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Exciting News: New Manager Appointed for Purley Chase Centre

The Conference Council are delighted to announce that Amanda Phillips has been appointed as the new Manager of the Purley Chase Centre! Amanda officially started her employment with us on 26th May 2026. Amanda brings a wealth of enthusiasm and capability to the role, and we are thrilled to welcome her to our team. As Manager, Amanda will be overseeing the day-to-day operations, supporting our community, and helping to drive forward the vital mission and values of the Purley Chase Centre.

To ensure a seamless transition, Amanda will be shadowing Anne Gaffney, who is brilliantly covering the manager role until 31st August 2026. This dedicated period will allow Amanda to receive a comprehensive handover, an opportunity for which we are thoroughly appreciative.

Over the coming weeks, Amanda will be settling into her new role, working closely with Anne, and undergoing her initial induction and training. We know that taking on the management of the Centre is a big undertaking, so please join us in giving her a very warm New Church welcome and supporting her as she learns the ropes.

We are greatly excited for this next chapter at Purley Chase Centre under Amanda's leadership, and we extend our heartfelt thanks to Anne for her continued dedication during this handover period.



"I'm so happy to introduce myself as the new General Manager here at Purely Chase Centre — and I want to start by saying how much this role means to me.

For me, this place isn't just a centre — it's a space where people come together, feel welcome, and belong. Everything I've done in my career has been about looking after people: supporting teams to feel valued and proud of their work, and making sure every person who walks through our doors feels cared for, safe, and truly at home.

I know how much heart and hard work goes into making Purely Chase Centre what it is, and my first priority is simply to listen — to you, our wonderful team, and to everyone who visits us. I want to be here to support you, to help where I can, and to make sure we all feel part of something special.

My goal is for everyone here — staff, visitors, and partners alike — feels seen, supported, and happy. I'm here to nurture what we have, to grow together, and to make sure this centre continues to be a warm, kind, and wonderful place for all.

I'm really looking forward to getting to know each of you personally, hearing your thoughts and ideas, and walking this next chapter with you. Thank you for welcoming me I'm so grateful to be here"

The History Wall

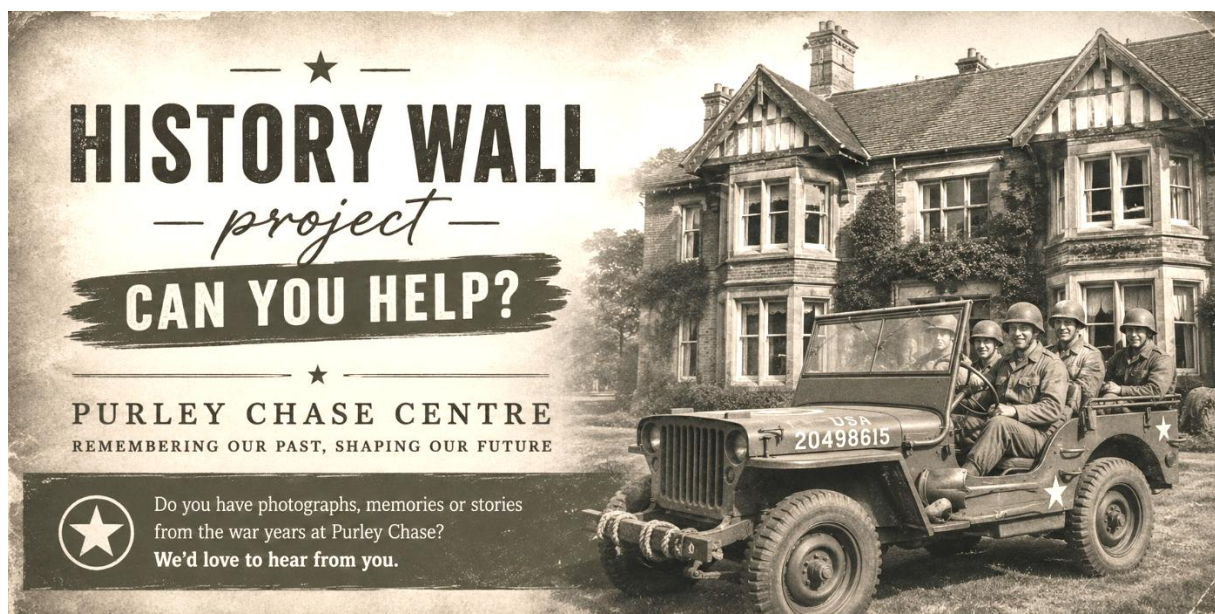
Richard Cawood writes:

As part of a new “History Wall” project planned for later this year, we’re beginning to gather stories, photographs, memories, and historical information connected to Purley Chase Centre - particularly from the wartime years.

We’re especially interested in old photographs, personal anecdotes, documents, or memories passed down through families or former visitors. We’ve already explored our own archives and have begun speaking with Warwickshire Council about historic records, but it’s quite possible that some of the most valuable pieces of history may still be held within our own Church community.

If you or someone you know has any memories, photographs, or information connected to Purley Chase, we’d be delighted to hear from you. Every contribution, no matter how small, could help bring the rich heritage of this special retreat centre to life in a fascinating and meaningful way.

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Summer Camps

Revd Lynne Griffiths writes:

As many of you know the Youth and Family team arrange and lead 2 summer camps for young people each year. This year is no different but we are currently heavily marketing the events with new high quality flyers being distributed to as many places as we feel may help us reach new interested parties. This includes distributing at youth events, inter church working opportunities, sharing with uniformed groups and local schools also. Many flyers were distributed during our recent family weekend and sent away both with participants but also sent with others to some of our churches. If you feel like you would like a flyer or several for either the 9-12 or 13-18 year old summer camps then please contact me and I will post out to you. We have more than an adequate supply so the more enquires I receive the better!



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Upcoming Events

6 th June	<u>SOLCe Open Day</u>
14 th June	<u>Zoom service of worship - Revd Helen Brown</u>
19 th June	<u>Meet The Minister</u>
28 th June	<u>Zoom service of worship - Revd Brian Talbot</u>
28 th July	<u>AGM Conference - Hayes</u>
2 nd August	<u>13-18 Summer Camp - Purley Chase</u>
4 th September	<u>Swedenborg Weekend - Purley Chase</u>
5 th October	<u>Autumn Fellowship - Purley Chase</u>
9 th October	<u>A Space Apart - Purley Chase</u>
30 th October	<u>November Family Weekend - Purley Chase</u>

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