



Dear Resident

Thankfully Spring seems to have arrived early and the days are lengthening encouraging us all to be outdoors, active and sociable.

There are many opportunities for Bretherton people to engage in recreational and social activities within the village or close by. It is refreshing to know that people are active in the community with new ventures including a Bretherton Boules team playing on Tuesday evenings on the pitch on the Recreation Ground and a new Young Veteran's Bowling team. Bretherton Cricket Club, the Bowling Club and the Institute Snooker teams are always eager for new membership too. VIP's Hotpot lunches are becoming extremely popular and new dates have been added due to demand on March 16<sup>th</sup> at St Andrew's Church Hall, Longton and March 30<sup>th</sup> at Croston Community Centre Castle Walks.

I have spoken to several people around the village about celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the consensus seems to be that they would like to have a Village Party. It is suggested that it should be based on the Recreation Ground on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June. The churches, school and council as well as other organisations are keen to be involved. Can I please ask for representatives of all organisations to contact me so that we can organise a group meeting to coordinate activities?

Bretherton has been entered for the third year in the very challenging champion village class of the Best Kept Village competition. Last year's judges' comments were complimentary and encouraging.

Sincere congratulations go to the Bank Hall Action Group for achieving Lottery Funding to finally secure one of our local heritage treasures.

Gwyneth Lloyd

Chairman

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The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday 2nd April, 2012 at 8pm at Bretherton Endowed C of E Primary School.

**The Parish Council are very grateful to Chris Naylor of All Colour Printers, Leyland for very kindly producing this Newsletter free of charge.**

**Message from The Carol Singers**

As many of you will be aware on Wednesday 21 December 2 carol singing groups called on many houses within the village. In total we raised £320.00 and as one of our group has very kindly arranged fund matching via her employer. The total amount of £640 will be donated to the Derian House Appeal. We are extremely grateful for the support of all those who kindly listened and donated and as we would like to continue this tradition next December we would be more than happy to receive suggestions as to where the funds could be donated to in 2012. Thanks once again to the residents of Bretherton for your support and kindness. The Carol Singers



## Bretherton Primary School-news from the Headteacher-Nick Ward



We live our lives through our Christian values: Friendship, Hope, Humility, Compassion, Courage, Truthfulness, Thankfulness and Respect.

We were given a Church School Distinctiveness Award from the Diocese of Blackburn Board of Education for 'Best Practice in Collective Worship'. The award means a lot to us at school and celebrates the positive collective worship that takes place in school everyday and not just in dedicated worship time. We were presented with the award at Blackburn Cathedral and our children were invited to lead the prayers, which was a huge honour.

Following an assessment by our School Improvement Partner we have been given the Quality Mark award which supports and celebrates continuous improvement.

Our school has successfully been accepted as a member of London 2012's UK-wide reward and recognition scheme, the *Get Set* network. *Get Set* is the official London 2012 education programme, and through this our pupils have been learning and will be learning about the Games and the Olympic and Paralympic Values. Over the coming months, we will be getting ready for London 2012 by linking more work to the Games and ensuring that our pupils feel that they are a part of this once-in-a-lifetime event. We raised a staggering £290.60 for Children in Need and I am sure it will be of great use to the charity.

It was lovely to receive a report from the Parish Council, highlighting how well maintained our school is.

Well done to Class 3 who came 5<sup>th</sup> out of 54 schools who visited the Waste Recovery Factory last half-term in their competition to have a zero-waste lunch.

In February we had a 'Green Day' in school, we all wore 'green' and we thought about our environment..

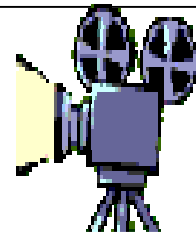
Y4, 5 and 6 children have been learning all about our legal system from Chorley magistrates. Our Y6

children won their 'Sportshall Athletics' tournament and are through to the finals and our Y4 children did incredibly well too. The netball team has also made a fantastic start to their season - a great start to the sporting year of 2012!

Our building work is now complete. We had our '**Grand Opening**' on **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 2:30pm**, with the new build being officially opened by our very own Tommy Wilson, Chair of Governors. Our new group room has been named 'The Wilson Suite' in recognition of all Tommy does for school.

We continue to live by our Mission Statement at school: Learning together, growing together, achieving together, caring together within our Christian family. Please visit our website [www.bretherton.lancs.sch.uk](http://www.bretherton.lancs.sch.uk).

