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The deadline for articles for the next newsletter is 28 February 2021.

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From the Editor...



Welcome to this festive edition of the Puriton Newsletter!

I hope that you are all well, and have been managing to get by in these strange times in which we are living. This year is not one I will forget in a long time, that's for sure!

As the nights have drawn in, the village has started to brighten up more and more. I have never put my Christmas decorations up as early as I did this year - I think many people just wanted to bring a little more joy and good cheer during such a strange year. Walking around the village has been a delight, and in particular the Christmas Windows Trail has been a wonderful thing to be a part of. It has been lovely to go out spotting the displays whenever we can, and we're going to follow the trail itself a bit closer to Christmas, when most of the work is done for the season. I have had to smile at some messages I've seen from various households such as "sorry our display has collapsed!" It all takes a lot longer than you think it will to create things like this, but I hope you all agree that it is worthwhile.

However I have also noticed some are not celebrating as they normally do this year. This year has been a hard year for many in our community, who have been battling illness, heartache, and isolation, on top of their normal lives. It is important to remember that not everyone is necessarily feeling the same as everyone else, and to listen to those who need to talk and re-connect with people.

This issue contains many articles we hope will be of interest to you. We have enjoyed asking villagers to share their thoughts of Christmas Through the Ages, and also it's fascinating to hear how Christmas is celebrated elsewhere in the world - we have many villagers who either come from more far-flung places, or who are seasoned travellers, and they have kindly taken the time to share their experiences with us.

We have a few more recipes included this time too, which look very tasty, and for the crafty among us, a straightforward crochet pattern too!

Many thanks to the villagers who continue to share their photos with us to include. We're so lucky to live in such a beautiful area, and personally I love the way everything looks at winter - if only it were a little warmer as well though! We had so many photos sent I couldn't use them all this time, but please do keep sending them in, I use as many as I can.

I wish you and your nearest and dearest a very Happy Christmas, and every hope for a more straightforward year next year!

Best wishes,

Jessica Cather

Newsletter Editor, puritonnews@gmail.com

Chairman's Round Up

First and foremost, with great sadness I must announce that Mark Healey OBE has stepped down from the Parish Council. I would like to thank Mark for all the many hours he has committed to our local community and the effort he has made in making the village a great place to live in, helping to raise funds for the zebra crossing and more recently his hard work and determination to get food out to our vulnerable residents during the first lockdown. We will miss the wit and humour Mark brings, together with his vast council knowledge, to every meeting. We do not lose him altogether as his District role and County role always drags him back kicking and screaming. Thank you for the years of service you have given to the community, you will be greatly missed.

Gravity Access Road

Gravity recently again stated the road will be complete in the spring at a public meeting. Road works will continue in various areas including Hillside, Old Puriton Hill and Hall Road. The A39 road alterations for the new roundabout will be early next year.

Christmas

The tree is in place on the green by the church, referred to by many as the village green. Thank you to Howard and Evie for delivering and assisting with the erection of the tree, and Edward for helping me with the power and lighting. Thank you to Sarah Jane for the Christmas ornaments and the Dream Scheme team and the young people who have added some more decorations to make it the best showing ever. Sorry we couldn't have the switch on ceremony this year, Santa very kindly switched on the lights for us using his 'santalite' system from the north pole. An especially huge thank you yet again to Rod Fitzgerald who has kindly donated the tree to the parish this year

Village Improvements

Seeding and planting of various areas throughout the parish is taking place very soon and various projects have been completed like new steps at Webbers Way to the footpath along the field to the school, this is also to be stoned in the very near future with materials kindly donated by Alan Griffiths and their team, we will be looking for some volunteers to assist so keep your ears open for the shout please.

Pump Track

Good news, the final work is being completed on the licence between the Parish Council and Playing Fields, and the pump track can finally move forward to construction. Velosolutions say unfortunately there may be an increase in material costs due to the time between quote and installation, so we might need a bit of fund raising by our young people to overcome any short fall. The pump track itself is the priority and we are hoping to start in the spring. This I hope will tie in nicely with the lifting of restrictions so that not only do we have the opening of the pump track but we can celebrate the end of this horrid pandemic, fingers crossed.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

Simon Langley, Chairman Puriton Parish Council



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Christmas Through the Ages

This is a time of year when people often become nostalgic about their first experiences of Christmas. We thought it would be interesting to ask people to tell us their memories of Christmas through the ages - and we hope you enjoy these varied contributions of how celebrations have changed over the years.

1940s - 'The Christmas Bird'

As a child of about seven living in the London suburbs in the early forties there was a spare bit of garden between the shed and the path. Instead of it being planted, dad was nailing up a wire mesh enclosure about 8ft by 3ft. "What's that for?" I asked. "Christmas" came the reply. "Wait and see." Anyway, a few days later there was dad balancing a box on the handlebars of his bike with a sack over the top. We had acquired six point of lay hens - I know now what it means. Don't ask me what type. All I know is that they were brown and as I had not seen a chicken before I wondered why we had them. Well, these things needed feeding, so I am now sent on errands to the corn chandler for bran and stuff and whatever was written on the list also calling in neighbours for potato peelings so mother could brew a mash for their feed. Soon though we were having eggs "off ration" as it were because wartime rationing was still on. Mother was very astute. Some were preserved in isinglass, some were for barter and of course some were occasionally for breakfast.

One morning it was cold and frosty. Dad had his hand in the chicken run and pulled out a bird by its legs. "What are you doing dad?"

"This son is your Christmas dinner." So that's what he meant when he was building that chicken run. I don't know how he killed the bird but all I remember is feathers all over the back yard. This must have been Christmas Eve and all thoughts of what presents were going to be in my stocking had gone. What I wanted to know was what did chicken taste like? Well, the day arrived and mum had been all morning exercising her culinary skills. Around the table we sat, a couple of aunts and grandpa at the head of the table with his bottle of stout. Then came the ceremonial carving and serving and then the comments - "Ooh, lovely bird George." "Cooked perfect Maisie." And so it went on.

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Now I understand where Caroline Aherne got her idea for the Royle Family.

Yes it might seem quite funny today as chicken is probably the most common meat on the market but as a young boy that first chicken gave me a Christmas never to forget.

