



# Project Purley

Newsletter No 7

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Dear Member,

Sorry about the delay in producing this newsletter. This summer we have a talk by Joan Dils in June and a walkabout in the Parish in July - so look out those walking shoes! New members and friends are always welcome. Please see the pleas for help in this newsletter if you have any time to spare.

May 24	(Thurs)	Demography
30	(Wed)	Maps
June 6	(Wed)	Natural History
13	(Wed)	Historical Documents
15	(Fri)	<u>"Sense on Census" - a talk by Joan Dils</u>
20	(Wed)	Demography
27	(Wed)	Maps
July 4	(Wed)	Natural History
11	(Wed)	Historical Documents
13	(Fri)	<u>A Parish Walkabout: starting at the church at 7.30</u>
18	(Wed)	Demography
25	(Wed)	Maps

## Project Group Leaders

Natural History - Marvin Clarke, tel Reading 414996

Demography - Tom Robinson tel Pangbourne 2269

Both meet at 8 Skerrit Way, Purley Beeches.

Maps - Cliff Debney, tel Reading 413223

Historical Documents - Jean Debney Reading 413223

Both meet at 8 Huckleberry Close, Purley Beeches

Heraldry - John Titterton, the leader, will contact those members of Project Purley who are interested in this project as meetings are arranged. If you would like to join, please ring John on Reading 21255.

## Annual General Meeting - Report

Project Purley held its Annual General Meeting on Friday 16th March 1984, at 44 Wintringham Way, Purley. There was an attendance of 20 members.

The Officers and Committee for 1984 are:-

Chairman - Jean Debney Rdg 413223  
Treasurer - Tom Robinson Pang 2269  
Secretary - Rita Titterton Rdg 21255  
Committee - Cliff Debney Rdg 413223  
John Titterton Rdg 21255  
Gladys Jamieson Rdg 412342  
Jenny Boler Rdg 412665  
John Chapman Rdg 26999

After the Project Group Reports Jean entertained us all with a lively talk on Purley C of E School and some of the antics of the school children who attended. There was also a general discussion time when -17-

topics included future publications, the cover design competition and Project Purley's role in the forthcoming Parish Fayre. An enjoying evening and many thanks to all concerned.

#### Are you interested in PHOTOGRAPHY?

Project Purley would like to set up an archive library of old and new photographs and copies of photographs relating to Purley. If you have any such photographs to donate or loan the society they are always welcome. It is hoped to form a photography group within Project Purley and if anyone is interested or has any equipment which could be used please ring Rita Titterton on Reading 21255.

#### Cover Design Competition

There were nine entries for the competition. A £5 book token was presented to the winner John Titterton; the runners up were Jackie Paynter and Ken Mercer. A good effort from all those who entered!

#### Help Needed!

Has anyone a few hours to spare to help transcribe the school log book and register in the Reading Record Office? Ring Jean Debney on Reading 413223.

#### Demography Group

The Demography Group now have a collection of tapes recording interviews with older residents of Purley. If anyone has access to an audio typing machine and would be willing to help transcribe these tapes please ring Tom Robinson on Pangbourne 2269.

#### Westbury Farm Visit

Twenty-three Purley Villagers and others arrived at Westbury Farm for an entertaining visit. We toured the vines, saw the pressing equipment and tasted six wines. Mr Theobald kept us all amused and informed with the help of two cats and a starling (complete with worm). The latter had obviously heard the talk before and was able to compete on equal terms.

Many people then helped Mr Theobald's financial cash flow by buying his wine in the farm shop. A reasonably successful trip all round!!

#### Purley Fantasy Fayre

A note for your diary Saturday 25th August 1984 - the Parish Fayre. Project Purley has been invited to contribute and we hope to mount an exhibition and raise some funds. Ideas needed for fund raising and volunteers to help on the day. Contact Rita Titterton on Rdg 21255.

#### John Sykes

It is with great sadness that we record the death of John Sykes. He was a keen member of Project Purley with a romantic view of history. He will be greatly missed not just by us but by Purley as a whole. Our sincere condolences to his wife, Isabel, and his family.

The next meeting will be at John's home as usual. Isabel says "John would be devastated if she put off anything because of him".

Thank You

Jenny Boler  
Reading 412665

