



### Parish Council Meetings

The Parish Council normally meets on the first Monday of each month

Meetings commence at 8.00 pm.

**All residents are welcome to attend**

Forthcoming dates include  
**4th October**  
**1st November**  
**6th December**  
**No meeting in January**

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### Parish Council News.

Dear Resident,

Well, we are now at the end of Summer and the days are shortening fast. I do hope that you have all had enjoyable holidays and the next break to look forward to is Christmas.

I mentioned in my last letter my concern about the density and speed of traffic through the village, and this is still my concern. However, our intelligent SPID has been put to good and constant use and I am sure that it has had some effect upon most drivers. The Council has decided to purchase a special safety ladder and carrying case for the equipment.

The plaque, which Bretherton won last year for the Best Kept Village has now been erected on a stone plinth at the corner of Bamfords Fold. The Village is now in the Champion Class and was in the finals this year, coming sixth. The Blue Anchor was also a finalist in the "Pub Section".

Our efforts to improve the playground are progressing very satisfactorily and hopefully the enhancement works will commence very shortly.

The National Garden Scheme has proved to be very popular, attracting many visitors to the Village.

The sudden loss of Gordon Gregg is a sad blow to the village. His gardening hints have always proved to be very popular, and in his usual efficient way had provided us with these until the end of the year. Gordon was Clerk to Bretherton Parish Council for many years and a stalwart member of St. John the Baptist Parochial Church Council.

He will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

My very best wishes to you all.

**Tony Rigby,**  
**Chairman of Bretherton Parish Council**

### OPEN GARDENS THANK YOU

This has been another successful open gardens season, with the new garden at Owl Barn making a great contribution. Thanks to visitors, helpers and donors it has been possible to send £2,586 to the National Gardens Scheme charities and £690 to Queenscourt Hospice Sponsor-a-Bed Appeal.

There will be another new garden in 2011 - watch this space for details in the Spring newsletter, and a big THANK YOU to everyone who had an input into the success of the events.



### Rural Housing Needs Survey

Along with your newsletter you will have received a Rural Housing Needs Survey Questionnaire from Chorley Borough Council.

The aim of the survey is to help the Borough Council learn more about future housing needs in Bretherton.

The survey is confidential and will highlight need in relation to:

New household formation (e.g. children growing up in the community and needing their own home).

Housing for households who have outgrown their current accommodation.

Housing to meet the needs of older people.

Your help in completing the questionnaires is vital to making sure Chorley Borough Council can meet the housing needs of people in the parish both now and in the future. Please complete the form and return it in the Freepost envelope provided by 12th November 2010.

The survey is confidential but Chorley B.C. understand that you may not wish to answer all the questions, but would still welcome returned forms that are not entirely complete. If you require any more information on Chorley Rural Housing Needs Study call Mick Coogan on 01257 515552 or email [mick.coogan@chorley.gov.uk](mailto:mick.coogan@chorley.gov.uk).

### **Bretherton School News**

It was lovely to welcome back familiar and new faces to school this month. Our reception children have settled in so well and everyone is rising to the challenge in their new classes.

We ended the school year on a real high in the summer. We had a fantastic sports day and summer fete. It was lovely to see so many parents, relatives and friends of the school supporting the children in such a positive way. The Summer Fete was a great way to end the afternoon and raised lots of money for our school. Our sporting success continued in abundance in the Summer with excellence in football, cricket, cluster sports and rounders.

Our summer production, 'What a Knight!' was super. The staff all put in an incredible amount of hard work producing the show. The children were amazing and our audiences fantastic. It was a lovely way to round off the year, as was our Leavers' Service in church, where we said 'Goodbye' to our Year 6 children. Although they were ready for the next chapter in their education we were very sad to see them go. They were an excellent class and brilliant role models to the younger children. They left our school after receiving outstanding SAT's results, a testament to their hard work and excellent teaching in school.

Thanks to the generosity of everyone here I am very proud to let you know that Bretherton Endowed CE Primary School has sponsored a 7 year old boy from Zimbabwe called Anesu through Action Aid. We have received a photograph of him and information about his life, which has been displayed in school.

Worship continues to be a distinctive feature of our school. This year everyone is invited to share our Monday morning 'Celebration Worship' with us. This is a very special time that celebrates birthdays, team points, achievements in and out of school and talents. We are also having worship in St. John's Church each half-term, led by Rev. David Reynolds.

Please visit our website if you would like to know more about our school – it is constantly updated with news. The website is

[www.bretherton.lancsnfl.ac.uk](http://www.bretherton.lancsnfl.ac.uk).

Nick Ward

### **Neighbourhood Watch News**

#### **Fraudulent Loan Applications**

Complaints have been received regarding letters received by consumers from MCO Capital Limited about a repayment of a loan.