Whatever you have for your meal, be it fish or fowl or anything in between, I hope it is most enjoyable because this year is going to be one we shall remember for a very long time to come. Happy Christmas. *R.W.*

1950s

As a child at a Church of England village primary school in the fifties, it was always a very exciting time. There was a church service followed by a party in the village hall. We were all given an apple and an orange to take home.

Mum and dad couldn't afford much but we were given one small present each, plus a stocking which we put on the end of the bed, actually it was one of dad's socks, but we didn't care. It contained nuts, a satsuma, pencils and a chocolate bar.

Dad always cooked chestnuts in the ashes of the fire, and we were given a tiny tot of mead on Christmas Day.

It always seemed to snow on Christmas Day, so out we would go to see who could make the biggest snowman, we didn't have gloves, so out came dad's socks to keep our hands warm, we didn't care, Christmas was a lovely happy time. *Jenny Jackson*

1960s

Christmas as a child in the sixties was so different to nowadays. Front door shut Christmas Eve and never opened till after Boxing Day! 1963 (I think!) it started snowing on Boxing Day and three months later at Easter there were still piles of snow roadside! I had a four mile walk to school in my wellies and never missed a day! As a kid I loved the whole experience. Halcyon days! *Keith Prowse*

Memories of a 1960s Christmas... crepe paper decorations, breakable silver baubles, fairy lights that had changeable bulbs, decorations that were festooned from the ceiling, balloons, homemade snowflakes, paper decorations that folded away like accordions, big family gatherings, netted stockings, nuts and oranges, colouring books and compendiums, jigsaw puzzles and a box of paints... Laughter, family games and charades... happy wonderful childhood memories THANK YOU *Amanda Goodman*



1970s

The preparation for Christmas did not start until the second week of December for most with decorations going up 12 days before and coming down 12 days after the event! Decorations included paper chains, metallic ceiling strips and Christmas cards on every wall with tinsel adorning pictures and mirrors. My family would only put out

the sweets, chocolates, nuts and fruit on Christmas eve which held pride of place next to the tree!

Christmas morning was the same as most other households, however our presents were always in a pillowcase with your main present unwrapped under the tree. The children in my cul-de-sac would be visible from 9am and if they had new bikes would be using the road as a practice strip for the Olympics.

Visits from Grandparents were in the morning for the compulsory glass of sherry and mince pie and the men would go to the pub for an hour before lunch!

Everyone sat on mismatched chairs, stools and anything else that could be used as a seat. We all sat down to watch Top of the Pops at 2pm before the Queen's Speech, then most grown ups would have a nap while Mum was still in the kitchen tidying up from the carnage of lunch with no dishwasher!



We played cards on Christmas night and ate cold leftovers accompanied by an abundance of pickled vegetables, before going to bed with the thought of getting up to play with your new toys all over again on Boxing day!

Sally Diaz

1980s

I remember many dodgy decorations, and the most sad looking Christmas trees compared with what you get now. The tree always had to be real, and they dropped needles everywhere all the time! My parents used to put the decorations up overnight Christmas Eve, until we were old enough to help, then they'd leave the boxes out a week or so before Christmas and we'd just get on with it ourselves "as a surprise" - which I'm sure they knew we'd do while they were at work to save them the bother!

Christmas dinner was the biggest challenge of the year. Not least because Mum would start on the sherry at breakfast! My brother is vegetarian but she always wanted to cook everything in meat fat, so we'd have to do two of most things. We had so many different dishes on the table, it was utterly heaving! I remember one year we forgot the grated carrots and they were found a few days later in the microwave.

Stockings were the size of a bin bag and full of lots of plastic tat. I always got the latest "Now..." album in there though, which pleased me greatly (on tape of course). Under the tree there were a few presents but nothing too excessive. I remember one year getting a new camera (which took 110 film!), a Roland Rat cuddly toy, and a Sony Walkman. That was a great year, and I took many terrible photos to prove it!

We'd always go to church Christmas Day, with the turkey turned down low before we left the house, and we'd come back to the most wonderful aroma filling the house - and the cat being driven mad by the smells!

Jessica Cather

1990s

I was born in 1987, so my childhood Christmases were in the 1990s. The first thing that springs to mind from the festive period; garish foil garlands, lametta thrown over every inch of the tree and metres upon metres of tinsel were obligatory. It was also a tradition to make paper chains to hang up across the living room-I can still taste the gum paper!



Christmas hits would play in the background all day- The Pogues, Mariah Carey, Band Aid. Some of my most treasured presents were a pair of hair crimpers, a Furby (which was soon relegated to the bottom of my wardrobe when it wouldn't stop talking, day and night) and tickets to see the Spice Girls (including Ginger Spice). Smartphones and WiFi weren't around, so we would excitedly call up friends and family on the landline to compare presents!

Gem Salter

2000s

I was born in the nineties, so my childhood Christmases were celebrated during the noughties. When I think of Christmas as a child, the build-up was always the most exciting. Firework night and the Carnival always marked the beginning of the festive season! My friends and I would scour the pages of the latest Argos catalogue, circling everything that made it on my list to Father Christmas - bright pink inflatable chairs were always desired!

On Christmas eve, we would attend evening mass and wander around Trinity Rise to see their stunning Christmas display! On Christmas morning, we'd have the classics playing in the background (Christmas with Nat and Dean was a hit in my house) while my parents videoed us opening our Christmas presents! Favourites included: a dance mat, Bop it and Groovy Chick bedding. After eating our Christmas dinner, pulling crackers and playing a game of Monopoly, my sister and I would sit and watch Elf, Polar Express or Home Alone, whilst our parents looked for spare batteries and screwdrivers to piece together all of our lovely new toys and gadgets. Of course it wouldn't be Christmas without a buffet of leftovers on Boxing Day too. Pigs in blankets and bubble and squeak always made an appearance!

Miss Green (teacher at Puriton Primary)

2010s

Christmas decorations are always a really big thing, between putting up our own, and going to see everyone else's. Trinity Close in Burnham-on-Sea is always exciting to see as they really go 'all out', it's like Puriton Park x 10. It's fun to see all the different versions of Santa on carnival carts, and in shops and at events.

Having separated parents means double the Christmas fun, with celebrations spreading over a good few days. Despite the chaos though we always manage to read 'Twas the Night before Christmas' every Christmas Eve, sat together in pyjamas with our hot chocolate.

