



#### Chairman's Message

##### Best Kept Village Competition

Hopefully summer is on its way and this time of year also sees the start of the Lancashire Best Kept Village.

Competition. Bretherton has entered and it would be really helpful if every one could contribute to keeping the village looking 'spic and span'



##### Village Plan

The Parish Council have decided to produce a Village Plan which will help your Councillors define the facilities and services they provide and establish policies for representations to Chorley and Lancashire County Councils on issues such as Transport, Planning and Development.

##### We Need Your Help!

Before we produce a draft plan for consultation with local people, the Councillors are asking everybody to complete a series of questionnaires to establish how you feel about key issues.

The first questionnaire on **Housing, Planning & Development** is being circulated with this Newsletter and two others will be produced for the Autumn and Winter Newsletters on **Transport & Traffic Management** and **Recreational & Environmental Priorities**. Each questionnaire has a series of Yes/No questions plus a box for adding any other comments you may have.

We hope that as many people as possible will take part in the survey, the results of which will form the basis of a Draft Village Plan for production in early 2014.

##### Annual Report

Also included with this edition of the Newsletter is the Annual Report which provides information on the activities of the Parish Council during 2012-13

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The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday 1st July, 2013 at 8pm at Bretherton Endowed C of E Primary School.

**The Parish Council are very grateful to for Chris Naylor very kindly producing this Newsletter free of charge.**

#### Bretherton Village Clean-up: Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

As part of the Parish Council's efforts to keep the village looking good during the summer a "Village Clean Up" has been organised for **SATURDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> JUNE**. Chorley Council will be providing a skip on the Recreation Ground and residents are asked to help with the "litter pick" between 9.00 am and 1.30 pm. Bin liners etc will be provided. We hope that as many people as possible will help us clean up the Village



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



The sporting season has recommenced! Our team of Y5/6 children represented Chorley in the Sports Hall Athletics Championships. They came 5<sup>th</sup> out of 11 teams, and were also winners of their own region., Our Tag Rugby team won a Bronze medal at Chorley Rugby Club

We had an amazing response to our Mother's Day Afternoon Tea with over 100 children and their female relatives enjoying the tea and cakes.

Over the last few months the children have raised almost £500, for different charities, including Marie Curie Cancer Care and Comic Relief

The children participated in a Book Swap to celebrate World Book Day, Y6 children recently entered the Young Writers competition. The winning entries are to be published in a special book 'The Power of Poetry and a number of our children had their poems selected for the publication

Class 1 had a wonderful trip to Myerscough College and saw triplet lambs being born –what a treat.

Easter was such a special time. Class 1 led a lovely worship and it we talked about the symbol of the cross in church with Rev. David.

Our recent Scooter Smart training was a great success and PC Maria was full of praise for all the children saying they were a credit to their school and families.

Congratulations to Miss Lawrenson on her recent wedding, the sun shone and she made a lovely bride.

On a personal note I am pleased to be able to report that my son, who is called Ethan Micah arrived safely in April

Please visit our website [www.bretherton.lancs.sch.uk](http://www.bretherton.lancs.sch.uk)

**New Bowling Clubhouse.**

It has now been confirmed by the Sport England contractor that the construction and installation of the new Bowling Clubhouse will be completed by 28<sup>th</sup> June. The old cabin will be demolished on the weekend of June 8<sup>th</sup> and "donated" to the Cricket Club to fuel their bonfire in November.

The Bowling Club is busy fundraising to finance a "pavilion roof" for the front of the building to provide shelter in bad weather. They are close to reaching their target for this project and thank the many local businesses and individuals who have agreed to make donations to the project.



**BANK HALL UPDATE**

Since our last News Update we have held a very successful Open Day at Easter and our next major Event will be the Classic & Vintage Car Rally on the 28<sup>th</sup> July. The Say Two Theatre Group are proposing a Theatre Event on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August but we do not have any details as yet.

One important development which has taken place since March is that the Section 106 Agreement relating to the main project has now been signed by all parties. This document was key to a number of things and whilst there are a few matters still to be attended to, work could commence in Autumn this year. Unfortunately the Potting Sheds project is delayed due to the main project negotiations, however, work could commence as soon as August this year.

**Tower Fund** – The cost of the main project is very substantial and currently there is a shortfall of around £200,000, largely due to materials for the Tower & Main Hall. Once all the work has been completed, the Tower will be open to the public on our Open Days. Grants will be applied for but public fund raising will also take place. Any help will be much appreciated.

**Awards for All** – have awarded us a grant of £10,000 to help with work in the Grounds and to improve Visitor experience on our Open Days.

As always, many thanks to all our supporters.

**OPEN GARDENS IN BRETHERTON**

Sunday 14 July, 12 noon to 5 pm, the usual five gardens are taking part, combined admission £5, accompanied children go free. Plants and produce for will be for sale, live music at Glynwood, sculpture demonstrations at Hazelwood. All the funds raised go to Charity. The Congregational Church are serving light lunches and cakes and tea.

