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Welcome to the Autumn edition of our Bretherton newsletter. Summer is clearly over (but what a great summer it's been) and the days are shortening fast. I hope you've all had enjoyable holidays. There is much to look forward to in the coming months leading up to Christmas.

September saw the return of the ever popular film shows which will continue monthly until April 2019. October brings the excitement of Hallowe'en for our younger residents, followed by the Cricket Club's annual bonfire night celebration on 3rd November.

November 11<sup>th</sup> 2018, is a unique historical day when the nation commemorates the centenary of the end of the Great War. Bretherton will take part in the Nation's Tribute, WW1 Beacons of Light event with a personal and community tribute to those millions that gave their lives for their country or returned home wounded during or after the dreadful darkness of four years of war 1914-1918. We particularly remember the 12 young men from the village who were amongst the fallen. The morning service will be at 10am in St John the Baptist, followed by the walk to the war memorial for the service of remembrance and dedication. In the evening a torchlight procession will start from homes in and around the village from about 6.30pm to arrive at the memorial at 6.50pm where a searchlight will be lit at 7pm and beacons will blaze around the country and bells in 1000 churches will ring out in celebration of the end of WW1. This will be followed from 7.15pm by a gathering in the chapel room with a performance of 'Searching for Matthew' and a sing along of favourite wartime songs and tea, coffee and cake will be available.

I sincerely hope you will attend this community event.

Gwyneth Lloyd  
Chair

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### Future meetings of the Parish Council

The Parish Council usually meets on the first Monday of the month at Bretherton Endowed Primary School apart from the months of January and August.

**MONDAY 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018 8pm**

**MONDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018 8pm**

## Bretherton Endowed School

Over the summer holidays, our staff have been busy preparing for a change in classrooms which has resulted in our Class 1 ( Reception and Year 1) moving into a larger room, with a new purpose built outside area for learning. They were so excited to come in on their first day and have settled into using it already. We are so happy to welcome our new reception children and families into our Bretherton family. We all feel richer for having them join us. Many of our reception children attended our Toddler sessions on a Friday morning held in the school hall or our Pre School sessions held each Thursday afternoon in term time. This really does help the transition and our children start so confidently as a result. This coupled with their lovely and enthusiastic Year 5 buddies, always helps them to settle in.

This year, our whole school theme is 'Make A Difference'. We are encouraging our children to look at the ways that they can have a voice to make a difference to

- themselves and their opportunities,
- their school and our resources,
- their community with the Archbishop's young leadership challenge and
- their world.

In doing so, we are looking to reduce waste, recycle more and become more sustainable and by giving children an important voice, will be encouraging them to lead social change in our community. Our school staff will be delving deep into children's use of questioning and investigation skills to further enhance depth in our curriculum, coupled with rich and lively writing opportunities to foster creativity and imagination. Our teachers continue to share good practice with other schools and work with our High school colleagues, to further develop a mastery approach in mathematics.

We love involving ourselves in our community as we love inviting our community to come and share experiences with us, so we have created a whole year calendar of events which can be found on our website. Please do have a look so you can join us in our festivals, celebration and enjoyable PTFA events. If you feel you would like to come in and help in school, in any way, or if you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Alison Moxham  
Headteacher

## Bowling Club

All in all, members of the bowling club have experienced a good season. the weather has contributed to most enjoyable playing conditions that have benefitted players in their practise, competitions and league matches. as a result there have been several success stories.

Our Men's team achieved the ultimate accolade by winning the first division title in the Burscough League. The Ladies' team were runners up in the first division of the Chorley League and one of our two veterans teams achieved promotion to the second division by being runners in the Leyland League. In addition, our juniors showed much improvement this season and have enjoyed winning some very competitive matches.

Kath Watkinson achieved the League merit award for having the best personal success in the Ladies League, whilst three other players were either second or third in their respective placings. Many of our other players showed considerable improvement throughout the season, especially novices or those relatively new to the game, all of which leaves our club in a healthy position.

