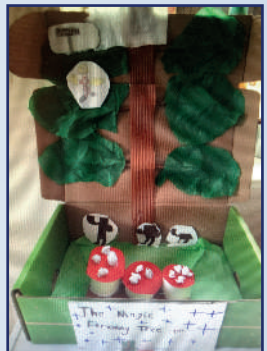
I wish the Coronavirus would go away.

I wish everyone would be kind.

Photos opposite



Story boxes
created by
pupils of
Puriton
Primary
School,
Octavius the
Owl, and the
School Christmas
Tree
with children's
wishes.





Photos:

Above: Dennis Herniman visiting Puriton Afternoon Club, with Patrick, a member of the club.

Right: Ivy, a member of the club, who was a Land Girl during the war.

Underneath: some very happy tots at recent Happy Tots sessions



Puriton Afternoon Club

Puriton Afternoon club have had two very interesting meetings recently.

For one of the meetings, Peter Russ showed us slides of old Puriton with plenty of comments to share.

Then, on Remembrance Day, Dennis Herniman, chairman of Pawlett British Legion, gave a talk about the work of the British Legion specifically in this area. They gave a helpline number which is accessible by all those in need - even if they aren't connected to a branch of the Forces. Any older person in need of help or even just a visit can ring the number or contact Dennis, it's a fantastic service. The Helpline is 0808 802 8080.

We then had a 1940s tea - meat and fish paste sandwiches, scones, sausage rolls and jam tarts, which was enjoyed by all. Photos on opposite page.

Our meetings start at 2-30pm and are held the 2nd & 4th Thursdays in the month. Visitors are most welcome.

Grace Sellick and Lynne Roberts-Mudge

Puriton Happy Tots

Our village parent-led toddler group is back and we've been enjoying meeting all the new faces who have come to play. We meet every week at Puriton Sports Centre - in the downstairs part, which is a metal door to the right of the main entrance. It costs £2 per family for the session and that includes a drink and snack for you and your tot. The sessions are held on Fridays from 10.30am until 12 noon during school term time.

We have loads of interesting toys, giving your child a chance to explore different toys and socialise with other little ones, while you can hopefully manage to have an adult conversation with other parents/carers and maybe even get to drink a hot cuppa!

We also run occasional messy play sessions, and do craft activities regularly. You can see the children have had a good time when they've managed to get covered in some sort of paint, water, or craft material!

We end with a lively story and song time after we've all packed away the toys.

We have a facebook page which gives details of what we're up to, so look us up.

We look forward to meeting you soon!

Puriton Afternoon Club

*Come and join us the 2nd and 4th
Thursday of the month*

At the



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60 Second Interview with...

Tessa Miller

How long have you lived in Puriton?

We moved to Puriton in 1983 and have been here ever since!

Describe your involvement in the village.....

I have been involved in many things including Playgroup, Sunday School, Puriton Players and have been a governor at the school for over 25 years

Describe yourself in 3 words

This is difficult as I'm sure other people would use 3 very different words! But I think I'm positive, helpful and loyal



Tell us something people may not know about you

I have had my three children in three different decades, 70s, 80s and 90s!

What are your hobbies?

My hobbies are walking (especially with our dog), gardening, travelling (when possible) and of course, spending time with family and friends.

What's your favourite pudding?

I like traditional puddings so blackberry and apple crumble with ice cream or cream!

And your favourite cheese?

I like strong cheese so Stilton is a favourite.

And your favourite tippie?

I enjoy most drinks! But Guinness, wine and gin are always welcome.

What's your favourite thing about Puriton?

My favourite thing about Puriton is the people and the fact that there are so many opportunities to get involved with clubs etc. whatever your age. I have recently joined the WI which I am enjoying.

If you could wave a magic wand, what would you change or add to the village?

If I had a magic wand, not sure that I'd change much, every village has its good and less good elements, the few negatives are well-aired on Facebook! So, on the whole I don't think there are many places which would beat it and we're not thinking of moving any time soon!

