

# Bretherton Parish Council

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Welcome to our Spring newsletter.

I know so far we have been a little fed up of the wet weather but buds are now on the hedgerows, Spring Flowers are out in abundance especially the daffodils the Parish council and volunteers have planted around the village. The clocks have gone forward giving us all extra day light hours to get out and about and do more activities to blow the cobwebs of winter away!

I would like to thank everyone who responded to War Memorial illustration options. We had an overwhelming response together with pledges and donations to help towards the cost of works which need to be carried out. A total of 192 votes were received:

- 151 for option 1, the wall,
- 36 for option 2, wall and railings, and
- 3 for option 3, all railings and
- 3 other suggestions being, do nothing or hedge.

At the Parish Council meeting we voted to accept the wishes of the village and go with building a stone wall around the exiting monument and flagging the area to minimise maintenance in the future.

The Institute is organising an evening with Gary Connor and the WI are having a Murder Mystery evening to raise funds for our War Memorial refurbishment, so please join in and help support these events.

We have started our clean up days again which also helps towards our entry in the Best Kept Village competition. The big clean-up day is on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May where we will have a large skip provided by Chorley Borough Council Environment Department. So, if you are free please come along and help. You can of course bring items to go in the skip. More details can be found in our newsletter.

We live in a great village so please help us keep it tidy and support all our businesses, clubs, school and churches; it is what makes Bretherton special.

Last but not least to all our younger members watch out for the Easter bunny he will be hopping your way soon. Be good for you parents and enjoy yourselves !!

Karen Wait your Chair



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#### Future meetings of the Parish Council

Please note the Council does not meet in January  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017  
Annual Parish Meeting and May meeting Monday 8<sup>th</sup>  
May 2017

The Annual Parish meeting starts at 7:30pm followed  
by the AGM at 8pm

All meetings are open and are held at Bretherton  
Endowed C of E Primary School at 8pm

No Meetings August and January

#### Future Newsletters

If you are responsible for a village event or organisation please send me your details so that I can contact you for a short article in a future newsletter. We would also like to recruit more people to help with delivering the newsletter.

Call Barbara Farbon on 01772 600750.

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## Spring birds in Bretherton

The mild winter will have been ideal for most birds. In January waxwings visited a garden near South Road. Is this a first for Bretherton? I've never seen them here before. There have been large numbers of geese especially in early winter. The buzzards also seem to be thriving. Doing less well are lapwings and shelduck, I've not seen any of either species. If you have any comments or observations you would like to share please contact me. John Jolley South View 600896

## War Memorial

After we had initially removed the overgrown privet hedge from around the Memorial, the space opened up very well and this important Monument was left standing proud for all to see.

The Parish Council met on February 6<sup>th</sup> and it was agreed that three proposals would be circulated in the village and residents asked for their preferred option or any other ideas or views to be returned to the Councillors. Following a fantastic response from the villagers there was an overwhelming support for option one the stone wall.

At the Parish Council meeting of March 6<sup>th</sup> the Parish Council voted to accept the democratic wishes of the respondents from the village and proceed with the building of a stone wall to the perimeter and re flagging the base area between the Monument and the stone wall. We have taken into consideration the requests for a planted area and the provision of some seating allowing visitors to contemplate our Memorial and reflect on the brave men who paid the ultimate price by laying down their lives for us, the future generations.

The plans for both the below ground foundations and the visible works above ground are being finalised with some urgency. The working group are in discussions with Chorley Borough's Senior Planning and Conservation Officer.

Following the removal of the overgrowing trees and shrubs after receiving the appropriate planning approvals, we are very keen to get the works underway and completed in the earliest possible time.

Our grateful thanks go to so many villagers together with Lord Lilford and GA Foods for their tremendous pledges of support both physical and financial, underlining the fact that this War Memorial is a very important part of our village heritage. The works being undertaken and most of the materials are being generously donated by skilled craftspeople in the village. We are also grateful to Jim Bullen who has made a fund raising 'thermometer' so that you can see how the appeal is progressing. The gifts of money received will be utilised to cover the cost of the proposed work, to pay for materials and to finish off the renovation project.

