

Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade 2012 Community Projects/Events

1. Details of Project

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations in Purton

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Please outline your project below:

Our project is to organise a free event that will bring the whole community of the Parish of Purton together to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee on Sunday 3 June 2012. The theme of the event is: "The Village Entertains the Village" providing an opportunity for showcasing the wealth and breadth of talent that is prevalent among village residents. We are encouraging people from all walks of life in our community, young and old, schools and community groups, families and individuals, to perform on the day or simply to come along and join in with the festivities.

The event will be kick started by a 'Banner Parade' through the village displaying the wealth of community groups and voluntary activity that is so characteristic of Purton. These include church and chapel groups, youth groups, groups for the elderly, sporting groups, drama, arts, history and other interest groups, and charities raising funds for local projects and for disadvantaged people at home and abroad. Some of the clubs have banners which they made for the Millennium and others, such as the playgroups and schools will be making new banners and decorations as projects that integrate with this community activity. As the procession reaches the event field, the banners will be displayed around the perimeter and the assembled community will begin the festivities with a service led by local church ministers.

The event will focus on a central stage, complete with lighting and PA system, from which the various acts will perform. By advertising in the Purton Magazine and word of mouth, we have already recruited some of the required performers including: musical bands, a saxophonist, an opera singer, St Mary's Primary School choir, a group from Bradon Forest Secondary School to perform Shakespeare, Purton Bell Ringers, Tanya's Dance Group, Purton Amateur Dramatics Society and the Exercise Zoomba group. In addition, the Purton Twinning Association has secured vocalists from Purton's twin town of Héric to perform on the day. Each performance will last a maximum of 20 minutes to allow as many and varied acts as possible throughout the afternoon and early evening, followed by a village band who will provide music for dancing into the late evening.

As well as the entertainment, there will be a variety of activities throughout the afternoon, including jubilee cake decorating, face painting, hair braiding, story telling, toddler play area, penalty kicking, a tennis tournament, archery, plastic sword fighting, bowls and skate boarding, all provided by members of the community and all for free. Community voluntary groups have also been invited to run stalls to promote their activities. Residents will be invited to bring their own picnics and drink, chairs and tables and relax and have fun together. The Red House bar will also be available and we have engaged a local company to provide a Pig Roast.

There will also be a Community Art project, led by local artist Toni Robinson of No Added Sugar, who has offered to provide her services and materials for free. Through this project, members of the community will be invited to contribute to a permanent piece of Art that will be displayed in the village hall in perpetuity.

The event will end with a short firework display, for which we will raise our own funds from a band night to be held on March 10th

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2. Where is the project taking place?

The event will take place at the Village Centre in Purton. Purton Parish Council, as a Trustee of the War Memorial and Village Centre Charity, has granted permission for the charity land at the Village Centre to be used including: the facilities of the Millennium Hall, the former putting green and the grass land to the north of the Millennium Hall. In the event of poor weather, the event will be arranged for the Village Hall with some activities taking place in the Millennium Hall and other venues.

3. When will the project take place?

Sunday 3rd June 2012

4. Please outline which of the criteria you feel your project meets, and why:

- **Reinvigorates our local economy**
- **Showcases what we have and what we do so well in our area**
- **Promotes our strong and vibrant community spirit**

The project has strong alignment with the third criterion in that it:

‘Promotes our strong and vibrant community spirit’.

Purton is well known as a ‘vibrant’ community and the Diamond Jubilee Celebration Event will help reinforce and maintain this status, helping to keep connections within the community alive. We will be bringing together all sectors of the community across generational, socio-economic, ethnic and gender boundaries and providing an opportunity for residents to spend time together, make new friends and join community groups.

The event also has strong alignment with the second criterion:

‘Showcases what we have and what we do well in our area’

The idea of ‘the village entertaining the village’ came about when we realised that a community of about 4000 people has a wealth of talent which is a resource of great potential, particularly in times of economic hardship. The event will provide an opportunity for people, who may not have any previous experience of performing, to play in a non-competitive format to a ‘friendly audience’. This will build confidence and demonstrate the freely available entertainment that is available within the community.