## Bretherton Film Society



We are delighted to report that Bretherton Film Society continues to be popular with people local to the village and those from the surrounding villages: Longton, Tarleton, Croston and Chorley. The 2011 / 12 season has seen average audiences of 41, which is just what we need to cover the costs of insurance film rental and school hall hire. We do not seek to make a profit. However we are trying to update the equipment we use which is why we are very grateful for two grants received this season from the Layfield Trust and Villages in Partnership. The former will be put in the new projector fund and the latter enabled us to buy a new amplifier, sound mixer and blu ray player.

Our final film this season is **My Week with Marilyn**, Cert 12 (99 mins) on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March in Bretherton C of E Primary School and is the true story of a star-struck, 23-year-old Colin Clark (Eddie Redmayne). He falls in love with the biggest celebrity in the world, Marilyn Monroe (Michelle Williams) when she is working on *The Prince and The Showgirl* with Sir Laurence Olivier (Kenneth Branagh).

Doors open at 7 o'clock so that film goers can enjoy refreshments before the film which starts at 7:30.

We notify "regulars" of forthcoming films by email so if you would like to receive this information by email, please email us at: [brethertonfs@btinternet.com](mailto:brethertonfs@btinternet.com). Alternatively any other enquiries or suggestions of films that you would like to see can be made to the chairman Gwyneth Lloyd on 01772 600705 or the secretary Margaret Pigott on 01772 601455.

John, Gwyneth and myself would like to take the opportunity to thank the other committee members: Barbra Bertram and John Senior for their stalwart help in designing the programme and setting up and clearing away on film nights.

Margaret Pigott

## **CLOTHES BANK**

Did you know that there is now a clothes bank on the Primary School Car Park which accepts clothing, bags, shoes and textiles and helps to earn money for the school?



Please remember to use it.

### Villages in Partnership (VIP)

VIP is a local Charity based in Croston that was set up in 2005. Our aim is to work with the community, for the community.

If you are a local community group that would like some help searching out possible funders or help with completing funding application forms, please give us a call. For a small fee, we can help you to submit bids for funding for your projects.

We host coffee mornings/hotpot lunches on the first Friday of each month at Croston Community Centre. The next hotpot lunch (£3 per head) will be on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March 11.30am – 2pm. With thanks to Chorley Community Housing's Neighbourhood Fund for a grant towards this event.

VIP is always looking for local people to join us as Trustees. As a trustee you can give as much or as little time as you would like. All we ask is that you have an interest in improving the quality of life of residents in the 23 local villages (see our website for a full list) we cover. You would also be required to attend board meetings held in the evening on the first Tuesday of each month.

If you would like to volunteer at one of our charity shops in either Eccleston, Longton or Hesketh Bank, please call the office on the number below.

We can also give grants of up to £500 for eligible Community Groups. To obtain an application form or find out more, please see the contact details below. The closing date for completed applications is the 30/4/12

**Post:** VIP Office, The Stables, Croston Community Centre, Castle Walks, Croston, PR26 9RH.

**Phone:** 01772 603591

**Email:** vip@villagesinpartnership.org.uk

**Website:** www.villagesinpartnership.org.uk

### Five ways to health and wellbeing

**Connect** -with the people around you.

**Be active**- discover a physical activity you enjoy, which suits your mobility

**Take notice**-be curious.

**Keep learning**-try something new.

**Give**-do something nice for a friend, or a stranger.

For more information visit

[www.yearofhealthandwellbeing.org.uk](http://www.yearofhealthandwellbeing.org.uk)

### **5 GARDENS OPEN FOR THE NATIONAL GARDEN SCHEME**

This summer, there will be five gardens opening in Bretherton for the National Garden Scheme.

Glynwood House, Eyes Lane

Hazel Cottage, South View

Hazelwood, North Road

Owl Barn, South Road/Flag Lane

Pear Tree Cottage, Eyes Lane.



The dates are all Sundays, the times always 12 noon until 5 pm, and the combined charge is £5 (children free):  
27 May. 17 June. 15 July . 2 September.

Members of the Congregational Church will, as usual, be offering delicious tea and cakes, plus light lunches for the July open day. There will be produce for sale, demonstrations of flower arranging and live music and plenty of horticultural inspiration, advice and gossip to enjoy.

The NGS is a major fundraiser for Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie Cancer Care, the Queen's Nursing Institute, Help the Hospices, Crossroads Care. In addition, 20% of the money raised by the gardens in

Bretherton goes direct to Queenscourt Hospice in Southport. For more information and some great garden photos, visit the NGS website at [www.ngs.org.uk](http://www.ngs.org.uk).