In order to bring the Monument as close to its original condition as possible, we still need more funds and a number of village groups are organising fund raising events for this project which the working group and the Parish Councillors hope you will be able to support.

Charles Wait (Chair, War Memorial Working Group)

## Phone boxes

You may be aware that there are two telephone boxes in the village, one outside the Blue Anchor which no longer houses a phone and the other at the end of Pompian Brow which does. A few years ago the box outside the Blue Anchor was decommissioned and adopted by the Parish Council. It has since been used as a book exchange. We are indebted to Peter and Alwyn Yates who have made shelves for this box and generally smartened it. Why not take a look next time you are passing?

The phone box on Pompian Brow has been threatened with closure but we are hoping that a good enough case has been made to save it as some people in the village do not have a telephone and rely on it greatly. If the appeal is unsuccessful then the Parish Council will move to adopt this one too.

As soon as there is a definite decision we will ensure that everyone is informed. While we await the decision, the books have been removed from the box in Pompian Brow as BT objected to them being in a working telephone box. Most of them have been placed in the adopted box and the surplus are in storage.

## Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting precedes the May meeting of the Parish Council and is an opportunity for people in the village to raise whatever issues they wish. It is a Parish meeting for everyone to attend. Please make this your meeting. If you have not been to one of these before, please think about making this year the first. You may then stay on for the monthly meeting if you wish.

**MONDAY 8<sup>th</sup> MAY at 7:30pm**  
**BRETHERTON ENDOWED C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL**

## Iron Man UK

This year, the **IRONMANUK** race will take place on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July. It affects Whittle le Woods, Buckshaw Village, Leyland, Clayton le Woods and Euxton so Bretherton is not directly affected but we may experience the repercussions of diversions elsewhere. We think that this may be noticed by residents on North Road. If you want to know more visit [www.ironman.com/uk](http://www.ironman.com/uk).

## Tidy Village Group

Set up originally as a working group by the Parish Council, this group is looking into ways in which the village can be improved and kept tidy and looking well kept.

Since the first meeting in January, we have set about identifying areas where work is needed.

We have agreed to continue with the monthly village clean up days between March and September and in March had two days to suit all the volunteers. The April clean up will be on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April and there will then be a village skip day on Saturday May 20<sup>th</sup>.

Work has been done by some of our volunteers on the pavements where hedge debris and leaves were encroaching and narrowing the width, making them unsafe. These include various parts of South Road, outside the Apiary and almost to Iron Barn, opposite Bamfords Fold and from Owl Barn to the Cricket Club. Villagers will have noticed the improved pavement width in these areas as a result of the work that has been done. A few other areas have been earmarked for similar treatment. Two of our group have been helping the school to get ready for their planting later in the spring. If you are able to help in this work, please do join us.

Last year we achieved sixth place in the small village category of the Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition and the Blue Anchor received a highly commended for its planting and general appearance.

We hope to do better this year but we need your support.

- Can you put a hanging basket or planter outside your property? This would enhance your property as well as the village.
- Can you sponsor a planter in the village? We are not entering the Britain in Bloom Competition but some additional public planting would definitely improve our chances in the Best Kept Village Competition.
- Can you look at the pavement outside your property and ensure that fallen leaves, loose grit and blown debris are not encroaching onto the pavement and that moss is removed so that pedestrians do not slip. If you need help with this please let us know.
- If you are a dog walker can you please ensure that pathways and bridleways are not littered with dog faeces by taking a bag with you so that you can clean up after your dog and take it home for disposal.
- If you have a hedge please keep it well trimmed but be aware of the restrictions on hedge cutting during the bird nesting season. (Hedges should not be cut from the beginning of May to the end of August).

Please come along on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April to help with the litter pick. We have high visibility vests, gloves, bin bags and tools that can be used to help. We will meet outside the Bowling cabin at 9:30. Refreshments will be provided for volunteers. We usually finish around 11.30.

If you would like to volunteer to help with this please contact Barbara Farbon on 600750.