It is believed that MCO Capital Limited is a legitimate loan company and that a number of people from across the UK have had their identity stolen in order for fraudsters to take out loans with MCO Capital Limited.

If you have received one of these letters and have not taken out a loan, DO NOT IGNORE IT. MCO have asked that complainants should write to them to confirm that a loan has not been requested and payment has not been received. Their address is Imperial House, 15-19 Kingsway London WC2B 6UN.

Anyone receiving such letters may also wish to conduct a credit reference search.

#### **Email Scam -Trading Standards Warning**

Consumers are warned to beware that there are currently numerous variations on the 'respond and you will get lots of money' scam. The unsolicited emails aim to hook vulnerable people into giving personal details.

Consumers need to be aware that there are thousands of variations on such a theme out there and that they are all fraudulent- there is no reason for a stranger to hand out money to a stranger in another country.

#### **Rural Tarmacing**

Consumers are warned to beware of traders targeting rural Lancashire residents by offering to tarmac drives by allegedly using materials left over from council contracts. A fake address in Sheffield has been given and one of the men is Irish and drives a silver car.

In one incident a farming couple were told that the men were working on a nearby road and had ordered too much tarmac which is not believed to be true. They were charged over £2000 to tarmac their drive.

Lancashire County Council would like to make it clear that these are not council contractors. The work is overcharged and consists of a surface skim which is unlikely to last.

Please refer any complaints to Lancashire Trading Standards Service, 55 Guildhall Street, Preston, Lancs. PR1 3NU via Consumer Direct tel 08454 040506. If anyone has received threats or has lost money they should contact the police.

Eddie Johnson—NW Coordinator

### **Bretherton Film Society - Autumn Season Programme.**

#### **Friday 15th October - Invictus**

**Starring Morgan Freeman, Matt Damon. Director: Clint Eastwood**

The film tells the inspiring true story of how Nelson Mandela joined forces with the captain of South Africa's rugby team to help unite their country. Newly elected President Mandela knows his nation remains racially and economically divided in the wake of apartheid. Believing he can bring his people together through the universal language of sport, Mandela rallies South Africa's rugby team as they make their historic run to the 1995 Rugby World Cup Championship match.

Certificate 12A, 133 minutes.

#### **Friday 19th November— Up in the Air**

**Starring George Clooney, Vera Farmiga, Anna Kendrick, Jason Bateman**

With a job that has him traveling around the country firing people, Ryan Bingham (George Clooney) leads an empty life out of a suitcase, until his company does the unexpected: ground him.

Certificate 15, 108 minutes.

#### **Friday 10th December—The Blindside**

**Starring Sandra Bullock, Tim McGraw, Quinton Aaron**

The story of Michael Oher, a homeless and traumatized boy who became an All American football player and first round NFL draft pick with the help of a caring woman and her family.

Certificate 12A, 126 minutes.

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

**Refreshments available (including wine).**

Please contact Margaret Simmonds (01772 601455) or Gwyneth Lloyd (10772 600705) for further information. We look forward to seeing you all at the film nights.

### **Christmas Services**

#### **The Congregational Church**

**CAROL SERVICE SUNDAY 19th DECEMBER** at 6pm with Eccleston Brass Band

Gifts for Leyland Women & children's Refuge, and monetary donations for Derian House Children's Hospice

**MIDNIGHT SERVICE FRIDAY 24th DECEMBER** commencing 11.30pm led by Mrs Witts

**FAMILY SERVICE SUNDAY 26th DECEMBER** led by Pastor Les Kelsall

#### **St John the Baptist Parish Church**

**CHRISTMAS EVE FRIDAY 24<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER** at 4: 00pm Christingle Service

Midnight Service at 11:30pm

**CHRISTMAS DAY SATURDAY 25<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER** at 11:00am Holy Eucharist

**BOXING DAY SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER** Joint service at St Michael's Croston for Bretherton, Croston and Mawdesley parishes at 10:30am

**MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING**

A very pleasant and successful social gathering in the Congregational Schoolroom on Saturday morning 17 September raised approximately £720 for this wonderful charity.

Thanks to everyone who helped and to all who came and supported us.  
Pat Harvey and Sheila Booth

**Bretherton Bowling Bulletin**

I open my report this term with the news of the sad loss of one of our best friends Mr Eric Bentham, a fine bowler and keen cricketer of days gone by. Our thoughts are with his dear wife Sylvia and their family at this unhappy time, we will all miss him very much.

Sylvia has been busy with coaching sessions on countless Saturdays this season with the help of James Whittle. A few young lads and a few more mature bowlers have benefited from this and also increased membership at our club, Thanks again.

