



NEWSLETTER

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Introduction

It is the season of change at the Parish Council. May was the month when Parish Councillors elected the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Parish Council. May 2023 was also the time when Councillors were elected by parishioners to both West Berkshire Council and the Parish Council. This happens every four years. As it happened there were only thirteen people standing for the thirteen positions of Parish Council, so there was no need to vote, and they were all elected “uncontested” as they say in the jargon.

However, this year has still been one of considerable change. At District level we have three new Councillor representing our ward of Tilehurst & Purley. They are:

Councillor Paul Kander
Councillor Jane Langford
Councillor Janine Lewis

At parish level there have also been several changes. Four of our previous Councillors have left us, three because they chose not to stand and one because they have moved out of the parish. These were some of our most experienced Councillors with many years of service. One Councillor had served on the Parish Council for 49 years. We thank them for their past service and wish they all the best for the future.

As a result, four new Councillors have joined the Parish Council. They are:

Councillor Alex Benedict
Councillor Larry Grady
Councillor Angie Grindley
Councillor Mandy Stone

Local News

Reporting problems

West Berkshire Council deal with the resolution of all sorts of problems from potholes, dog fouling, streetlights, graffiti, etc. You can report any issues that you have online via the WBC website. Just follow this link: [Problem Reporting](#).

Planning Applications

West Berkshire Council invites Purley on Thames Parish Council to comment on planning applications within the parish. The Parish Council's input is not binding upon West Berkshire Council, but comments may be considered in reaching a decision. We have listed below all the applications we have seen since the last Newsletter. In some cases, the decision may have already been made by WBC, in others, comments may still be made.

To see the latest planning application considered by Purley on Thames Parish Council see the agendas for our [Planning Committee meetings](#).

You can also see the details of any planning application via the [Planning Portal](#) on the WBC website. An orange notice should be displayed at the boundary of any property/location subject to a planning application.

Any individual can comment on a planning application, both for and against, direct to WBC by [email](#).



From Your Parish Office

Don't forget the team in the Office are happy to help where we can. Office opening hours are now:

Monday 9.30 am – 2.30 pm

Thursday 2.30 pm – 6.30 pm

(except for Bank Holidays)

However, it is a good idea to phone ahead if you want to see someone to avoid a wasted visits in the event of the team having other commitments.

Alternatively, you can call telephone on 0118 984 4507 or email the Clerk at

clerk@purleyonthames-pc.gov.uk

Local Sports Activities

Purley Jubilee F.C.

Purley Jubilee F.C. is your local junior football club based at the Goosecroft Recreation Ground, Goosecroft Lane, Purley on Thames.

The football club was founded in 1977 and is a F.A. Charter Standard football club which offers both coaching and league football for age groups ranging from U7's to U18's. The football club also runs a Development Squad for the younger age groups. This season there were approximately 200 youngsters registered with PJFC.

Listed below is a brief summary of this season's main team successes. U18's Reds: - Cup winners and League runners up. U16's All Stars: - League runners up. U15's: - League runners up. U14's Lions: - League winners. U12's Panthers: League and Cup winners. U11's Royals: League winners.

The Club's Annual Presentation Evening was recently held at the Barn at Goosecroft where both players, club officials and teams received awards. The club's premier award is the Jack Mattison Trophy which was given to Thea Roberts in recognition of her outstanding work as the club Child Welfare Officer.

Purley Jubilee F.C. enjoy the use of the excellent facilities at the Goosecroft Recreation Ground. The club's management committee and team manager's all volunteer of their time to ensure a safe and engaging environment for young people to enjoy playing football.

If you wish to know more about Purley Jubilee F.C. then please contact: - Steve Chinn (Chairman)
Email: schinn1907@gmail.com

Purley on Thames Cricket Club Home Senior Fixtures – July 2023

Saturday 01/07/2023 Start 1.00pm Purley on Thames Cricket Club V Finchampstead 3rds (H) (League)

Saturday 08/07/2023 Start 1.00pm Purley on Thames Cricket Club V Taplow(H) (League)

Wednesday 12/7/2023 Start 6pm Purley on Thames Cricket Club V Checkendon (League)

Saturday 15/07/2023 Start 1.00pm Purley on Thames Cricket Club V Theale & Tilehurst 2nds (League)

Sunday 16/07/2023 Start 2.00pm Purley on Thames Cricket Club V Twyford & Ruscombe (H) (Friendly)

Saturday 22/07/2023 Start 1.00pm Purley on Thames Cricket Club V Wokingham 3rds (League)

Sunday 23/07/2023 Start 1.00pm Purley on Thames Cricket Club V Thatcham Town (League)

Saturday 29/07/2023 Start 1.00pm Purley on Thames Cricket Club V Aldershot 2nds (League)

Sunday 30/07/2023 Start 2.00pm Purley on Thames Cricket Club V Pangbourne (Friendly)

Local Club Events

We would like to provide information of any activities that local clubs or societies are undertaking within the village or that might be of interest to residents of Purley on Thames. These can be regular or one-off events. If you would like us to include a bit about you event, please email [Cathy Gainsford](mailto:Cathy.Gainsford@purleyonthames-pc.gov.uk) Adminclerk@purleyonthames-pc.gov.uk with the details.

Purley on Thames WI

Guests and new members are always welcome at our regular meetings, which are held on the second Wednesday of the month at 7.30 pm in Purley Memorial Hall, Glebe Road, Purley. Alternatively, our programme is available via our webpage on the WI's national website thewi.org.uk or get in touch via purleyonthameswi@berkshirewi.com or by telephone: 0118 9428448, Marilyn Hoare (President)

Project Purley

Project Purley, Purley's local history society, meets monthly in The Barn at Goosecroft.

Our February meeting is on Friday 17th starting at 7.30pm. Our speaker for the evening is Richard Marks who will be talking about the "History of Sutton Seeds".

Suttons Seeds was an iconic institution in Reading for decades and many of us will be familiar with its products. Richard will explain how it all began and what it was like to work for the company. He will talk about how the company built its global reputation for reliable seeds and plants which were guaranteed across the world.

Non-members are very welcome to join us for the evening and we just ask for a donation of £3.00 to help towards costs. Our membership year begins in January, so this is a great time to join. This is £23 for two people living at the same address or £16 for single membership. If you enjoy history and would like to discover more about the history of Purley's and the local area – why not come along and either try us out or join on the night.

Repair Café



The Next Repair Café at the Mad Duck

On Second Saturday of the Month between 3:00pm and 5:00pm

If you have feedback to give Your Parish Council or wish to provide an article on what interests you: an item or person of interest, a plea for a Charity or Not-for-profit business but not a commercial business, your input would be most welcome, subject to editorial rights. It would be very helpful, if possible, if you could supply any copy in Calibri, 12 point and Word and send your copy to the Parish Office by close of play on the 20th of the month.

Many thanks - Editor

The Purley on Thames Parish Council does not take responsibility for articles provided by non-Council Members and would encourage you to go to the website for the article provider and check dates, times and details.

The Editor is Cathy Gainsford – Administrative Clerk, Purley on Thames Parish Council