Thank you for your answers Tessa. We understand you are now the Chair of Governors at Puriton School, so wish you all the best with that. It's lovely to find out a bit more about you so thank you for taking the time to answer our questions.

We are always on the look-out for suggestions for who we should interview next time for our "60 Second Interview", please let us know if you think of any interesting people who live or are based in the village that you think we should interview!



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The Puriton Inn Charity Quiz

The Puriton Inn Charity Quiz (which started in the early 1990s as a fundraiser for the Pilgrims Carnival Club) was sadly stopped in its tracks for the first time in its history with the onset of the Covid 19 pandemic. In the fifteen years during which Christell was landlady a number of fundraising activities, including the quiz, raised between them some £21,000. All of this was distributed periodically amongst village charities and community organisations.



Many people have asked recently when the quiz nights will start again. Well, the answer is (hopefully) in January 2022, assuming no reintroduction of Covid restrictions.

The current (provisional) plan is to have the first quiz on Wednesday 26th January and then fortnightly thereafter. As previously, all monies raised will be put aside in a charity “pot” until an amount has accumulated sufficient to be able to make significant donations to local charity and community organisations.

It is hoped that many of our previously regular teams will return but it would be nice to see some new faces too. We will, however, need to be mindful of the fact that there is a limited amount of space available which means that we will only be able to accommodate 10 or 11 teams. For that reason we would like to try and get some idea as to how many people might be interested in taking part.

We will publish full details nearer the time on Facebook and on the pub website, but in the meantime ring Pete on 684757 or email him at yipete.pb@gmail.com to let us know if you are interested. However this does not mean that you have to commit to attending every quiz!

Also we’d like to dedicate the first quiz to the memory of Pete and Gina Williams who both, sadly, passed away last year. It was actually Gina who started the quiz nights all those years ago and she and Pete were stalwart supporters throughout.

Pete Burke and John Fitzgerald

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Ask My GP is an online system which allows you to contact a Doctor, Nurse Practitioner or NHS Clinical Pharmacist of your choice, in your own words and the very same day. You can request a response via email, a phone call back or a Face to Face appointment. We aim to deliver a same day service so please submit your requests on the day you would like to be contacted from 7.30, the earlier the better.

We encourage anyone with an internet connection to give it a go, we already have patients from both ends of the age spectrum using it and loving it! Of course if you do not have the internet our telephone lines are still open from 8am to 6pm. We do book all nurse appointments over the phone.

To access Ask My GP please go to the Practice website www.poldenmp.nhs.uk and register, you will need an email address and a memorable password. Each person registering will need their own email address for confidentiality reasons. If you need any help or advice all of our lovely receptionists will be happy to help over the phone.

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Ranger's Ramblings

Beautiful spell of weather towards end of September, then it got all very autumnal, wind, rain and I got the dreaded gout, tablets for life to sort it!

Birds in the garden have their voices again! Runner beans coming to an end, grass now slowing thankfully.

Shots of an osprey down the moor were amazing to see, we are so lucky with our wildlife round here.

End of September log burner lit, may be only a blip,

Start of October some beautiful days, it was a pleasure to walk along the front of Burnham on Sea, Bella the pup is getting the hang of it now, puddle a rarity.

Mid October another lovely day took the runner beans out of the ground, bundled canes up and put away, always make me sad to do this as it means winter is coming soon. Noted a lone house martin whiz over the house-odd!

The new road is opened on 22nd October, still more to be done but it's an asset to the area and will make travel easier.

Some mild useful days end of October and still mowing, when the clock changes it always makes the season seem to arrive early.

Noted the lamp post due south of Cypress Drive is being used as a perch by the local sparrow hawk, a kestrel was around and a big crow in the same area, there was a bit of a fall out to say the least!

Into November we drift, cutting grass still, the colours of the leaves are beautiful this time of year,

Third week of November blimey it's like someone turned the button to freezer, beautiful day but chilly, coat and gloves a must.

See the contractors have cleared the Little Lane drain, good job done, was a lorry load I reckon. Worried the debris will block the exit point but have raked it away, will be keeping a eye on it when we get some rain.