On the domestic front it was Bretherton 'B' that stole the headlines with a back to back promotion to Division 5 of the Chorley League, Top Player Mr Jimmy Bullen.

The 'A' team had a see-saw season and finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the end a good effort indeed, Top Player Mr Dave Hughes.

The Leyland league Division 4 came a respectable 3<sup>rd</sup> just behind two strong teams from the Preston area preventing promotion. Still a good position our highest for a number of years, Top Player Mr Brian Howarth.

The Veterans finished half-way in Division 3 never short on numbers they have to fight for their place in the team, Top Player Mr Jim Sudell.

The Ladies team finished just below half-way in Division 1, Top Player Mrs Kath Watkinson.

On the Cup front Bretherton this time hosted the Leyland League Presidents Day for Mr Jeff Holland – one of our members. A good crowd and one of the sunny days we had this summer. It was eventually down to two younger lads in the final Ashley Woolf (New Longton) who beat Wayne Ditchfield (Eccleston) in a close final 21-20. Special thanks to Bretherton Bakery for providing some of our catering.

Our own Presidents Day for Mr Peter Wilson was won by James Whittle, again the sun shined for us.

The Institute Trophy went to Jeff Holland. Bamford Doubles Trophy has had a couple of new names on it – Kath Watkinson and Joe Moon. Finally the Veterans Trophy went to Jim Sudell.

Our Boules progress is steady and thanks go to all who have participated in the games we have had this year. Anyone interested in joining should contact Mr J Pigott as we are hoping to enter a team into the league next season with a view to hopefully adding to our Trophy Cabinet.

That's all for now, thanks Dave Hughes.

**VILLAGE CENTENARIAN**

On Friday 27th August, Bretherton hosted its first 100th Birthday Party for Mrs Margaret Wright. Her family and friends celebrated the event at the Congregational Schoolroom, it was a lovely afternoon and an opportunity for her to meet with old friends and acquaintances. She also met the Mayor of Preston at a special lunch at Ravenscroft and received her special card from the Queen.

Mrs Wright was born at Manor House Farm where her father was the tenant farmer, and where she developed a life-long love of the land. Each Saturday morning she helped her mother deliver their home made butter around the village. In 1937 she married John and they had 4 children, who were brought up on the smallholding, then known as The Croft, on the corner of the 'S' bend on Flag Lane. After her husband's death in 1993 she decided to move into a bungalow at The Apiary. A new phase of her life began here where she enjoyed a good social life among friends until, unfortunately, in 2007 she fell and was hospitalised. Reluctantly, Maggie decided that it was time to go into a rest home although it meant losing her independence and leaving her beloved Bretherton. This amazing lady has a strong faith and is never happier than when she sees family and friends.

**Events at the CONGREGTIONAL CHURCH**

**PROMS NIGHT WITH ECCLESTON BRASS BAND**

FRIDAY 12th NOVEMBER  
7.30pm TICKETS £5 inc refreshments  
Raffle and all proceeds in aid of Vine House Cancer Care Preston

**CHRISTMAS FAIR SATURDAY 27th NOVEMBER 11am - 2pm**  
LUNCHES , HOMEMADE CAKES ,  
RAFFLE and various stalls

**LADIES GUILD MEET EVERY FORTNIGHT WEDNESDAY @ 7.30pm**  
commencing 22nd September

**OPEN COFFEE MORNINGS ARE BEING HELD IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOLROOM ONCE A MONTH. THE NEXT ONE IS SATURDAY 9th OCTOBER 10-11am EVERYONE WELCOME**



It has been a fairly quiet time on the crime front but we have been victim to passing opportunist criminals in the area. Several garages were entered after being left open, fortunately nothing was stolen as they were disturbed. The vehicle turned out to be a stolen car from the North East area. Car crime has had a slight increase during the last few months, this includes the theft of a vehicle where the keys were left in the ignition (in these circumstances, insurance companies will not pay out!), theft from cars and 1 incident of damage to a car. It is essential that we all take care of our property to avoid us becoming a victim to crime.

I know we haven't had much of a summer but the nights are already drawing in, Please take extra security measures at home, if you are going out in the evenings, remember to leave a light on. Cyclists should ensure that they have working lights on their bikes and remember to wear bright clothing when walking or cycling in the area at night as most of the roads don't have street lighting. Whilst off duty and driving through the village at 8.30 one evening I saw a youth aged about 13yrs riding his bike on Flag Lane. He was dressed in black from head to toe and had no lights on his bike, as you can imagine it was very difficult to see him and needless to say, very dangerous. With this in mind, we intend to do a blitz on cyclists without appropriate lighting in the next few months, so be warned.

The next PACT meetings are as follows:-  
2pm Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct at Croston Police Office  
7pm Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Nov at The Old School, Ulnes Walton  
7.30pm on Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Dec at Bretherton School  
2pm on Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Jan 2011 at Croston Police Office.