Adie Cather

Photos used in this article are stock photographs.

Fresh from the Oven

A seasonal take on the pavlova, with a fresh fruit topping. Swap the fruit for a variety of your favourite chocolates and drizzle with caramel sauce for an alternative.

This recipe serves 6, but can be easily doubled up.

The name pavlova is linked to the Russian ballerina Anna Pavlova. It was first served up in a hotel in Wellington, New Zealand during the ballerina's visit in 1926.

PAVLOVA WREATH

3 egg whites
6 oz (170 g) caster sugar
1 tsp white wine vinegar
1 tsp cornflour

10 fl oz (295 ml) double cream
½ tsp vanilla essence
¾ oz (20 g) icing sugar

Strawberries, raspberries, blueberries, pomegranate seeds

Mint leaves and icing sugar to decorate.



Method:

Preheat oven to 160°C/Gas Mark 3. Line a baking tray with baking parchment and draw a 8" circle, in the middle draw a 4" circle to make a ring.

Place the egg whites in a bowl and use an electric whisk to whisk until you have soft peaks. Gradually add sugar a little at a time, while still whisking, until the mixture is stiff and glossy. Mix the vinegar and cornflour together and add to the mixture.

Spoon meringue onto the ring drawn on the baking parchment. Using a spoon, make a shallow trench in the top of the meringue, the cream and fruit will sit in this.

Place into the oven and reduce the temperature to 140°C/Gas 1. Bake for 1 hour to 1 hour 15 minutes until the outside is hard but still white. Turn the oven off and leave the pavlova inside for at least an hour or overnight to cool and dry.

To assemble, whip the cream, vanilla essence and icing sugar until you have stiff peaks. Spoon the cream into the trench on top of the meringue ring. Arrange the fruit on top and decorate with mint leaves. Dust with icing sugar and serve.

Sue Lukins



*Wishing you all a Happy Christmas
and Best Wishes for the New Year*



Puriton Church

The pandemic is continuing to have an effect on Church activities. The recent second lockdown resulted in the church closing again for 4 weeks, and when we could reopen 6 December, the planned service had to be cancelled through the lack of a Vicar.

All the usual pre-Christmas services - Christingle, Carol and Crib Services - are cancelled. Our only service over the Christmas period will be a short Communion at 5pm on Christmas Eve. For this service we will still be limited to 23 attending (or 30 with social groups).

Rev Kirsty Wells will be licenced at Woolavington on 12 January, and from that date will oversee Puriton until our village is formally combined with the Woolavington group.

If you need further help or information please contact:-

Rev Chris Keys 01278 691098 chris.keys@me.com (Until 11 January 2021)

Rev Kirsty Wells 07581250608 revkirsty@hotmail.com (From 12 January 2021)

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In Memory of Peter and Gina Williams

Peter and Gina Williams were residents of Puriton for over 47 years. Gina came to Puriton from London in the mid sixties with her family.

They married in Puriton Church in 1973, then the children came along with Sam and Steve. Pete worked abroad for over 40 years and Gina was a housewife when the children were younger. She then got a part time job as a waitress at the Puriton Inn.

They were members of the local Carnival Club, Puriton Pilgrims, for many years. Gina became quite a quiz master and regularly took part in the quizzes at the Puriton Inn.

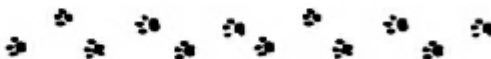


Gina sadly passed away suddenly in July, and Pete was diagnosed with cancer. After a short battle Pete passed away at the end of October. They are now reunited once again. They will be missed greatly by many family and friends.

Family friend Ali Hurd has started a JustGiving page to raise funds to buy a memorial bench for them, which will be placed at the Puriton Inn. You can find it on: https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/alison-hurd-1?utm_term=pPDZQ5G6y

Sam and Steve want to thank everyone for their messages over the past 5 months.

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Potting Shed Tips...

With temperatures falling and shorter daylight hours working in the garden, it definitely feels like winter has arrived. The autumn colours are fading, but on a positive note, the garden takes on a whole new look.



During winter it is all about structure and foliage, and architectural shrubs provide interest when there is not a lot of colour or much growing. From spikey mahonia with clusters of yellow fragrant flowers to cornus giving fiery bright orange or red stems right through to spring.

While many perennials are going over they leave behind fabulous seed heads which look wonderful on a frosty morning, but are also loved by birds during the cold months.

But what can we do now to provide later colour in the garden? Spring bulbs are the answer. Tulips, muscari, narcissi and ranunculus can all still be planted in pots or the garden. They may just flower slightly later.

When tidying the garden, remember to bag up all the fallen leaves, put aside, and in a few months time the leaf mould will be a great soil improver - for free!

Other jobs to do: bring in any tender plants or protect with fleece from frost, and tie up any shrubs to protect from wind damage.

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Part of Puriton Parish Council's Parish Plan has been to address the ongoing parking issues at the Primary School at drop off and pick up times.

Puriton Parish Council liaised with Puriton Primary and the children were asked to design a poster to promote safe parking at the School. The best poster from each year group was chosen by the staff and sent to the Council to choose a winner. However the posters were amazing and the Council found it hard to choose only one winner. Therefore the Council agreed that all six posters were equally outstanding and will be displayed on the Parish noticeboards and website and in the newsletter.

Residents at Rowlands Rise and Hillside have received a copy of one of the posters through their letter box and asked if they would like to display a copy of the poster in their window. The Parish Councillors are hopeful that the constant reminders will encourage those who do the school run to park responsibly without putting anyone at risk.

The Parish Council would like to thank all the children who took part and certificates of achievement have been given to the winners via the school.

The winning posters are on the following two pages.