Please come to visit our gardens, and support these wonderful charities who care for people at very difficult times in their lives.

Kris Jolley, Open Gardens Coordinator

### **BIRDS IN BREThERTON**

We did the RSPB garden birds survey at the end of January - this is done by watching birds in your garden for one hour and recording the maximum number of each species you can see at the same time.

Our results were:

20 House Sparrow 12 Starling 7 Blackbird 6 Goldfinch 5 Chaffinch 4 Tree Sparrow

2 each of Blue Tit, Great Tit, Dunnock, Greenfinch 1 each of Robin, Pheasant

The birds seen are dependent on the time of day (mid-morning) and the weather (dull and cool) but we were surprised no Pigeons or Collared Doves came.

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

John Jolley, South View. Telephone No; 600896 Email; jolley@johnjolley.plus.com



## **BRETHERTON BOWLING NEWS**

The New Season is only weeks away now with the first games kicking off on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April and a little spice has been added with the A and B set to meet in the Chorley League after a re-shuffle with the league moving the B up ( At least there might be a sandwich or two on offer )

A New Veterans team has also been added to the Leyland League, so there is plenty of bowling on offer . There are one or two new faces that have joined this time and they are very welcome If there is anybody out there that are looking to join, for the halcyon days of summer ahead, feel free to speak to John Pigott 60145 or myself on 01772 433619 or pop down and have a look..

Peter Wilson stepped down as President after his 2 years of service and we thank him for all his hard work and warmly welcome Annie Bradley as our new President

That's all for now

Kind Regards,

David Hughes.



### **Emergency SMS Service:**

This has been developed by RNID, BT, Cable and Wireless, the Department of Communities and local Government, OFCOM, the UK Emergency Services, and all mobile network operators. If you cannot make voice calls, you can now contact the 999 emergency services by SMS text from your mobile phone. Emergency SMS is part of the standard 999 service which has been designed specifically for people with hearing loss or difficulty with speech. Please do not send test or non-emergency texts – only use emergency SMS for real emergencies. For example, if:

- someone's life is at risk or you need an ambulance urgently.
- a crime is happening now
- someone is injured or threatened
- there is a fire or people are trapped



This service works throughout the UK on all mobile networks.

You will only be able to use this service if you have registered with emergency SMS first. Register now: don't wait for an emergency. To register, text 'register' to 999. You will get a reply – then follow the instructions you are;

**In an emergency** > Text 99

The Emergency Services will need to know

**Who?** Police, Ambulance, Fire and Rescue or Coastguard.

**What?** Briefly, what is the problem

**Where?** Exactly where the problem is happening – give the name of the road, house number, post code or nearby landmark, if possible

**What happens next?** The emergency service will either ask for more information or will tell you that help is on the way. Don't assume that your message has been received until the emergency service sends a message back. It will usually take about two minutes before you get a reply. If you don't get a reply within three minutes, please try again or find other ways of getting help.

## **GORDON GREGG MEMORIAL.**

In last year's Parish newsletter we made a request for donations to provide a memorial to the memory of Gordon Gregg who had been such an important part of our community for so very long. It is by remembering people like Gordon that we will encourage us all to think about the community as a whole and we believe that our lives would all be enhanced if we were able to emulate him even if only a small way

May we sincerely thank those who have already contributed and request that those who still wish to do so, to pass any monies to a member of the Parish Council. (Cheques should be made payable to Bretherton Parish Council)



**Bretherton is joining  
Croston Boules League  
for the 2012 season!**



**If you are interested in playing - no experience necessary -  
please contact: Clare Hughes 01772 433619 or Margaret Pigott  
01772 601455**

**A choice of pre season practice / training sessions will be  
arranged on the pitch outside Bretherton Village Institute**

**Team commitment = Tuesday evenings 6:30 - 9:00 pm**

#### **LOOK AFTER YOUR PROPERTY-KEEP IT UNDER LOCK AND KEY**

The police advise that there have been a number of burglaries and thefts in Bretherton and its neighbouring villages earlier in the year, where outbuildings have been targeted, so please ensure that all outbuildings are properly secured at all times using a quality locking device. At this time of year when valuable gardening equipment comes out of winter, always put it back in secure storage once you have finished using it. Thieves have also been targeting architectural and/or other building items that tend to be stored in garden areas and are therefore important that we all remain extra vigilant: if you see something you believe is suspicious, report it! We are all aware that the response time to a 999 call is far from satisfactory but apparently, if you do need to place such a call, telling the operator that you are a PACT member speeds up the response time significantly.