If you have any queries with regards to this article or any problems please do not hesitate to contact us on the following numbers:-

0845 1 25 35 45 or by e-mail on  
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Crimestoppers can be contacted on 0800 555111

Caroline Plummer & Maria Fetherstone

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## Gardening tips by Gordon Gregg

### OCTOBER

Plant out new roses at the end of the month. Divide any overgrown perennials, discarding the centre of the old plant. After frost has blackened dahlias, cut them down to about six inches and lift the tubers to dry out under cover. Take hardwood cuttings of blackcurrants and gooseberry bushes. Complete the planting of spring flowering bulbs, although tulip bulbs can be left until late November.

### NOVEMBER

Make a final cut of lawns with the blade raised early in the month and apply an autumn fertiliser. Don't forget to clean off the mower and when dry, oil all moving parts. Finish planting tulips. Start winter pruning of established bushes and trees except stone fruits, which if needing pruning should be done when in full leaf.

### DECEMBER

Continue to plant trees and shrubs during mild periods. As soon as potted bulbs have shoots one or two inches tall, remove them to the house or cool greenhouse and make sure they don't dry out. Continue to examine dahlias for signs of rotting and discard if necessary. Try and complete all digging before the end of the year. The soil will benefit from winter frosts. Continue winter pruning of fruit bushes and tie in new growth of blackberry and loganberry.

### **Mr Gordon Gregg**

Since receiving these much appreciated Gardening Tips, the Parish Council has received the very sad news of Mr Gregg's death.

He was much valued and respected member of our community and will be greatly missed.

## **BIRDS IN BRETHERTON**

Mortality amongst all our birds must have been high during the hard winter of 2009-2010, though some species which normally stay around may have flown to warmer areas to escape the worst of the weather.

My observations suggest that this has been a good breeding season for many of the small birds, and I have watched clouds of young "little brown jobs" at our garden feeders over the summer. There have been fledgling chaffinches as late as 4 September, so we can hope that numbers will quickly recover as long as we don't have a repeat of last year's cold and snow.

Buzzards remain plentiful, probably due to the vast numbers of rabbits, but I have had fewer sightings of kestrels and barn owls - has anyone else noticed anything about these two species? Rooks seem to be on the increase - this could be due to greater tree cover in and around the village providing more sites for rookeries. Spotted woodpeckers are also more common, often seen on peanut feeders around Bamford's Fold and Marl Cop.

As has been the case over many years, swallow and martins have been even fewer again this year. I believe even the faithful colony under the eaves of the old school building is now extinct - it used to be such a delight for my children to be able to watch these aerial acrobats on their educational doorstep.

Now that Autumn is here, we can look forward to the winter visitors from the far North with their evocative cries as they home in on feeding grounds in fields and marshes, and at Martin Mere. We can also look out for flocks of starlings feeding on ripe fruit (there is so much, we shouldn't begrudge the birds their share), and for tewits, long-tailed tits and many others banding together to feed and roost in safety now that breeding is over.

If you have any comments or observations you would like to share, please contact me on 01772 600896, e-mail [jolley@johnjolley.plus.com](mailto:jolley@johnjolley.plus.com), or get in touch with the Parish Clerk Jill Cavan.

Regards, John Jolley.



## Bretherton Parish Institute

After months of work the 'Insti' is up and running again.

When the snooker season ended we were forced to repair the floor which was slowly collapsing, but it was worse than we imagined and had to replace half because of woodworm and wet-rot. Graham Whittle and myself undertook to do the work after the snooker tables had been removed. When the floor was complete we decided to redecorate which meant taking all the plywood off the walls and replace with plasterboard and then skim before decorating. The snooker tables were then rebuilt and then the carpet tiles put back in place. We still have a bit more work to do but we are getting there.

We have since had a "60's Night" and a boules competition with a Hog Roast supper to raise much needed funds. The next event will be a Domino Drive on the **9TH OCTOBER** at 8pm with a quiz and supper afterwards. Then on **13TH NOVEMBER** Bingo, quiz and supper and followed by **11TH DECEMBER** Christmas Karaoke, quiz and supper.

The "Over 60's" club would like to invite new members to join them on Wednesday afternoons fortnightly. The next meeting for Bingo and Dominoes and a raffle will be on Wednesday 29th September at 1.15pm.

To close I would like to thank John Hart, Roland Lloyd and Gordon Russell for all their invaluable help with the work. I would also like to take this opportunity to invite everyone to come along to the 'Insti' and join us for a game of snooker, dominoes or just a chat and make new friends complimented with a little liquid refreshment.

Cheers

**Jim Bullen**

Chairman