Have a lovely Christmas as best we can and a happy new year. Some, like us, will be glad to see the back of this year and embrace a new one if that's the case with you I wish you all the best.

Chris Gulliford, Parish Ranger



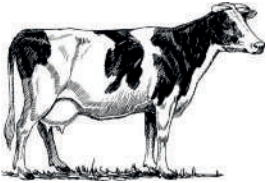
Court Farm Butchers

Family butchers run by Stuart and Jenny

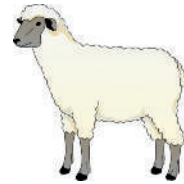
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4. Waiting with bated breath to see whether the small extra bag you've jammed into the top of the wheelie bin will be accepted by the gods of the bin lorry.
5. Feeling a powerful urge to call 999 as you spot a passer-by slipping an empty crisp packet into your black bin.
6. Noticing that next door have "accidentally" swapped your, essentially identical, bin with their own, then embarking on a 3am ninja-style raid to get it back.
7. Showing enormous levels of grace and courtesy by dragging your neighbour's empty bin a few centimetres in the general direction of their house.
8. Making the disastrous mistake of allowing the lady across the street to use your unused green bin, then finding she's emptied an entire rockery into it.
9. Wondering why no-one's ever written a horror story about the scariest prospect of all: missing the first collection day after the Christmas break.
10. Refusing to accept that your bin has really been emptied - even though a) it weighs much less than it did and b) it's in the middle of the road - until you've had a sneaky peek inside.

Christmas Church Services in the Benefice

Sunday 19th December
Carol Service 4.00pm Puriton



Christmas Eve
Crib Service
4.00pm Puriton

Midnight Mass
10.00pm Puriton



Christmas Day
Holy Communion
8.00am Bawdrip

Holy Communion
9:30am Woolavington



Sunday 26th December
Benefice Holy Communion 9.30am Pawlett



Brightening up Sundays

My name is Janet and I volunteer for Reengage (formerly known as Contact the Elderly UK). We are looking for Volunteer Hosts and

Drivers in and around Puriton to help at our monthly tea parties for people aged 75+ who are experiencing loneliness. We already have some volunteers signed up but need a few more so we can get this group back up and running after Covid . Your help would be so appreciated. If you or anyone you know might be interested in getting involved, you can apply on the charity website www.reengage.org.uk, phone 0207 240 0630, or contact me.



Supported by a network of volunteers, Reengage organises monthly Sunday afternoon tea parties for small groups of older people aged 75 and over, who live alone, offering a regular and vital friendship link every month.

- Driver - once a month on a Sunday afternoon. Tea parties last 2 hours, plus travel time. Will need to be DBS checked which we can arrange
- Reserve Driver – a few times a year on a Sunday afternoon. Will need to be DBS checked which we can arrange.
- Host – once or twice a year, welcome the group to your home for afternoon tea. Downstairs toilet and no more than 3 steps access required.

We also need new guests as some of our older members have passed or are now in care. There are usually 8-10 older guests in a group, and we are currently reaching out to find those older people who would benefit from the free monthly tea parties. Do you know someone who is approx. 75+, perhaps finds it more difficult to get out & about, and who would like something special to look forward to on a Sunday?

If you think you might like to help as a host but your house isn't going to be suitable, then I can book the Clist Room next to the church free of charge so you can hold the party there. This is what I do, as my house has too many steps, and to be honest it's so much easier as the car park and toilets are more accessible for the guests.

As you can imagine we've lost a few willing volunteers due to the pandemic. We'd like to get a new list of amazing volunteers together so the parties can get up and running again in the new year.

For more details about volunteering for the local group, or getting involved as a guest, host or driver please contact me on 07905-910083

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Janet Rowland

HORSEY LEVELS SOLAR PROJECT

THE HORSEY LEVELS SOLAR PROJECT DEVELOPMENT OF A 24MW SOLAR PARK ON LAND AT HORSEY LEVELS, SOMERSET, TA7 8QJ

BACKGROUND

Enviromena is proposing to develop, construct and operate a 24MW solar park on land near the M5, Bridgwater. The application site area will be approximately 36 hectares (90 acres).