Court Farm Butchers

Family butchers run by Stuart and Jenny

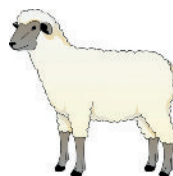
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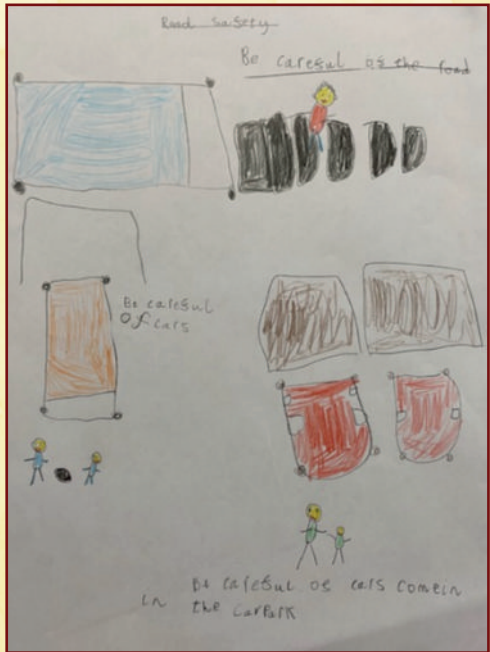
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Winners of the Safe Parking Poster Competition at Puriton Primary School



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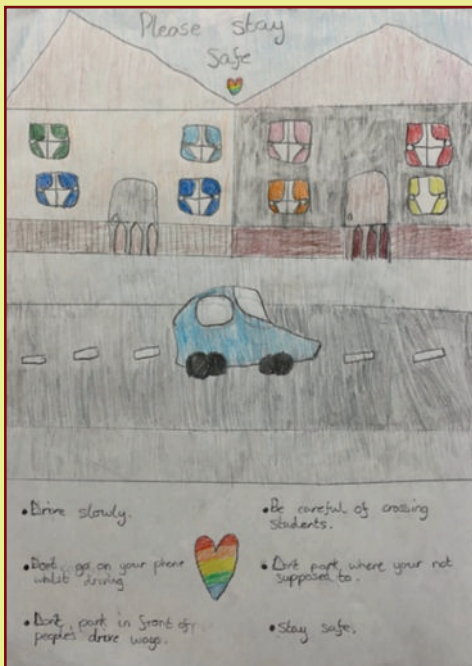
Year 2 - Jack Puddy



Year 3 - Victoria Newton



Year 4 - Ruby Edwards



Year 5 - Mia Brown



Year 6 - Lily Bloomfield

Crochet a Snowflake

This is a pattern Julie-Ann Cartwright shared with Puriton Crochet Group a while ago and is suitable for beginners.

Julie-Ann owns "Inspirational Craft" in Bridgwater, and will supply and deliver items locally, for all your crafting needs!

Using a lightweight or cotton yarn and size 3 mm crochet hook.

Wind yarn around finger three times, use hook to pull back loop through front two, keeping the two large loops in tact, use them as the centre ring to work through.

Chain 5.

1 triple crochet through both loops, chain 2.

Repeat (triple crochet, chain 2) 4 more times, giving 6 loops around the central loop.

Pull starting end of thread to tighten the centre.

Slip stitch into the gap made by the original chain 5.



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Chain 3 (away from gap caused by the chain 5).

3 more triple crochets into the same gap, chain 2.

4 triple crochets into the next gap, chain 2, repeat into every gap all the way round.

Slip stitch into the top stitch of the original chain 3 to join.

Slip stitch to move yarn to the next gap.

Chain 3, slip stitch into gap, chain 5, slip stitch into same gap, chain 7, slip stitch into same gap.

Chain 5, slip stitch into same gap, chain 3, slip stitch into same gap.

Repeat sequence from chain 3 into each gap all the way round until all gaps are complete.

Finish off, tie a loop to hang.

Family Board Games

This Christmas you may find you have more time on your hands than normal, and what better thing to do than to play a few games? Here are some recommendations of family board games that are enjoyed within the village to inspire you.

Please note, it is recommended you do NOT play board games with people outside of your household (even if they are in your Christmas bubble), due to sharing pieces and crowding over a board. But with your regular household - enjoy yourselves!

SORRY - it's a bit like Ludo, quite simple, but very competitive and ruthless. Each person has four 'men' and you move according to the value on cards you turn over (the instructions for which are in a little booklet -- it's not that simple). If you draw a Sorry card, you can send one of your opponents' men back to base and get one of your men out to occupy their place on the board (strategy is involved here). There are also counters involved, but we've never discovered what they are for, as they are not mentioned in the instruction booklet!
Judith Fletcher

GO FOR BROKE - each player has a million pounds and to win you need to lose it first. You can go to the casino, stock exchange, the races, play snake eyes. It's a hands-on game so kids love it! From spinning the roulette wheel to rolling the dice for snake eyes... my kids love it. You go around the board winning money and losing money. All round good family fun and great for even young ages to play.
Marieanne Webber

LINKEE - two teams answer fairly straightforward general knowledge questions while trying to guess what links all the answers. Bit like the TV quiz Only Connect, but more fun.
Keir Ritchie

BALDERDASH - those of a certain age will remember 'Call my Bluff'! This is similar. A word is given and you write your own definition of it, then they're all read out. One will be correct, you score if you guess correctly and if someone chooses your fake one. Sadly no prizes for ingenuity and hilarity for the 'definitions' written!
Sandra Tizzard

OTHELLO - basically involved placing counters which were black one side and white the other to capture opponents counters... capture white counters and turn them over to black. Biggest total at the end wins! Very tactical!!
Keith Prowse

RAILROADER - four teeny trains in three parts. You had to roll something to get the trains together then roll a six to build a plastic track, bit by bit. THEN you had to race to the end with your coloured train. Tedious!
Astrid Benson

RUMMIKUB - Each player has tiles with numbers, and you have to try and get out first by laying down tiles in runs or groups. Cross between scrabble and cards. Very good. All my family play it!
Sharon Warren

PAY DAY - Harry's favourite. Given a little money, move on the board which is like a calendar, trying to make money by selling items and picking up cards, whilst avoiding bills and getting your money taken by other players.
Sharon Warren

Puriton Girlguiding



Puriton Rainbows, Brownies and Guides were able to meet in person for a short while before lockdown 2, but we have been able to continue meeting virtually since thanks to a grant from Villages Together which we would like to sincerely thank them for.

The girls have done remembrance crafts, cooking, continued to work towards their badges and of course played plenty of games.

All sections have been completing a Children in Need Act Your Age sponsorship challenge and raising money for the charity.

