



## ***PURTON AND DISTRICT AGE CONCERN***

***I am your street warden .....Tel.No.....***

I feel very proud to be president of Purton and District Age Concern with the officers, committee, street wardens and all the people outside the organisation who help – when you get support like this it proves you are doing something right. We have a new chairman Mr. Peter Berry who, I am sure, will do an excellent job. Mick Looker, our previous chair, had to resign through work commitments but I am glad to say he is staying on the committee and his wife Maria, who is very much involved with any catering we do, is also staying with us. Could I thank Mick and Maria for the new dimension they have given us with all their friends that they have involved with Purton Age Concern.

The minibus personnel continue to give excellent service but we have a problem, we need more drivers and shotguns. You might be reading this and think “I could give a hand occasionally” - if so, please don't hesitate, give Andy White a ring on 771656 and he will give you all the details. PLEASE, PLEASE, WE DO NEED YOU. Of course we have a new bus and are well on the way with the funds to replace the other one. So thank you to all concerned for the way you have supported this project which was led by Graham Price, minibus treasurer and Louise Tidman, general secretary

What is lovely is when you have been involved with something for nearly fifty years and you see it going from strength to strength led by the principles Peter Berry, Louise Tidman and Charlotte Griffin (treasurer) of the main committee. Then we have the minibus principles – Dave Warren (chair), Andy White (secretary) and Graham Price (treasurer) and, of course, Hazel Woodbridge (co-ordinator) who does all the allocating of drivers, shotguns etc. What makes everything work so well is the way everyone involved is always ready to put themselves out for Purton and District Age Concern, and I am in the lucky position of being president over it all.

Thank you and best wishes for Christmas and the New Year,

Tony Price BEM.

Since taking over as Chairman of Purton and District Age Concern I can now understand why it has, and continues, to be so successful. The setup of the whole group is bound together by like-minded volunteers whose commitment and work ethic surpasses most other organisations. I think this is typical of what happens in Purton, there are still passionate groups of people who can make things happen.

The committee is so experienced and organised from running previous events that taking control of a meeting isn't difficult as everybody wants to help in some way. The ground work is set in place by the secretary and because of the wealth of experience of the committee members then each event just gets sorted.

This does not mean to say that all Age Concern fundraising events are repeated time and again, we are always looking for new and innovative ideas for future events.

These days conflicts with rules and regulations and dare I mention ‘Health and Safety’ mean that we have to ensure that we work in conjunction with the District Council and any other venues we need to use in order to comply with insurance and local bye-laws. Unfortunately some of these restrictions have caused problems in the past, we can only comply where necessary and adjust accordingly. That does not mean to say that we don't complain bitterly as well, and if we can turn something around then we will.

I hope that I can follow in the footsteps of the previous officers and can contribute as much as they have in the past. I would like to thank everybody in the village for their support of Purton and District Age Concern and wish everybody a Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

Peter Berry - Chair

We are quite a big organisation considering we're a village charity and are very fortunate to have a large dedicated team of volunteers who help us with all our activities and events which keeps Purton and District Age Concern ticking over nicely throughout the year. Our officers and committee members are always very grateful for the wonderful support we receive as we certainly wouldn't be as successful without it. This Christmas I would especially like to thank everyone who contributed towards the purchase of our new blue minibus, this is proof of what can be achieved when a community comes together. It's wonderful to see the new vehicle out and about in the village transporting pensioners to a variety of venues and activities. Don't forget we are still raising funds to replace the grey minibus, so keep an eye on the monthly magazine for details of our fundraising events in 2019.

Season's Greetings to you all.

Louise Tidman – Secretary

### PURTON AND DISTRICT AGE CONCERN – DIARY OF EVENTS 2019

#### Fund raising events

Saturday 19th January	Burns Night Celebration at the Village Hall
Saturday 9th February	Jumble Sale at the Village Hall
Friday 5th April	3 B's Evening at the Silver Threads Hall
Saturday 20th April	Easter Market Stall at the Pavenhill shops
Sunday 9th June	Village Party at the Red House
Saturday 13th July	Coffee Morning at Dick & Jackie Scott's in Bentham
Saturday 7th September	Jumble Sale at the Village Hall
Friday 4th October	3 B's x 2 Evening at the Silver Threads Hall
Saturday 14th December	Christmas Market Stall at the Pavenhill shops

#### Monthly Outings

Wednesday 3rd April	– Mystery Tour with pub lunch
Wednesday 1st May	– Mystery Tour with pub lunch
Wednesday 5th June	– TBA
Wednesday 3rd July	– TBA
Wednesday 7th August	– Weston-super-Mare
Wednesday 4th September	– Mystery Tour with pub lunch
Wednesday 2nd October	– Mystery Tour with pub lunch

**Christmas Parties** - Saturday 30th November at Silver Threads Hall and Saturday 7th December at the Village Hall

**Carols singing at the Red House** - Christmas Eve at 7pm.

**Minibus shopping trips** - 2nd and 4th Friday's in the month for all areas of the Village.

If you would like to attend any of these events please contact your street warden.

Please retain this list for future reference – thank you.