The site is not located within an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Green Belt, National Park, Site of Scientific Interest, or other designated landscape areas. It is noted that there are heritage assets within proximity of the site such as a scheduled monument and listed buildings, and the forthcoming application will have regard to these assets. The site benefits from an existing tree lined boundary which will assist in screening the development from certain views. All existing planting will be retained wherever possible and a landscaping masterplan will also be submitted with the application to ensure appropriate screening is provided.

The proposal involves the construction and operation of a solar farm that will connect into the local electricity network. It will comprise of solar modules, solar inverters and associated works, including landscaping. The development will also include the construction of a sub-station, the location of which is indicated on the site layout plan.

We are now seeking views from residents on the proposal as laid out in this leaflet and we would welcome your feedback either via the enclosed form or via the email or postal address provided on this form.

CLIMATE CHANGE

In 2019, the UK Government set international precedent by passing laws to become carbon neutral by 2050. Carbon neutral is about finding the balance between greenhouse gas emissions being produced, and greenhouse gases being removed from the environment.

Sedgemoor District Council recently committed to be becoming a carbon neutral district by 2030. In addition, they published Climate Emergency Strategy (2020-2030) and there is a clear commitment to tackle the impacts of climate change within the District.

BENEFITS OF THE PROJECT

Powering approximately 9,750 average UK homes

Saving 6,500 tonnes of CO2 emissions per annum

Clean, green technology supporting biodiversity



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WILL THE PROPOSED SOLAR FARM BE VISIBLE?

The planning application will be accompanied by a comprehensive Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment to ensure that any impacts are reduced through the provision of appropriate mitigation, which will include a robust landscaping scheme. The site does benefit from its existing tree lined boundary which will assist in screening the development from some views.

WILL ANY EXISTING TREES OR HEDGES BE REMOVED?

The applicant is committed to ensuring the majority of existing trees and hedges will be retained as part of the development proposals, and, for example, the existing field patterns which are demarcated by existing trees, will be retained. However, some small sections of hedgerows may need to be removed to allow access, but it is anticipated that the loss will be kept to a minimum.

HAS FLOOD RISK AND DRAINAGE BEEN CONSIDERED?

Due to the design and construction of solar farms, the extent of additional impermeable areas is kept to a minimum as the solar panels are elevated above ground. Notwithstanding this, the proposed sub-station will lead to an increase in impermeable area and as such, a surface water drainage solution will be incorporated into the design proposals to ensure that the proposal does not lead to an increase in flood risk.

A Flood Risk Assessment will be submitted with the application and discussions will take place with the Environment Agency and the Lead Local Flood Authority.

WILL THE DEVELOPMENT IMPACT UPON HERITAGE ASSETS?

The planning application will be accompanied by a heritage assessment, which will consider the local heritage assets such as listed buildings, conservation areas and scheduled monuments.

HOW WILL THE SITE BE ACCESSED?

The solar farm will be accessed via Horsey Lane to the south east of the site. This will be both during construction and once the solar farm is operational. Solar farms generate very limited amounts of traffic once operational, with visits only required 1 to 2 times per month for management and maintenance purposes, which are undertaken by transit-size vans or 4x4s.

The application will be accompanied by a Construction Traffic Management Plan.

WILL THE SITE BE ENCLOSED WITH FENCING?

For security purposes there will be a requirement to enclose the solar panels, however, given the semi-rural context, it is proposed to install deer fencing, which comprises of timber posts and wire meshing. Such fencing is designed to ensure the majority of wildlife can continue to travel through the site, to ensure that the site is not closed off for local wildlife.

WILL THE DEVELOPMENT IMPACT LOCAL WILDLIFE?

Due to the way in which solar arrays are constructed, with minimal intrusion into the ground, it ensures that the existing grassland is predominantly unaffected by such proposals. Furthermore, existing trees and hedgerows will be retained, and additional landscaping will be provided which actually leads to an enhancement of local biodiversity.

HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE TO CONSTRUCT THE SOLAR FARM?

It is anticipated that the solar farm will take approximately 4 months to construct.

NEXT STEPS

CONTACT US

We welcome your feedback on the scheme; you can contact us via:

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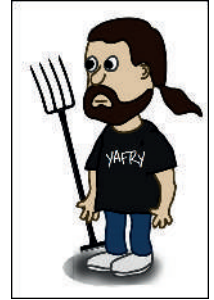


The Most Wonderful Time of the Year

So once again it's Christmas!!!

That time of year when we all try our best to look absolutely amazing in our Christmas outfits (and of course fail badly), try not to eat too much (which is a non-starter), try to enjoy time with the "not often seen" family members... Anyway I digress... So since it's Christmas I decided to go all out and do my piece in rhyme!

cough Are we sitting comfortably? Then I shall begin (to the "twas the night before Christmas"....)



Twass the night before Christmas and all was in a grump.

Adults were miserable, even the dog had the hump.

Stockings were hung by the chimney for the toys.

That after Santa delivered would make a terrific noise.

The parents all know what sits for them under the tree.

Presents from Grannie, I wonder what it could be?!?!?

Will it be something enjoyable something full of fun?

Most likely some underwear that will causes "sweaty bum"!

Present from the wife, did she get something with class?

More likely than not, it's to mow the damn grass!

Present from hubbie, a new necklace, new shoe?

Something for the kitchen! he'll get my views!



The excitement from the kids before bed did cause a scene,

Like being shaken after filled with sugar and caffeine.

Now they are sleeping, but barely so, Excitement for tomorrow, ready, steady, GO!

Why do we bother, what is the point of this?

Why do we do Christmas? What is amiss? Why do we spend money on various things?

Does it bring our hearts joy? Make our souls sing?

Christmas cheer, the joy, the pleasure, Is something money does not measure.

It comes from the people and fragments of times,

Of nonphysical, transient, moments that's sublime.

So hold in your heart the real meaning of the feast,

People that are precious, both alive and sadly deceased.

Of family, of friends, of the smiles of the



joys.
It's not all about the latest
greatest toys.

It's about being there together, sharing,
laughing, crying,
Remembering the good times, and the
bad, not just about buying.
It's about love and caring and sharing and
mirth,
Enjoying the time, the moment, not
spending the earth

So, this year I will enjoy the moments that
matter.
The laughter, the strops and getting a bit
fatter.
Brussels and cabbage boiled to within an
inch of their life,
"December the 1st START COOKING'UM"
I yell to the wife!

The kiddywinks enjoying what presents
they had,
Small, large, and medium, both good and
bad.
Looking down at a toddler and grinning
like a fool,
"More fun with the box than the toy" is
the rule!

The cat deciding to clamber up the tree,
Thinking it's fun, yet we all disagree,
Crash at three in the morn, the dog's now
woofing,
Everything now awake from the floor to
the roofing!

Watching Christmas movies you hold in
high regard,
Muppet Christmas Carol, and yes, it's true
Die Hard.
No, Die Hard IS a Christmas movie it is

plain to see,
This is not up for debate, so let's agree to
disagree.

The lights in the windows of the Puriton
dwellings,
Seeing people's smiles and hearts slightly
swelling.
Doing the lights walk and ticking them off
one by one,
Little things like this, are enjoyable and
fun!

Walking the village at night quiet and dark,
From the house, via the church and round
the park,
And seeing as you walk by the tree by the
church,
The lights twinkling albeit delicately
perched.

So what in this rambling am I saying in
rhyme?
"Don't have to spend money to have a
good time",
"Enjoying moments, times, people with
which you share",
Are more important than things as in a
few months... who cares?

What else is there to add? Anything else
to say?
Anything more before you head on your
way?
Well nothing other than something I
cannot ignore,
I apologise profusely
to you, Clement
Clarke Moore!

Jon Sharpe



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