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Welcome to the Autumn edition of the Bretherton Parish Council newsletter. You will see that we have enclosed with this newsletter a copy of a Transport Questionnaire, and we would be very grateful if as many of you as possible would complete it and return the form to any member of the Parish Council as soon as possible. We all know that filling in forms and answering questions is a nuisance, but as we are trying to put together a Neighbourhood Plan in order to protect the village, control development and improve amenity, your answers to our questionnaire become very important. It is your opportunity to express a view. Thank you for your support.

Wayne Jackson
Chairman

Return to any of the addresses below:

- Moss Farm Cottage, South Road.
- Owl Barn, Flag Lane.
- Brook House Barn, North Road.
- 45, South Road.
- Over Hall Farm, Flag Lane.
- Boundary Farm, Doles Lane.

Future meetings of the Parish Council

Monday 2nd November 2015
Monday 7th December 2015
Monday 4th January 2016

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

Remembrance

This year's United Service of Remembrance will be held in the Congregational Church on Sunday 8th November at 10.15am followed by a short service at the village cenotaph at 11am.

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.

If you are a local business person and would like to sponsor the village newsletter for a year or part of a year I would be very interested to speak with you!

Call Barbara Farbon on 01772 600750.

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www.bretherton.org.uk

Women of Bretherton

We held our first meeting on September 10th, and had a fantastic response - about fifty women attended, and there was a great atmosphere as we all found out more about the W.I. nationally, and how to set up our local branch. It seems that this idea has struck a chord with the women of Bretherton!

As a result, we now have a good number of women already signed up as members, and have elected our officers and committee. The committee has since met, and we have set up the following programme for the rest of the year:

October 15th:

"Quick canapes" demonstration by Alan Hearne

November 12th:

"Flowers and arrangements for Christmas" by Jacky Iddon

December 10th:

Christmas social event

Refreshments will be provided at each event, along with a chance to win the raffle and to socialise.

Meetings are held at the Congregational Hall, South Road, Bretherton, starting at 7.30 p.m.

We are very grateful for the support of our local friends, and members of the Congregational Church in setting up this new venture.

We are also very keen to hear the views of our members about how you would like to develop Bretherton W.I. Every branch has a different style, and we want to ensure we cover as many areas of interest as possible in our programme next year.

Women of all ages are most welcome to come along and join us at one of the above meetings, to find out more.

Several members have joined because they are new to the village or want to meet more people, so if you are in this position too don't be shy - you will not be alone and will be made very welcome.

Jane Elphick

Bretherton W.I. President.

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Bretherton bowling club

The Bowling Club is responsible for the maintenance of the green, its buildings and surroundings. It responsibly acts as steward of the Parish Council's assets. To this end and with the support of Sport England and various generous sponsors, a new pavilion was recently erected. As part of our development programme, a new veranda is shortly to be fitted to the pavilion and plans are in place to improve further existing access as well as disabled access to the green.

It is an inclusive club. All villagers and schoolchildren are encouraged to use the Club's facilities free of charge, although appropriate soft and flat soled shoes must be worn when playing. Similarly people from surrounding areas are welcome. There are no restrictions in terms of age, gender, race or ability. As one of the few facilities available to all residents, the club adds real value to the village. The committee and its members are committed to these principles. Many members and individuals make significant financial contributions towards the development of the club. Others make voluntary contributions in terms of time and effort to support and develop this village amenity.

Each week seven teams compete in local leagues with varying success. At the end of the current season we are pleased to report that two teams won their divisions whilst two others finished third in their respective leagues. On occasions the club has been pleased to host open tournaments, provide facilities for inter-town matches and supported visiting groups for friendly matches.

Some members have taken coaching courses, at their own expense, and have encouraged local children to learn and play the game. Two of these youngsters have represented their county at their appropriate age level. Other members have also represented the county at senior level. In the summer the bowling green facilities were enjoyed by thirty three of our local school children. In addition a Preston scout troop requested and enjoyed the use of our excellent facilities.