As usual, our green-keeper has done sterling work. The green was much improved in the spring due to his diligent care. Despite the drought, he managed to keep it in good order for all the matches and competitions, so much so that once again entries for our Annual Bowling Festival were promptly filled by the best players throughout the district.

Finally, thanks must go to our enthusiastic president, our players, members, supporters, Bretherton parish council and especially all those who supply excellent sandwiches and cake for all occasions.

### REMEMBRANCE DAY

11<sup>th</sup> November 2018

**MORNING SERVICE 10am at ST JOHN'S followed by service at the War memorial**

**TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION – starting at 6.30 followed by the searchlight switch on at the Memorial and 7.15 gathering in the Congregational Chapel room**

## Cricket Club

As another season draws to a close, it brings to an end Bretherton Cricket Club's long stay in the Southport and District Amateur Cricket league. The club, as things stand, will begin the 2019 season in division 6 of the Palace Shield. The decision to grant the team a place in the new league being made upon the back of much hard work on the ground by many of the players, and people of the village, notably, Brian Anderton.

Onto the cricket and it has been a respectable if unspectacular season for the Bretherton lads. A typically slow start, led to an impressive win against top of the table, Birkenhead St Mary's. This was followed up by four more consecutive victories, including a mauling of Winstanley Park. As is always the case, injuries, suspensions (tut tut Shaun), and holidays meant that games that would normally result in victory, turned into defeats, or were conceded. Results started to pick up later on in the season, with the highlight being a victory over local rivals, Churchtown. Highlights of the season include, Jack Wright carrying his bat, without hitting a boundary at Prescott & Odyssey (batted Boycott), the bowling display against Winstanley Park in the home game, and big Gary Naylor and his even bigger knock (easy now), getting a hundred when under the cosh, against Churchtown.

Though John Hart's 'Gammy Hammy' has stopped him from participating on the pitch, it hasn't stopped him from doing his bit off the pitch. A new gate donated and put into place by the big man, has got the entrance to the ground looking absolutely magnificent. Why don't you admire John's efforts at this year's bonfire? Which, this year, will be held on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. As always, it is financially massive for the club for this to be well supported, so make sure you get yourself down. Hot Food, warm drinks and beverages will be available. The last few years have seen a fantastic show, and there will be more of the same this time around. The committee meet again in September to discuss a plan for ground works over the winter period – especially removing and replacing the boundary fence on the pavilion side of the ground along with major 'ditch works'.

On the subject of money, the club has once again been well supported through donations and sponsorships. Many thanks go out to Jimmy and Joan Bullen, Bamfords Top Flight, and Michael Hart Lighting. Thanks also go to our Match Day Sponsors this season which have seen Town and Country Financial Services (Neil Berry) and Glenroyde Nurseries (Mick Haworth) sponsor some home matches.

The end of season event will once again be held at the Institute in Bretherton. Date to be confirmed. It has been well attended over the last couple of years. Awards will be handed out. Will Trigger retain his 'Play of the Year' award, not to be confused with the 'Player of the Year' award, which hasn't left the Ashton household for a good few years. Hope to see as many of you there as possible.

Look out for more information regarding the up and coming events of the clubs Facebook page and posters around the local area.

David Whillis

### Clean Up Days

Thank-you to everyone who has helped in keeping our village tidy this year. The village clean up days will resume in the spring. During the winter months if you are out for a walk or exercising your dog please take a rubbish bag with you and keep up the good work!

### Dog Fouling

Please take responsibility for your dogs when walking them through the village. It is an offence to allow your dog to foul the highways. Dog faeces can carry parasitic toxocarasis which can lead to blindness in humans. Remember to 'scoop the poop' and dispose of it safely!! Please note, dogs are not permitted in the children's playground or on the field of the recreation ground. If you are caught out without a bag remember that the children have made the lovely bag dispensers which are in to be found strategically placed.

### Fun Day Thanks

Thank-you to everyone who supported Fun Day this year. We were greatly helped by the excellent weather and the assistance given by various members of the community. If this is to become a regular date in the calendar we need to have even more help from members of the village. A meeting will be arranged early in the New Year to discuss the feasibility of another such day in 2019. Proceeds from the Fun Day were just over £700 and this money will be used to support village amenities such as the defibrillator and other items that need regular maintenance.