The Guides have also been selling home made Christmas bottle decorations in aid of Guide Dogs for the Blind following a zoom visit by a blind Guide Leader and her beautiful dog Una.

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Parish Council	Meeting 2nd Tues of month	7pm
Puriton Afternoon Club	Every other Thurs, 2.30-4.30	Grace: 683355
WI	First Tuesday in month, 7.30	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, Wed & Fri, 8.30-3.00pm	07746 487759
Line Dancing Social	Tue & Thur 8.30-1.00pm	
Bingo	2nd Friday, 8.00-11.00	Debbie Statton 788825
Puriton Players	Every Monday, 7.00 for 7.30	Ivy Ryan: 455393
Woolavington Youth Theatre	Thursday evenings	Alan Scott: 07734 357981
	Friday 5.00-6.30pm	

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
Social Arts & Crafts Group	Alternate Tuesdays 2.00-4.00	Robin 684700
Puriton Guides	1st Saturday in month Kingfisherpuriton@gmail.com	Karen 07811 004531
Tai Chi/Qigong	Mondays 9.30-10.15	Gemma Carpenter: 07989 371796
Coffee @ the Clist	Some Thursdays 2.00-4.00pm	Sue Wood: 686921

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	Tuesdays 11am-12 noon (beginners course)	Debbie: 07931 756554
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PURITON INN

Charity Quiz	Alternate Wednesdays	Pete 684757
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HIRE CHARGES

Facility	Contact	Charge
Village Hall	Kim: 07419 842834 *new bookings clerk to come* Enquire for regular user rates	£15.00/hour (private function) £10.00/hour (Hall & Kitchen) £8.00/hour (Committee Room)
School Hall	Reception: 683630 or office@puriton.somerset.sch.uk	£7.50/hour
Clist Church Room	Mrs A Russ: 684221	£6.00/hour
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If you are new to the village and have not yet received a Welcome Pack, please email: Sally Dias clerk@puritonparishcouncil.org.uk and we will get one to you as soon as possible.

If you are struggling due to the current Covid-19 situation and are isolated or are in need of meals for you and your family please contact the Village Agent on 07375 371554.
Alternatively if you know someone who is isolating over Christmas and/or may be alone and in need of help with a meal or a present please contact the village agent for help.

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From the Clerk's Desk

The months have remained busy despite Covid and the new lockdown. The Council worked with the children at the Primary School to produce posters for safe parking as featured in this newsletter, and their designs were wonderful, we could not pick one individual and felt they were all winners!

Parking is an issue in the village with more people working from home. Think about where and how you park, could an ambulance or fire engine get through? Do you want your bins and rubbish collected? Poor parking means that it is difficult for them to do their routes.

The Parish Council have a vacancy for a Parish Councillor, please contact me on 01934 221659 or email clerk@puritonparishcouncil.org for details.

As we head into the end of the year, I would like to thank our hard working Ranger Chris Gulliford for all his hard work and efforts this year and what a great job he does keeping the village tidy.

It has been a year of obstacles for most and Puriton has showed incredible community spirit, let's focus on the return to life as we knew it and I hope you all have a wonderful time over the Christmas period.

Sally Diaz, Parish Clerk

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Sue Gould recently retired after 5 years working with Villages Together. She enabled many of our village groups to receive £1000 grants from the project, which have made a huge difference in the community. Thank you Sue for all your hard work! *Photo: Alan Scott*

Steve Brice (aka Billie Blue Hat or The Wavy Man) works on the Link Road (on Woolavington Road) and he has been brightening up so many people's days with his fantastic attitude and cheery waves, so some Puriton and Woolavington residents decided to say a big thank you to him. *Photos: Leigh Conibeer*



Puriton Christmas Window Trail

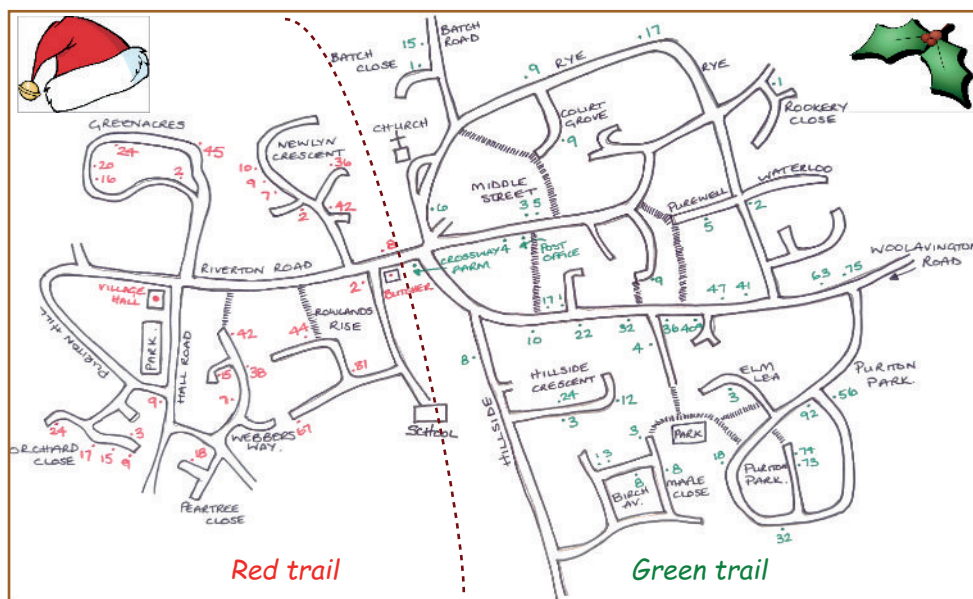
Villagers have been busy decorating their windows this year, bringing much needed cheer in this dark season of winter. So many festive activities have been cancelled this year due to covid restrictions, but this is one which is considered covid-safe as it is outdoors, and will give you (and the children) a nice bit of exercise. Please do take sensible precautions with using sanitiser after touching gates and similar, as I'm sure you do already.

Here is the map to show you where all the houses that are participating are. So many houses have joined in (over 64!) that it has been split into two trails, the break is shown with a dotted line below. There are plenty of amazing Christmas light displays to see on the way around too which aren't on the map.

You can get a colour copy of the map, and the quiz sheets to answer on the way around (plus a few sweet treats) from 7 Newlyn Crescent for the donation of £1. Proceeds from this will be split between Puriton Primary School and the Young People Project.