In addition, the event will showcase and promote the huge volume of voluntary activity that has always been a big part of Purton life and needs to be maintained and expanded into the future in line with the Government’s policy on the ‘Big Society’. The banner parade and involvement of groups in the day’s proceedings will enable villagers to see everything that is on offer in this community, both for the services provided and for joining in and getting involved.

The first criterion ‘Reinvigorates our local economy’ will also be met to some extent through sponsorship of the event by local shop ‘Cycle Care’ who are providing free technical support to the Skate Park activity and the ‘Best One’ convenience store which is available nearby for drinks, snacks and ice creams.

5. What is the desired outcome/s of this project?

1. To re-enforce and continue to build the strength of community spirit across all generations and social groups (including gender, ethnic and socio-economic) within the parish of Purton and the wider community, including the twin town of Héric
2. To increase the confidence of individuals and the community as a whole in the wealth of talent that is available as a resource for all

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3. To maintain and increase the volunteer involvement of residents in village community groups which is in line with the Government's policies on the 'Big Society'.

This will be achieved by:

- Providing an opportunity for families and friends to spend time together and meet new people, creating lasting memories of community spirit
- Providing an opportunity for community groups to promote their activities through the banner parade and through promotional stalls
- Providing an opportunity for individuals and groups to display their talents by performing in a non-competitive format to a 'friendly audience'
- Producing a piece of community art work which will be displayed in the Village Hall as a lasting memory of the event and a symbol of our community spirit.

6. Who will project manage this project?

The project is managed by an organising committee of Purton residents, comprising of:

Sue Richardson, Chair
 John Crawford, Secretary
 Kate Robinson, Treasurer
 Tony Price, Purton Parish Council
 Nick Simpkins, Purton Parish Council (Health & Safety)
 Emma Hayden
 Lucy Lewis
 Kim O'Brien
 Helen Griffin

7. Please show a breakdown of costs for your project (including the sum you are applying for from the Area Board) and provide details of any other funding sources

Project Costs A Please provide a <u>full</u> breakdown e.g. equipment, installation etc.		Project Income B Please list all sources of funding for this project, as provisional (P) or confirmed (C)		
			P/C	
Event preparation: Printing of flyers/posters to advertise event and recruit entertainment acts Hire of halls Public Liability Insurance	£450	In Kind funding by Parish Council: Printing facilities for letters; Hire of Millennium and Village Hall (in case of bad weather), including electricity and toilet facilities Public Liability Insurance	C	£250
Cost of event activities: Temporary fencing for toddler play area and other activities e.g. circus skills Jubilee hats, flags, transfers and lighting sticks	£1,250	In kind Community Art project; in kind hire of PA system and marquee and transport facilities	C	£600

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Cake decorating materials Tea, coffee, milk and cups (to be served by volunteers from St Mary's Church) Community Art Project Marquee, PA system and transport facilities				
Health and Safety and Waste Disposal: Janitorial supplies Temporary Lighting Drinking water bottles and sun cream (in case of hot weather) Skip hire	£500	In kind Skip Hire (Holland Handling)	P	£150
Fireworks	£800	Fundraising event 10 th March	P	£1,000
Total	£3,000	Total		£2,000
Amount Applying for:	£1,000			

8. Additional information in support of the project

- This project is fully supported by our local Wiltshire Council Member, Jacqui Lay.
- The Strategic Planning Group will also use this event to run a consultation exercise by holding a stall with a 'Wish List' and a 'Dump Box' to enable residents to contribute their ideas of what they would and would not like to see happening in their village.
- The village primary and secondary school and the two play groups have all expressed support for being involved in this event which will involve preparations during school time, strengthening links with the community

Please email completed application forms to alison.sullivan@wiltshire.gov.uk

Notes

Please be aware that the Area Board expects those bidding for funds to have discussed their proposed project or event with their local Wiltshire Council Member and, at least in principle, to have secured their support – while the award of any funding will depend on Area Board approval.

Please note that the Area Board will not provide funding support for events which can be classed as 'street parties'.