



PURTON PARISH COUNCIL

AREA BOARD UPDATE - 17TH JANUARY 2024

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON 2023



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

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

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

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

Cllr Neil Hooper said:

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



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY 2023

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

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

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

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



CHAIR OF COUNCIL, RAYMOND GEORGE THOMAS

21st April 1950 - 3rd December 2023

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

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

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

Our thoughts and condolences are with his family and friends at this difficult time.

Those who knew him described him as, *"A true gent, with the community at his heart"*.



ST MARY'S CHURCH - CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2023



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

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

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

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

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

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