Currently the green is closed for the winter season and for repairs. However, in the new season we welcome you all to join us in the relaxing atmosphere of an evening bowls match, and for those more energetic, we would be pleased wish to share with them the friendly banter exchanged on the green. Do come along and see.

Robert Coupe

Bretherton Film Society

Friday 16th October 2015:

SELMA - starring David Oyelowo, Carmen Ejogo, Tim Roth. Cert 12A. (128 min). A chronicle of Martin Luther King's campaign to secure equal voting rights via an epic march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama in 1965.

Friday 13th November 2015:

STILL ALICE - starring Julianne Moore, Alec Baldwin, Kristen Stewart. Cert 12A. (101 minutes). A linguistics professor and her family find their bonds tested when she is diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease.

Friday 4th December 2015:

THE SECOND BEST MARIGOLD HOTEL - starring Judi Dench, Maggie Smith, Bill Nighy & Richard Gere. Cert PG. (122 mins). As the Best Exotic Marigold Hotel has only a single remaining vacancy - posing a rooming predicament for two fresh arrivals - Sonny pursues his expansionist dream of opening a second hotel.

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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Bretherton Parish Institute

The Institute is situated on the recreation ground and is open Monday to Saturday inclusive from 7.30pm to 10.30 pm. There is a licensed bar and there are two full sized snooker tables used by six teams competing in the Southport and District, and Asland Leagues.

Social membership is £6 per year and for those wishing to use the snooker tables there is an additional £6 charge. New members are always welcome.

We also host a thriving Boules team which plays on a Tuesday evening from April to September.

On the second Saturday of each month a domino drive or bingo night is held from 8 pm, other social evenings are held several times during the year, and the club facilities can be hired for private parties such as christenings, birthday parties or charity events.

For further information please contact Jim 0795 729 3482

Boules

After a rather cold season this year the Buzzards retain their trophy for another year-almost managed to give this away – for being bottom of the league. This will be on display as ever in the institute after 9th October 2015. Congratulations to Les and the Barbarians team from the Black Horse at Croston for being top of the league for the second time since we joined the league. The Thwaites Team trophy was eventually won by the Twinning team from the Crown who beat the Bees from the Rose and Crown at Ulnes Walton.

Everyone who played for the Buzzards this year seems to have enjoyed their Tuesday evenings, made new friends and drunk plenty of wine and will hopefully be looking forward to our next season in 2016.

Our final event of this year is our Presentation evening when prizes are presented, there is a quiz to participate in and we are treated to a fish and chip supper.

Roll on next season – first competition around 3rd January 2016.

Clare Hughes.

Birds

Despite the mediocre summer weather most of the birds seem to have had a good breeding season.

The swallows in our garage produced two broods of five which hopefully are now on their way to Africa.

A nuthatch has been seen feeding in a neighbour's garden and we've heard it several times.

We saw and heard the first of the arriving geese this week.

The kingfisher has been seen several times near Bank Hall.

If you have any comments or observations you would like to share please contact me.

John Jolley South View 600896

Bank Hall

OCTOBER 18

October Volunteers Day 2015
Bank Hall, Bretherton in Bretherton

OCTOBER 25

Haunted Autumn
Bank Hall, Bretherton in Bretherton

NOVEMBER 29

National Tree Week Open Day & Christmas Craft Event

Website: www.bankhall.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/bankhall

email enquiries or information to:

secretary.fbh@hotmail.co.uk

Your questions answered 'How can I book to use the Bowling Green'

A request was received from a resident about bowling on the bowling green.

The bowling pavilion is available for use by non members. Access can be gained by contacting members of the Bowling Committee who have the code for the door. The contact details for the Bowling Committee are posted on the window of the pavilion. There are plenty of opportunities for residents to turn up unannounced particularly at weekends, and during the day **except for Tuesday afternoons** when the **Veterans teams play. The other teams play on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings on alternate weeks.** The pavilion is also used on alternate Tuesday evenings by the Boules team.