Huge thanks to Kelly Paynter and Meg Kanka for all your hard work putting this together - the windows I've seen so far have been amazing!

Oh and one final thing - don't forget your torch if you're out after dark! Have fun!





Christmas Around the World!



Christmas in Normandy

In the build up to Christmas there are lovely town and village Christmas markets selling local crafts. Fresh fish and shellfish are piled high on marble slabs and cheese, fresh fruit and vegetables are in abundance. Quite often there is an accompanying Crèche de Noël, a live nativity scene, and sometimes mulled wine is available in bars and café. Christmas is not as commercial as it is here and it is the foremost time of the year for family, good food and good wine. Christmas cards are unusual and not readily available whereas New Year cards wishing Bonne Année are much more popular.

Christmas Eve is a working day for most people and the Christmas celebrations begin that same evening which is known as Réveillon. Many families will go to Mass together and return home to have the main Christmas meal. And what a meal it is!

An apéritif with hors d'oeuvres.

An entrée which is often smoked salmon, foie gras, oysters or snails.

Salade which is simply lettuce to cleanse the palate and to get it ready for:-

The main dish which is a relatively small turkey stuffed with chestnuts, or a capon or a goose accompanied by a good selection of fresh vegetables and sometimes a Christmas speciality known as boudin blanc which is a white sausage made from pork meat, fat, spices, and milk or cream.

An assortment of cheeses followed by Trou Normand which is an apple sorbet with Calvados poured all over it.

A yule log covered with thick buttercream.

Crème caramel, crêpes Suzette and gâteaux.

Coffee, petits fours and liqueurs.

Different wines to accompany each course and champagne are drunk throughout the meal which can last several hours and small portions with not too many carbohydrates are the norm.

The children eat with the adults but they are only allowed to open one present. They have to wait until Christmas Day to open the others. Christmas Day is a bank holiday and it's back to work on December 26th.

On January 6th, Epiphany, it is traditional to eat a Galette des Rois which symbolises the arrival of the three kings in Bethlehem. It is a puff pastry tart filled with frangipane and with a small gift hidden somewhere inside and with a crown on the top. The person who gets the gift inside their portion is crowned king for the day.

A Very Minnesotan Christmas

Growing up, Christmases always felt very cosy. There was the beginning excitement of it with band and choir practice at school. This excitement grew as concerts neared, school holiday parties were planned and Christmas planning began at home. Inevitably the weather would turn snowy and cold, sometimes bitterly so. Christmas baking would start at home. We'd bake dozens and dozens of cookies—all stored in the now below freezing garage until they were brought to Christmas parties or given as gifts.

The arrival of Christmas would be heralded by trips to various stores to buy the Ludefisk, Christmas Sausage and pickled herring. There was always the last minute rush to buy new dress clothes and the stress of trying to make sure the house was perfectly clean. Finally, the arrival of Christmas would start with the band and choir concerts, and the Christmas parties for my parents' work and the family gatherings. They all had one thing in common — dressing up in clothes too thin for the arctic weather, putting on thin leather shoes with slippery bottoms and waddling over the frozen, icy snow with half frozen feet into far too warm of buildings crammed full of people.

Now grown and with children of my own, I often wonder if they'll be missing out at Christmas. I often wonder if they'll miss out by not going to my family's Christmas Eve potluck with my closest 100+ relatives and running through the crowds of people with their cousins or playing hide and seek in the piles of coats? I wonder if they'll miss out on Christmas afternoons and evenings with cousins playing in the cold and then singing Christmas carols around the Christmas tree while Grandpa lights all the candles on it? Or the crush of people as we all try to crowd into one room to open presents?

And then I remember, it's my turn to make our own family traditions. I'll keep the Swedish meatballs and the cookies, but pass on the Ludefisk. I'll keep the cosy evening of singing Christmas Carols by the lights on the Christmas tree, but they'll be electric lights instead. While they may miss out on the snow and the huge family gatherings, they won't miss out on the love or the memories. May your holiday season be filled with love and joy— even if that means Christmas dinner over zoom. *Kayla Sharp*

Christmas in the Canary Islands

Christmas Eve is the main day to celebrate with family over Christmas in the Canary Islands. A leg of pork is traditionally eaten for dinner with salad and new potatoes. This event will usually take several hours. Delicacies like Turrón, which is a nougat type of sweet, are very popular and marzipan pastries instead of mince pies.

Christmas day is a bank holiday where the family are together but presents are exchanged on 6th January when the Three Kings came. Some villages hold processions before the 6th with the Kings' characters throwing sweets from their floats for the children to catch. *Sally Diaz*

Christmas in Holland

On Christmas Day morning families go to church and later enjoy a good family meal. Trees are decorated and homes trimmed with candles and evergreen. Some children hang stockings but their presents are given on the eve of 5th December. This is known as Sinterklaas or Saint Nicholas day, the Dutch version of Santa Claus. Boxing Day is known as second Christmas Day.

Sometime during the evening of 5th December there will be a knock on the door. When opened no-one will be there but a sack of presents will be left on the doorstep. Presents will be wrapped with a poem for each person. The sack of presents will have been delivered by Sinterklaas and his helper Piet. Sinterklaas travels by boat from Spain to Amsterdam then delivers his presents on a white horse.

After the delivery of presents a meal is eaten and then songs are sung about Sinterklaas delivering his gifts. Traditional gifts are cakes and chocolates in the shape of a letter, usually the first letter of the family surname.

Angie Coombes

Christmas in The Philippines

MALIGAYANG PASKO or Merry Christmas is warmly greeted with a smile on our faces, on the first day of September in my beloved country Philippines, most certainly in my little hometown Isabel. Yes! You read it right! From SEPTEMBER Filipinos start their Christmas “feels”, Christmas lights everywhere, houses full of Christmas décor, the smell of sweet delicacies, our unique Filipino Christmas ornament the “PAROL” a very popular Christmas lantern, and the sweet singing voices of mostly children singing carols on your doorstep at night from the beginning of September which embark the so called “BER” months for Filipinos. The “BER” months are September through to January which we consider to be the entire Christmas season. Here are some of our traditions during this BER season:

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Karaoke or sing-along, Filipino loves to sing, actually a Filipino is cited as inventing the Karaoke machine in 1975 even though it thought of as Japanese! Surely this season your house will be filled with sweet voices of children singing carols on your doorstep and in exchange the household pay respect by giving a little amount for the effort of the little ones.

