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Future meetings of the Parish Council

The Parish Council usually meets on the first Monday of the month at Bretherton Endowed Primary School apart from the months of January and August.

MONDAY September 3rd 2018 8pm

Please note the Council does not meet in August.

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Welcome to the summer edition of our Bretherton newsletter. In recent weeks we have been blessed with glorious sunshine and missed the torrential rain and thunderstorms suffered elsewhere.

Bretherton has entered the Best Kept Village competition again this year and it would be really helpful if everyone could contribute by trimming overhanging hedges and brushing pavements outside their homes. Attractive planters have been placed in various locations around the village, provided from a neighbourhood grant and beautifully planted up free of charge by Glenroyde nurseries. Sadly, one has been stolen.

On behalf of the Parish Council I must acknowledge and thank a growing band of volunteers who have given up their time and effort in various ways recently to enhance the appearance of the village. To name a few; the Tidy Village group continue their battle against litterbugs and have weeded around entrances and junctions; Barbara, Toni and Mike have given the BT kiosk on Pompian Brow a much needed coat of paint and Tom has cleaned the Th'Edge o'Leet stone.

The play area continues to be extremely popular with families from all the surrounding villages. However, the annual inspection report noted that the level of bark beneath some of the play equipment was significantly below recommended levels and therefore unsafe. An enormous heap of playbark chippings was delivered just before the Spring Bank holiday but needed to be shovelled, barrowed and spread. A massive thanks go to Bob, Barbara, Cath, Lee, George, Janet, Jimmy, Kieran, Rosie and Stephen for their time, labour and equipment in completing this task.

We are fortunate to live in a very active local community where we all have an opportunity to contribute and participate. Lastly, the main roads through the village will be significantly busier between June and September due to Meadow Lane in Croston being closed, with traffic being diverted through Bretherton. Please stay safe, particularly children on their summer break from school.

Gwyneth Lloyd
Chair

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Bretherton Parish

The Institute membership is expanding and the annual membership fee is only £12 per year. The committee are presently overseeing a proposed internal refurbishment programme to ensure the standards of comfort are enhanced. There is an extensive selection of wines and drinks which are outstanding value for money and you will experience lively, entertaining company and a good 'craic'. A wide range of people from the village use this facility and we would like to encourage even more people to use it. You are welcome to come along and enjoy a pleasant evening between 7.30pm and 10.30pm Monday to Saturday.

This is a hidden gem with opportunities to join Boules, Book Club, Dominoes and Snooker teams. The over 60's meet fortnightly on a Wednesday afternoon. Every second Saturday in the month is a social evening including supper.

If you would like to book the Institute on a Sunday for a family occasion such as christening or birthday celebration or if you wish to know more about our extensive activities please pop in and speak to any of the members or bar staff.

Thank-you

Jackie, Tom, Gary and Debbie recently held an Open Gardens in aid of Queenscourt Hospice and would like to thank all who supported them. They raised £1025.

Clean Up Days

The Clean Up Days for 2018 are now well underway and we hope that more people will join us as the summer progresses. Thanks to all those who have helped so far, Andy, Dawn, Rosie, Janet, Simone, Peter Z Peter F Peter Y, Alwyn, Richard, George, Gwyneth, Philip, Bob, Maggie, John, Joan, Margaret and Graham (apologies to anyone who has been missed off the ever growing list) We know that often people take a rubbish bag with them when they walk their dogs and are not acknowledged for the tidying they do.

Our next clean up day will be Saturday 7th July.

Please ring 600750 or 600705 if you want to become involved with the Tidy Village Group. All help will be much appreciated and we always have tea, coffee and biscuits available and sometimes 'bacon butties' or soup. We have high vis jackets, grabbers and gloves available to borrow.

Bretherton Endowed School

As we are approaching the end of the summer term, at Bretherton Endowed CE Primary School we have been preparing for our new intake. Our fabulous new reception pupils have been coming into our Pre school session to get to know the staff and other children in school. We are looking forward to a full calendar of sessions before the end of term and can't wait for them to become part of our school family.