Open Gardens

2015 has been another successful season for the National Gardens Scheme in Bretherton. A grand total of £7081 was raised, with 80% going to the Scheme's beneficiaries, and 20% direct to St Catherine's Hospice in Lostock Hall. Teas at the Congregational Schoolroom have been the usual draw (we hear that some visitors bypass the gardens and just come for tea), and have raised a further £1405 for the Church. Our thanks to all visitors and helpers, and to all patient and understanding neighbours throughout the village. Dates for next year will be announced in Spring.

Kris Jolley

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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!!

School News

We have all settled back into school life really well. We live our lives through our Christian values: Friendship, Hope, Humility, Compassion, Courage, Truthfulness, Thankfulness and Respect. We have had some stunning banners made, using our children's ideas. These link each of our Christian Values with scripture.

The school continues to go from strength to strength. Our results this year were once again excellent and consistent with the outstanding data from previous years. This was as a result of the wonderful staff, our hardworking children and their extremely supportive parents. However, we pride ourselves on developing the whole child, socially as well as academically, and genuinely love the fact that when our children leave us they are ready for the next chapter in their education. Thanks to www.schoolguide.co.uk, who are a national company, for awarding our school the highest accolade of five stars as a result of official performance data published by the Department for Education and Ofsted. What a lovely start to the new school year!

I am delighted that our new Crossing Patrol is up and running. Mrs Hudson will be there at the start and end of every school day to guide the children safely across the road. We have a school tortoise! The excitement generated from the children has been a joy to witness.

Our Y5/6 children have already been on their annual residential to Robinwood Dobroyd Castle in Todmorden. They all had a brilliant time, being away with their friends and taking part in many adventurous activities, gaining memories which I know will last for a lifetime. They were excellent ambassadors for our school and their attitude and behaviour impressed everyone.

Our Mission Statement at school is very important to us: Learning together, growing together, achieving together, and caring together within our Christian family. Please visit our website if you would like to know more about our school – it is constantly updated with news. The website is www.brethertonschool.org.uk

Nick Ward Headteacher

In the garden

Autumn is here and it is not the end of the gardening year! It is a very productive and interesting season. Here are the main features and tasks that you can get stuck into -

Colour and Flowers - Enjoy asters, Japanese anemones, heleniums and the stunning colour of trees and shrubs such as acers, cotinus, liquid amber and euonymus alatus.

Take stock - on a pleasant autumnal day, do a little garden planning.

Planting, lifting, and dividing - The soil is still warm so is ideal for planting shrubs, trees and perennials. Also it is the ideal time to divide herbaceous perennials and move shrubs.

Tidy up all the old summer bedding and plant freak autumn and winter bedding and seasonal containers.

Include some shrubs with berries such as gaultherra or skimmia for long interest.

Fruit - gather in the harvest of apples, damsons and autumn raspberries. Make jams and preserves.

Bulb planting - Now is the time for planting spring bulbs. Here are a few tips -

Buy bulbs as soon as they are available for best choice and quality. Choose large firm plump specimens from a reputable supplier and plant without delay Spring flowering bulbs are planted during autumn but can even be planted when winter frosts appear provided it is easy to cultivate the soil. Tulips should be planted later than other bulbs – late October to November. This protects them against “tulip fire” – a virus that attacks in early autumn. As a rule planting depth is twice as deep as the height of the bulb, shallow planting gives disappointing results. Larger bulbs can be planted as close as 12cm apart. You can plant even closer to create a bold mass of colour.

Aftercare – water the soil well after planting. If in an area with severe frosts, protect by spreading straw, dead leaves or compost on the soil above them. Foliage should be allowed to die back naturally as this feeds the bulbs for next year. If you wish to remove foliage leave for a minimum of six weeks after flowering has finished. Alternatively, lift the bulbs when the leaves have turned yellow but have not died down completely. Store in a dry place and replant in the autumn. If bulbs are to remain part of a permanent planting scheme, plant deeply so that they are not disturbed by later planting. Use bulbs creatively by planting in containers, individually or layering combined with shrubs and other plants.

Marguerite