SIMBANG GABI OR DAWN MASS

Simbang Gabi is a series of nine dawn masses held for Catholics in the Philippines from December 16–24. I remember waking up about 4 am to get ready for the 5 am mass. We believe that completing this nine-day masses your wish will be granted. On the last day of Simbang Gabi, which is Christmas Eve, the service is instead called Misa de Gallo, which is Spanish for "Rooster's Mass"

After the mass, holiday treats like *bibingka* (baked rice cake) and *puto* (steamed rice cakes) await the churchgoers.

NOCHE BUENA FEAST

Family dinner by 1 am? How that sounds to you? Is a traditional dinner on Christmas Eve, one of the most important family gatherings during the season in the Philippines.

CHRISTMAS LANTERN OR PAROL



For Filipinos, the parol is the symbol of the star that led the Three Kings to the town of Bethlehem on the night Jesus Christ was born and is a staple in most households. This is the most iconic Christmas decoration in the Philippines. It is usually made from bamboo, paper, or capiz shells and comes in various colours, designs and sizes.



AGUINALDO OR CASH GIFTS

In the Philippines, the word *aguinaldo* is also known as cash-gifts. During Christmas, children anticipate getting cash and presents from their relatives and godparents. Before they receive their *aguinaldo*, children must pay their respects to their relatives or godparents by taking their hands and whispering “*mano po, ninong, mano po ninang*,” which translates to “bless me godfather or godmother”.

MONITO-MONITA OR KRIS KRINGLE

Giving gifts is a Filipino way of showing love and gratitude to their family and friends. During Christmas Eve, families gather around the Christmas tree for the activity of monito-monita while Christmas music is playing. The mechanics of monito-monita are like secret Santa, only that the gift-giver reveals the name of his or her ‘monito’ or ‘monita’ and describes them to the group rather than the other way around.

I would also like to explain the difference between Filipino and Filipina and therefore also monito-monita, our main language, Tagalog, is a combination of the original languages of the Philippines with a heavy Spanish twist and in fact there are also 8 main sub dialects throughout the provinces of the Philippines. The main island of Luzon, where Manila is located, speaks only Tagalog, but the provinces have their own independent languages which are fundamentally different to Tagalog and each other. The difference between male and female words in Tagalog is signified by either an a or an o at the end of the word, much like in Spanish. So aunty would be Tita and uncle Tito, and hence monito-monita refers to a male or female recipient. I am therefore Filipina because the words relates to me being female but a male kabayan (countryman) would be a Filipino.

I finish the article by wishing you “maligayang pasko at bagong taon” – a merry Christmas and happy new year.

Edearly Sabellano Warde

Christmas – Let's Get It Over With

My main gripe about Christmas is it goes on FAR TOO LONG. For a start, there's all that pre-Christmas shopping for useless tat that the recipients probably don't want anyway, and for obscene amounts of food. People put up their decorations at the very beginning of December or even in November. Then the holiday itself lasts for over a week!

When I was a child, New Year's Day wasn't a bank holiday in England (it only became one in 1974), so everyone went back to work on December 27th. In our house, the decs went up on Christmas Eve and stayed up till Twelfth Night. My mother was adamant that every scrap of holly and ivy had to go on the fire before then, as it was Bad Luck to leave Christmas greenery up any longer. My mum spent all her working life in the fruit and veg trade, so would be working all day on Christmas Eve serving industrial quantities of sprouts (wet and muddy ones; not the dry, clean ones you get these days). When the shop closed at 5.30, she would come home and make pastry for sausage rolls and mince pies—fuelled by gin and martini and her favourite Dean Martin LP.

Christmas was Christmassy, but you didn't get so sick of it in those days.

When I was living with my husband and two sons in Taiwan in the 1980s and 90s, Christmas was a one-day affair. December 25th was a public holiday because it was Constitution Day (not now, though; they introduced a new, much more democratic constitution after we left). Young people would celebrate it as Christmas Day, as would

the quite numerous Christian population. But it was only one day. My husband would go out to a local toy shop, usually on Christmas Eve, and buy a couple of Lego sets for the boys' presents, and I used to put up a few decorations and a tree (plenty of decs available in the shops as in those days, most of the world's decorations were made in Taiwan). We would have the nearest thing to a Christmas dinner we could make without an oven, the boys would open their presents, including gifts from the grandparents posted months before, and that was that. Back to work and school on Boxing Day.

Of course, Chinese New Year was quite a different affair, with lots of very loud firecrackers and red envelopes of cash for the children.

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I melted the chocolate and dabbed it on the maltesers with a knife, then stuck them on the orange. Then decorate to make it look as festive as you want.

It was messy to eat, we hacked off the maltesers with a spoon and it fell into segments, but it looked good. Although it was awkward to eat, I'd make it again!



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Ranger's Ramblings

In these odd times and at times scary, we are dressed as robbers from the Sweeney or Dr Kildare (some people won't know what that is)! The new Link Road end is taking shape with 300 tonnes tarmac a day going in, doesn't leave a lot of room up top of Hillside I must say, I shall not miss that drone of a pump west of Hillside!



We have been told there will be stone laid in December for the footpath from the school to Old Puriton Hill, it's getting a tad messy!

Had a new one the other day, was mowing the grass at the Church Triangle and the verge had inch and a half of ice build-up on the outside at the front of the mower, and the mower stopped a few times with build-up of grass and ice underneath.



Thanks to the people who are keeping their boundaries tidy.

The dog mess situation has raised its ugly head again, the area under siege being Woolavington Rd, please pick up and dispose of it correctly, thanks to all who do.

Goodness that mild weather made my winter cabbages romp away, now slowing up with the chilly weather. Something is a bit of a puzzle, put in broad beans early November, fine tilth of soil, looking nice, but now have holes where every bean was planted? Mice maybe? Have to go back to old ways, soak them in paraffin!

Please have as best as possible Christmas with whoever you get to spend it with, and a safe and fruitful year in 2021.