We ended last half term with an amazing Arts week which ended with an assembly and art exhibition of the children's work. Creativity is a huge part of our curriculum and it was awesome to watch our children's imagination flow. From dance, drama, music and art and design, our children created sculptures out of wire, worked with local artists (New Longton Artists) and created textile flowers. The exhibition was inspirational as we created an Andy Warhol stack of 'Campbell Soup Cans' designed by the children.

Our end of year production for Class 3 and 4 is in full swing and 'Dick Whittington....with a twist' will be ready for mid July. If you would like to join us – you are most welcome. This comes as light relief to our Year 6 pupils who have worked extremely hard all year and who 'shone' in their Statutory assessments. We are looking forward to our last term with them and assisting in their preparation for High school. Such an exciting time for them.

Thank you to Mr Farbon and Mr Mee who are generous with their time in our grounds. They have helped to create a wild flower area and willow fence which will promote insects and wildlife for children to study. This complements our forest area, an area our children love learning in. We are always looking to invite our friends and neighbours into school to support our curriculum or read with children, so if you can spare any time, please contact the school office. You can keep up to date with our events through our updated website of www.brethertonschool.org.uk. We are keen to be involved in community events such as walking day and the parish family fun day and can't wait to show you our Morris Dancing Troop. On behalf of all staff and children, we would like to wish you a happy summer holiday.

Alison Moxham
Headteacher

Cricket Club

CRICKET CLUB OFF TO STRONG START AS GROUND TRANSFORMATION GETS UNDERWAY

With the season just seven games old, the club stands one win off the top two after three commanding wins against Prescott and Odyssey, Liverpool-based Cheshire Lines and early season favourites, Birkenhead St Mary's, under the stewardship of captain Jamie Ashton.

An elegant, unbeaten 95 from Dave Whillis and fabulous 6-51 from top wicket-taker Grant Mackenzie (after a wild first 12 balls went for 38) saw the side through to a six wicket win against the latter in a fiery encounter at South Road.

Elsewhere, despite a narrow defeat to close rivals Churchtown, a patient 62 not out from opener Jack Wright guided the team into a match winning position away at Prescot.

As the side makes the promotion push, there is still plenty of cricket to be played (13 games to be precise) and we're always on the lookout for new players. You don't need to be a Jimmy Anderson or Joe Root – we welcome all standards! So, if you fancy a bat or turning your arm over on a Saturday afternoon, do get in touch with our chairman Mick Haworth (07962 252433) or treasurer Ollie Hill (07768 154067).

We're a friendly bunch and our net sessions take place at the ground every Tuesday evening at 6:30pm, just over the road from the Blue Anchor.

Off the pitch, we're making excellent progress in delivering the facility improvements that will help the club take a significant step forward. The new container is in place at the back of the ground to make room for the pavilion extension, the water supply is now connected, new pitch covers have been built and the car park has been extended.

The ground is looking as good as it has in many a year, and again the club would like to thank all of those who helped to secure the grant funding, carry out the work – particularly Brian Anderton and Andrew Pope – and everybody who has supported us over the last year.

Here's to another 12 months of progress. Onwards and upwards.

David Bertram

Dog Fowling

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!! Please note, dogs are not permitted in the children's playground or on the field of the recreation ground. If you are caught out without a bag remember that the children have made the lovely bag dispensers which are in to be found strategically placed.

Open Gardens

The Open gardens started the year off well with two consecutive days, Sunday and Monday 27th and 28th May. The weather was kind to us and over the two days 468 people visited and a total of £3302 was raised for the NGS charities and in addition the Congregational Church and the W.I raised £529 from their refreshment sales.