### Best Kept Village

At the time of going to print we do not know the outcome of the BKV competition. We did go through to the second round of judging this year which was very encouraging. The results will be announced in mid October. A full report will be posted in the notice boards and in the next newsletter.

## Key dates

W.I. AGM & Jacobs Join	Thur 11 <sup>th</sup> October
Film Society	Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> October
Cricket Club Bonfire	Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> November
Parish Council	Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> November
W.I. 'Victorian Christmas'	Thur 8 <sup>th</sup> November
Remembrance Day	Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> November
Film Society	Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> November
Parish Council	Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> December
Film Society	Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> December
W.I. Party	Thur 13 <sup>th</sup> December

## W.I.

THANK YOU FROM THE W.I. to everyone in Bretherton who supported us with our second fund raising venture. Our Race Night on 15<sup>th</sup> September raised £2000 for our chosen charities, Blood Bikes North West and Derian House Children's Hospice. A fantastic total, AND we had a great night and a lot of fun doing it. WE also had wonderful support from local businesses. Everybody enjoyed lasagne supper from Bretherton Bakery, cheese from Paul's Farm, and locally grown salads and chutneys made by W.I. members. We were also delighted to receive sponsorship and raffle prizes from The Blue Anchor, Glenroyde Garden Nursery, AAA road recovery, Northern Shires, The Old Bakery, The Corn Mill Antique Shop, D & C Autos, Utilise TDS, Drive Card UK, Painting for Pleasure, Bamford's Top Flight, Goodyear Furniture, Booths, Cuckoo Distillery, The Jockey Club, as well as several individual residents.

If you would like to find out about Bretherton W.I. we meet in the Congregational Church Hall on South Road on the second Thursday of each month at 7.30 pm. We have 58 members across all age ranges, and normally enjoy some social time together as well as a varied programme of speakers. We also have smaller groups who meet to walk, eat, craft or go on outings – these have recently included two theatre trips, a gin tasting and several craft projects. Call Jane on 601495 for more information, or just come along.

Jane Elphick  
President

## Open Gardens

The Open gardens started the year off well with three very well attended days but sadly finished in August with very poor weather and only 31 visitors. This was reflected in the total figure raised this year which was £4872 for the NGS charities. Last year we raised £8250. What a difference a day makes! Thanks to everyone who helped and to the Congregational Church and W.I. for providing refreshments and to all members of the village for their understanding and tolerance.

Kris and John Jolley Hazel Cottage, John and Gwenifer Jackson – Pear Tree Cottage, Richard and Barbara Farbon – Owl Barn, Sue and Terry Riding – Glynwood House.

## Film Club

The Bretherton Film Society kicked off it's 2018 Autumn Season on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September with the very enjoyable **FINDING YOUR FEET** with an excellent attendance. The remaining films in the programme leading up to Christmas are:

**Friday 19th October:**

**THE LITERARY & POTATO PEEL PIE SOCIETY**

(124 minutes, Cert TV-14)

**Starring: Jessica Brown Findlay, Tom Courtenay & Michiel Huisman**

In the aftermath of World War II, a writer forms an unexpected bond with the residents of Guernsey Island when she decides to write a book about their experiences during the war.

**Friday 16th November:**

**THE SHAPE OF WATER**

(123 minutes, Cert R)

**Starring: Sally Hawkins, Octavia Spencer & Michael Shannon**

At a top secret research facility in the 1960s, a lonely janitor forms a unique relationship with an amphibious creature that is being held in captivity.

**Friday 7th December:**

**MAMA MIA HERE WE GO AGAIN**

(114 minutes, Cert PG-13)

**Starring: Lily James, Amanda Seyfried, Meryl Streep & Cher**

Five years after the events of Mamma Mia! (2008), Sophie prepares for the grand reopening of the Hotel Bella Donna as she learns more about her mother's past.

**All films will commence at 7.30 pm (doors open 7.00 pm) at Bretherton Endowed School. Refreshments available (including wine).**

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