Chris Gulliford, Parish Ranger

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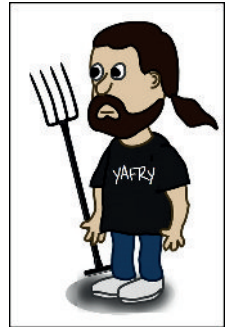


You Ain't From Round Yer!

Appreciating the small things....

Some time ago myself and the family had decided “enough was enough”. I was tired of the chase of trying to conform to what either society deemed I should be, or what my perception of facets of the constraints that the societal norms were around. I was done. And then with the birth of the first (and then second) little ones, this came into sharper focus.

With a toddler there is normally two speeds: flat out; or stationary; either playing with some obscure thing or observing something that is normally considered small and mundane. Seeing the world through and interacting with the world like a toddler is an amazing experience. My little one has taught me once again, the life affirming pleasures that I had forgotten. Acts of play that I had left behind 40 years ago. I had forgotten how much happiness splashing in puddles can bring. See the moon bright and full and trying to spot the first star. Or the amazing joy of seeing a rainbow, and then seconds later it become a double rainbow in front of your eyes – it's almost like magic! Blowing bubbles and popping them! Relearning how to see the wondrous world, through the eyes of a toddler. Have you





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tried any of these acts recently? When it's raining put on your wellies and find some puddles and have a splash; finding a pile of leaves freshly fallen and kicking then all over the place; trying to find a rainbow when it's sunny and rainy or try to create one; playing like a toddler. Try it, you may really enjoy it!

Since the 2020 chaos has begun, we've had to take more and more pleasure and solace in the smaller, little things in life. It wasn't a conscious act, it just sort of happened slowly more and more each day. Going for a walk and enjoying things like the leaves on the ground, or puddles, or mud to stomp in. Looking up at the sky and seeing the clouds and seeing shapes in them, or the colours, or the speed at which they drift, or hasten past. Sitting and being with each other as a family. Playing in the

garden. Why do we need the big things, when the little things can bring as much, if not more, pleasure in life?

So here we are, and it must be said and being polite 2020 has not been the year that people thought it would have been when drawing up their New Year's resolutions in 2019. There are other phrases combining words like "excrement" and "hurricane" that spring to mind. The world. Life. Society. Just about everything has changed. The lockdowns have forced people to go slower, be slower, be less rushed. So, what does this mean not for the world or society in general but for you in particular; what can we (you) take away from this momentous and tumultuous period which we are transitioning through; after "normality" returns, what will YOU do, how will you navigate the remaining time on this ball of rock hurtling through the cosmos? Will you change, or drift back to your life as it was before? Are you looking forward to the New Dawn, or will it be just another day... Dare I ask: will you miss it?

What will I take away: the biggest thing about this period, and what I have come to appreciate more is the smaller things in life. Cherishing every day, because tomorrow, or next week, or at some point who knows when, you may not be able to even go to the shop or beach or on holiday.

So..... What will your New Year's resolutions be in 2021?

Jon Sharpe

Gravity News

The last month has seen the Gravity project make good progress. Sedgemoor District Council has approved Gravity's 'Village Enhancement Scheme' plan to improve connections between Puriton and Woolavington. The scheme includes traffic-calming measures and a new car-free path between the two villages which also connects to the Gravity site and the 37 Club.

Thank you to everyone who has shared their views on Gravity's plans to re-imagine the former water filtration works at Knowle Hill as a farmstead of six low carbon, high energy performance homes. Gravity aims to submit a planning application to Sedgemoor District Council early in the new year.

Progress also continues on the key access Link Road that will link Gravity to the A39, and on to Junction 23 of the M5. Gravity is landscaping the road, which includes creating a 'noise bund' made from unneeded material from the main site. The new road is the first key step in bringing Gravity forward and will be open in the spring of 2021.

Gravity are looking forward to discussing the plans for the wider site with the community in the new year. Further details will follow in January. For more information about Gravity, please visit www.thisisgravity.co.uk

Hearty Lentil Soup

We eat a lot of soup in our house, all year round, but this soup works particularly well on a cold, wintry day.

It is delicious with a lovely chunk of bread!

Finely chop: **2 onions**
 2 carrots
 2 sticks of celery and
 2 cloves garlic



Fry together gently in olive oil for about 10 minutes.

Add : **1 can of chopped tomatoes** and
 1 litre of vegetable stock (we use 1 stock cube and ½ tsp boullion)

Add: **150g (2/3 mug) of dried lentils** soaked for 5 minutes to clean. Mostly green lentils works best, with a few pui and red lentils for interest. Some lentils need to be pre-soaked for a longer time, so do check!
 ¼ tsp of paprika
 1 bay leaf
 black pepper and **sea salt**

Simmer for **one hour** until lentils are tender.

Remove bay leaf and serve.

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60 Second Interview with... Jenny and Stuart Clatworthy

How long have you worked in Puriton?
18 years.

Describe your involvement in the village.....
Owners of the Village Shop and Butchers.

Describe yourself in 3 words
Hard-working, loyal and friendly (we hope!!)

What's your favourite pudding?
Pavlova

And your favourite cheese?
Brie

And your favourite tippie?
Gin or whiskey

What are your hobbies?
We like horse racing, and taking the kids to national and local shows. Between farming, running the shop, and shows, there's not much time for anything else!

What's your favourite thing about Puriton?
The friendly people!

Thank you Jenny and Stuart for taking time out of such a busy time of year for you to answer these questions! If you would like to volunteer or have any suggestions for who we should interview next time for our "60 Second Interview", then please get in touch!



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The Somerset Bereavement Support Service is here if you've been bereaved and need emotional support or someone to talk to.

Call **0800 304 7412**
9am to 5pm, Monday to Saturday.

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The deadline for the next newsletter is 28 February 2021.



Village Green, 1978



Manse Lane, 1978



Canns Lane, 1978



Riverton Road, 1978

Old Puriton in Winter

Thanks to Pete Russ for finding these old photos for us - check out the cars!



Bungalow Stores, Woolavington Road,
1978



Bawden's Garage, Woolavington Road,
1978



Puriton Hill, 1982



**Amanda Davies
went for a walk
around the area
on a frosty
winter's
morning.**

**Here are her
wonderful
photos!**