Our next opening will be on Sunday 8th July and our final one for 2018 will be on Sunday 26th August. We are always grateful to residents of the village for their tolerance, help and support on Open Garden Days. Across the country the Open gardens scheme has been in operation for 90 years and raises a great deal of much needed money for various charities. Last year the Bretherton Gardens raised a record £8250 all of which went to the NGS charities. We hope that 2018 will see us achieving the same or better.

Kris and John Jolley Hazel Cottage

John and Gwenifer Jackson – Pear Tree Cottage

Richard and Barbara Farbon – Owl Barn

Sue and Terry Riding – Glynwood House

Best Kept Village

The best kept village judging has already started and we hope that they have been impressed by the lovely planters that were acquired from a neighbourhood grant and generously planted by Glenroyde Nurseries.

Watering has been taken on by Gwenifer, Sue, Carol, Elaine, the school, Neil F, Janet and Neil S. Grateful thanks go to all of them.

Lots of houses have beautiful hanging baskets and have made great efforts to tidy the pavements and under the hedges outside their homes.

Please look – are there any weeds growing in the pavement outside your house? Is there any fallen blossom on the pavement or in the gutters? Does your hedge need a trim? Please be careful of course as there may be birds nesting in your hedge – in which case DON'T TRIM!



W.I.

The WI have been making the most of the summer sunshine and enjoying ourselves over the last few months. We were delighted to be asked to run the refreshments on Bank Holiday Monday for the NGS garden opening in the village again, and to contribute to the success of the day. It is great to meet so many enthusiastic supporters of the scheme including many people who visit Bretherton every year to enjoy our village.

Our walking group have been out and about locally, and we have some intrepid hikers amongst our members who have been tackling the hills and tracks of Spain. We also enjoyed a successful trip to a gin distillery, and our craft group have been busy stitching. Coming up, we have theatre trips and outings, and a summer meeting on July 12th featuring a Birds of Prey display.

Look out for the WI bottle tombola and produce stall at the village fun day on 30th June, decorated with our bunting. We are also acknowledging the early links between the WI and the Votes for Women movement, as we remember the centenary of some women gaining the vote in this country.

If you would like to join us, or obtain further details of our events, please contact Jane Elphick on 601495

Jane Elphick
President

The W.I. will be holding a fundraiser in aid of BLOOD BIKES and DERIAN HOUSE on Saturday 15th September in the Fletcher Building at Bretherton Endowed School. Tickets will cost £15 and will include supper. Please see W.I. members for tickets or telephone Jane on 601495 or Barbara on 600750

Key dates

Bank Hall Heritage Day	Sat 23 rd June
Village Walking Day Event	Sun 24 th June (starts 11am at Parish Church)
Family Fun Day	Sat 30 th June 2pm
Fun Day BBQ	Sat 30 th June
Bank Hall	Sun 1 st July
Parish Council	Mon 2 nd July
Open Gardens	Sun 8 th July 12.00 noon
W.I.	Thur 12 th July 7.00pm
Open Gardens	Sun 26 th August 12.00 noon
Parish Council	Mon 3 rd September
W.I.	Thur 13 th September 7.30pm
W.I. Race Night	Sat 15 th September

Family Fun Day

Save the date...

Plans for the Family Fun Afternoon followed by an evening event are now well underway.

It will be held on

SATURDAY 30th JUNE

**2pm on the Recreation Ground
Teas, Raffles, Tombola, Games, Ice Cream
Croquet, Boules and LOTS MORE**

Can you help in any way?
please contact:

Joan Bullen, Alison Moxham, Janet Blezard, Gwyneth Lloyd or
Barbara Farbon know.

And in the Evening.....

'FLOGGIN a DEAD ORSE'
will entertain from 8.30 to 10.30
at a Barbecue event on the
Recreation Ground.

Tickets £7.50 each.

Proceeds from the Fun Day event will be shared 50:50 between the stall holders and the village improvements fund which will assist with the upkeep of the Play ground, Tennis Court, Defibrillator and other village amenities.

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 600750.