**A Bretherton W.I. fundraiser  
... 'Murder Mid Atlantic'...  
a murder mystery evening**

## Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2017 Bretherton Endowed School

Doors open 7pm

**Tickets (including supper) £15  
(supper to be served at 7:30)**

**Bring Your Own liquid refreshment and glasses**

**This is a village event – bring friends – all welcome!**

**All profits to be given to the Bretherton War Memorial Refurbishment Fund.**

**For information see WI members or  
e mail [admin@brethertonwi.co.uk](mailto:admin@brethertonwi.co.uk)**

**There will be a raffle – donations of raffle prizes will be gratefully received**

## Film Society

**The last film of the season  
A UNITED KINGDOM  
will be on Friday April 21<sup>st</sup>**

In 1947, Seretse Khama, the grandson of **Khama III** the Good, King of Botswana, met Ruth Williams, a London office worker. They were a perfect match, yet their proposed marriage was challenged not only by their families but by the British and South African governments. The latter had recently introduced the policy of apartheid and found the notion of a biracial couple ruling a neighbouring country intolerable. South Africa threatened the British: either thwart the couple or be denied access to South African uranium and gold and face the risk of South Africa invading Botswana.

If you would like to be included on the email contact list, please contact [brethertonfns@btinternet.com](mailto:brethertonfns@btinternet.com) or phone John or Maggie on 601455 or Gwyneth on 600705.

**All films will commence at 7.30 pm. The doors at Bretherton Endowed School open at 7.00 pm when refreshments, including wine, will be available. We very much look forward to seeing you then.**



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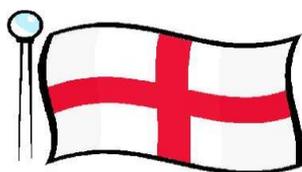
## Parish Institute

Subscriptions will soon be due for 2017. Please call in at the institute after their AGM. The subs always represent excellent value for money.

### Bretherton Parish Institute St George's Day Gig with Gary

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April @ 7.30 pm**  
**Hot supper included**  
**Tickets: £10 each**  
**available from the bar staff**  
**or by contacting**

**Jim 600920 or**  
**George 600705**



**Proceeds to Bretherton  
War Memorial fund**



## Key dates

WI	Thur April 13 <sup>th</sup> 7.30pm
Film Club	Fri April 21 <sup>st</sup> 7.30pm
St George's day Gig with Gary	Sat April 22 <sup>nd</sup> 7.30pm
Village Clean up	Sat April 29 <sup>th</sup> 9.30am
WI	Thur May 8 <sup>th</sup> 7.30pm
Village Clean up and Skip Day	Sat May 20 <sup>th</sup> 9.30am
Murder Mystery Evening	Sat May 20 <sup>th</sup> 7.00 for 7.30pm
Open Gardens (NGS Gala Weekend)	Sun 28 <sup>th</sup> & Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> May
BKV judging starts	Sat Jun 3rd
Open Gardens	Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> July
Open Gardens	Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> August

## Cricket Club.

If you would like to get involved in 2017 contact John, Adam or Mick.

John Blanchard (07748 356245), Adam Fletcher (07879 494087) or Mick Haworth (07962252433).

## Bowling

If you would like to get involved in 2017 contact Bob Coupe on 01772 600045 or George Lloyd on 01772 600705. There are 8 teams who play in the Chorley, Leyland and Burscough leagues. The first game of the season is on Monday 3rd April at home to Farington Conservatives at 7pm.

## Boules

Bretherton Buzzards Boules team play on Tuesday evenings and the contact person is Clare Hughes on 07849 664515 and the first match of the season is on Tuesday 11th April at home v Red Lion A

## W.I.

If you would like to join us contact Jane Elphick 01772 601495 or any of our 55 members. We meet on the second Thursday of the month, usually in the Congregational School Room starting at 7.30. Anyone from age 18 can join us. Look at our website or facebook page.

[www.brethertonwi.co.uk](http://www.brethertonwi.co.uk)

## Open Gardens

Four gardens will be taking part in the scheme in 2017, Hazel Cottage, Glynwood House, Pear Tree Cottage and Owl Barn.

This year marks the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the National Gardens Scheme and there is a Gala Weekend over the bank holiday weekend in May. The Bretherton Gardens will be open on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> and Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May to mark this occasion.

We will then open on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July and Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August. We apologise for any confusion caused by the misprinted date in the last newsletter.

## Dogs

### DOG FOULING

Please also 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.