Cllr Wayne Jackson; -Bretherton Parish Council PACT Representative

#### **BRETHERTON QUESTIONNAIRE**

The Parish Council will shortly be sending out a short questionnaire to help us in the formulation of a village plan. Could we please ask you all to complete and return this to enable us to get a more rounded view of our residents. This will be your opportunity to have your say about a number of key issues.

The aim is to obtain as much feedback as possible and to that end we are keeping the questionnaire as short as we can but please feel free to add additional views and information which you think will be helpful.

Many thanks in anticipation.  
Bretherton Parish Council



**BRETHERTON ENDOWED SCHOOL SUMMER BALL;**The school will be holding its Spring Ball on the 26th May 2012. Tickets costs £15 per head and will include a two course meal and live entertainment with Kevin Simm (formerly of Liberty X). There will be a raffle, an auction and other fund raising activities at this fantastic night out and you will have from 7pm to midnight to both enjoy this great evening and to benefit our children by assisting the PTFA of Bretherton Endowed School to raise much needed funds for computer equipment. Please come along and offer your support, but hurry, as tickets are selling out quickly! Please contact Nicola Naylor on 01772 603477 or 07887 948168 or alternatively, pop in to the school and speak with Mrs Carlyon on Reception.

## **GARDENING NEWS FROM MARGUERITE**

How uplifting it is when the spring plants start to emerge. The warm and mild weather has brought us an early spring and walking around my garden in February it was lovely to see bright daffodils blooming in the midst of crocus, iris & snowdrops. In my gardening classes everyone is keen to awaken their gardens again and are busily planning, tidying & creating new borders.

Growing fruit and vegetables is becoming more popular and if this is something that you are thinking of starting in your own gardens here are my top five easy crops to grow particularly if space is limited and you want to use containers –

Strawberries, cut and come again salad leaves, tumbling tomatoes ( a cherry tomato type), potatoes & blueberries and if you have a spare container and a sunny area near to your kitchen, why not plant up a herb garden with herbs such as Rosemary, Thyme, Chives and Oregano.

Here are the essential jobs for the forthcoming quarter and my tips –

### ***March***

Prune roses & shrubs as necessary and then apply a general fertiliser  
Move evergreen shrubs now if they need a new home, but if cold leave till next month.  
Plant out newly purchased container grown trees, shrubs & climbers  
Get supports for herbaceous perennials in place and lift divide & replant congested plants  
Plant out new herbaceous perennials  
Mow the lawn, setting the blades high for the first few cuts and repair any damaged areas  
Lay any new turf needed, having first thoroughly prepared the site  
Regularly hoe off weeds on vegetable beds & between plants & rows  
Dig in bulky organic matter in areas where you will grow beans  
Plant new potatoes  
Protect the blossom of peach, nectarine or fruiting cherry trees  
Apply sulphate of potash to the root feeding area of all types of fruit trees  
Scoop out any debris which has accumulated in ponds and water features

### ***April***

Trees Shrubs & Climbers. Make sure that you keep anything planted in the last six months moist during dry weather, Remember how warm it was last April  
Try to complete planting of trees, shrubs & climbers before the weather gets warmer & drier  
Continue to dead head daffodils & other spring flowering bulbs  
Thin out hardy annual seedlings sown in open ground last month  
Transplant seedlings into individual pots as they become large enough  
Plant summer flowering bulbs but first remember the majority are not frost hardy so keep an eye on the weather.  
Transplant & pot on vegetable seedlings sown earlier  
Earth up shoots on early potatoes and sow vegetable & salad seeds  
Keep fruit adequately moist in dry weather, concentrate on anything recently planted  
Divide overcrowded pond & marginal plants and plant new pond & marginal plants & oxygenators  
Clean garden furniture and check posts and trellis  
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### ***May***

Trees Shrubs & Climbers. Keep on watering, especially anything that was planted relatively recently, prune shrubs that have just finished flowering and tie in fast growing climbers  
Feed spring flowering bulbs when finished flowering with a general slow release fertilizer such as Growmore or Fish, Blood & Bone  
Start to buy tender summer bedding & container plants now, if you have somewhere to protect them  
Apply a spring lawn fertiliser ,if you did not do so last month, mow regularly and control weed  
Hoe off weeds between vegetable crops and herbs  
Remove side shoots from tomatoes in greenhouses  
Sow seeds of hardier vegetables in small pots or trays & start sowing seeds direct into the soil  
Raise developing strawberries off the soil using mats or straw & check for pests  
Clear Ponds and water features of blanket weed & duck weed and plant new pond plants