Sunday 4 August, Hazelwood and Hazel Cottage are holding an Open Day 12noon -5pm in aid of Derian House. More info available from Kris Jolley on 01772 600896



## BRETHERTON BOWLING CLUB

It's still early days in the new Bowling season. The Leyland League team are currently 7th and struggling for players on some nights but I am sure this trend will soon pass. The two Chorley teams in Division 4 are settling down; the B team are 4th and the A team 8th. They recently played each other with the A team coming out on top by 1 point! But a good night was had by all.

The Veterans teams soldier on. The A team are in 7th in Division 4 and the B team are 4th in Division 3 and both should do well as the season continues.

The Ladies team is 9th in Division 1, The Junior team is all set to go but has yet not played a game. We wish them well.

That's all for now

Dave Hughes



## BOULES-BRETHERTON BUZZARDS

Our first pre-season competition at the beginning of April went very well with hotpot and apple pie that was most welcome and enjoyed by all.

Well done to Neil and Darren of the Lord Nelson who won the competition, beating Josie and John of the Wasps who play at the Rose and Crown.

We started off the season OK with a draw, however we have as, yet not been able to sustain or better this. Everyone is still enjoying the evenings when we play.

We do have our first trophy of the season, when I took part in the triples competition (three players), for the Andre Fallon Triples at the Rose and Crown and one with a couple of players from the Wasps Team

Let's hope our season progresses onwards and upwards (it can't get any lower!!).

Clare Hughes



## Neighbourhood Watch. Beware of Conmen

On 10/5/13 a young Asian male arrived by taxi at the Yorkshire Bank, Orchard Street, Preston, accompanying a very confused 92 year old man from Samlesbury. The man watched as the elderly gentleman tried to withdraw £3200 from the Bank, but before the transaction was completed ran off. It was then discovered that the money was to pay a contractor, in advance, to rectify work carried out by a supposed cowboy electrician. This was a most callous con involving the most vulnerable members of our community. Please be very careful. Don't pay in advance for any work being carried out and don't sign up for any work without first checking the credentials of the contractor. If in doubt contact [www.safetrader.org.uk](http://www.safetrader.org.uk) or Help Direct 03033331111



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**BIRDS IN BRETHERTON;** Now we are getting better weather, the birds are making up for lost time. House martins, swallows and swifts have been seen on warmer evenings and a cuckoo has been heard. At the end of April there were sightings of whimbrel ( a large wader similar to a curlew), and wheatear, seen on arable fields. Thanks to everyone who has contacted me with sightings. If you have any comments or observations you would like to share please contact me;

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## Gardening News from Marguerite.

I've just come back from the Chelsea Flower Show and what a difference the weather was from last year. This year it was cold wet & windy. However the show gardens were as beautiful and inspiring as ever. Naturalistic planting was a recurring theme and lots of the gardens used ornamental grasses. This is something we can incorporate in our gardens to give seasonal interest and combine with perennials such as heleniums, rudbeckias, echinaceas and crocosmias to make your borders sizzle in late summer. Take a look at miscanthus, stipa and calamagratiss grass species – they are all hardy, some are evergreen and there is a wide range of heights, shapes and form to suit any garden.

During the show, I was helping on the stand of my friend Stan of Eversley Nurseries in Hesketh Bank, who is a grass specialist and won gold at Chelsea last year and silver gilt this year. Have a look at his website for lots of information on grasses – <http://www.eversleynursey.co.uk/>.

The other seasonal tip I bring back from the show is now is the time to carry out the Chelsea chop. Cut back now, by two thirds, plants that flower later in the season and form heavy clumps which tend to flop. It works really well with sedums, campanulas, phlox and heleniums. The plants will flower later but will be sturdier and have lush foliage. On sedums you can cut back your taller varieties only, resulting in staggered flowering. Only do the Chelsea chop on established plants.

### Garden Jobs for Summer

Harden off and plant out annuals and bedding plants.

Water newly planted trees, shrubs & herbaceous perennials during dry periods.

Spray roses and other vulnerable plants against pests and diseases.

Feed roses after their first flush of flowers.

Feed regularly – hanging baskets, containers, tomatoes, and other summer fruit and vegetables.

Deadhead annuals, roses and other flowering plants to prolong flowering.

Prune shrubs after they have flowered.

Prune hedges and wisteria – mid to late summer.

Propagate new plants such as lavender and penstemons from semi hardwood cuttings.

### Pest Watch

Be vigilant for Lily Beetle- bright red adults and black gunk covered larvae and destroy on sight or you lilies will quickly be no more!!

Marguerite will be doing a gardeners question time and container demonstrations at two events this summer -

Penwortham Open Gardens 23/06/13

Mere Brow Plant Fair & Open Gardens - 14/07/13

## FAMILY FUN DAY.

The Parish Council, in conjunction with the Bowling Club, will be organising a Family Fun Day on Saturday 7th September on the Recreation Ground, to celebrate the Official Opening of the New Bowling Pavilion and raise money to buy a Public Access Defibrillator for the Village. Come along and enjoy the day.

