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Future meetings of the Parish Council

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

Monday February 5th 2018

Monday March 5th 2018

Welcome to the December village newsletter.

We have now received the results of the Best Kept Village Competition and despite all the efforts of the Tidy Village Group over the year we have not been placed at all which is very disappointing. None of our village nominated sites were mentioned either despite great efforts as usual by all concerned. This year we asked for the War Memorial to be excluded from the judging as we did not know what stage it would be up to by the judging period so next year that will be our pride and joy. We do, however need to plan in advance for the competition and while it is not 'Britain in Bloom' it appears that the villages that were winners had great displays of flowers which obviously sways the judges opinions. If every house in the village could plant one extra tub outside their house that would be a start. The Tidy Village group secured a very small grant to buy some planters for key places in the village but this will only extend to about 3 tubs so would appreciate any offers that businesses or individuals might be able to make to help with this.

In November the newly refurbished war memorial was re-dedicated at a very moving service conducted jointly by the clergy of the two churches. This provided a very fitting tribute to the work of all those who in any way contributed to the refurbishment project over the last two years.

I should like to thank the Velo Café for their sponsorship of this edition of the newsletter and finally, if you celebrate Christmas, the Parish Councillors would like to wish you the compliments of the season and a very Happy New Year. If you don't celebrate Christmas we hope that you have a peaceful and restful time and that you also have a very Happy New Year.

Barbara Farbon Chair

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 newsletters. John Pigott, John Crossfield, John Jackson, Gwyneth Lloyd and myself currently deliver but it would be good to have a reserve team that could help in the event of illness or holidays.

Call Barbara Farbon on 600750.

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DOG FOULING

Please also 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.

Superfast Broadband

Who would like 100mbs+ broadband by February at a price cheaper than any other service?

On the 14th November, a group of village residents interested in bringing a superfast broadband service to Bretherton met with representatives from Boundless Networks. The team, "Broadband for Rural Bretherton" (B4RB for short), wanted to find out how we could vastly improve the provision of broadband for the village via an established and reliable provider. Not only did Boundless Networks answer all our questions, but they have also come up with an extremely attractive pricing structure coupled with an offer of download speeds far in excess of anything BT can offer.

Key features of our discussions included:

- An initial setup, in the new year, offering broadband speeds of over 100mbs to all the residents of Bretherton;
- A commitment to provide our local school with free internet (freeing up substantial resources for the school);
- A commitment, depending on the number of signups, to reduce the installation charge significantly;
- A commitment to work with the mobile operators to improve mobile connectivity across the village;
- Finally, in the medium term, they would look to provide Bretherton with up to 1 gigabyte speeds to homes and businesses in the village thus ensuring Bretherton is future proofed for years to come.

A flyer from Boundless Networks is included with the Newsletter. What is being offered is incredibly fast broadband and a telephone service that not only would likely dispense with the £16.99 monthly line rental charge by BT, but also allows you to keep your number and have all the benefit of free landline and mobile calls (subject to your chosen package). Importantly, the individuals mentioned above, have spent time pulling together a deal for the area and they now need all our support. We need to provide Boundless with a **minimum** number of commitments from homes in the area which will give them the confidence to put investment into our village. **Make no mistake, this is an opportunity for Bretherton to take control of our own connectivity!**

To help us, take a look at the packages on offer and send an email to ultrafastbretherton@boundlessnetworks.co.uk highlighting your interest in the service (if you are keen to join the team, please let me know in the same email). Importantly, the charges in the flyer will only be applicable to those who submit interest before the project is up and running.

Wayne Jackson

Film Society

The next film will be:

THE TIME OF THEIR LIVES Friday 8th December with Joan Collins, Pauline Collins and Franco Nero
If you would like to be included on the email contact list, please contact brethertonfs@btinternet.com or phone John or Maggie on 601455 or Gwyneth on 600705.

All films will commence at 7.30 pm. The doors at Bretherton Endowed School open at 7.00 pm when refreshments, including wine, will be available. We very much look forward to seeing you then.

Look out for the posters about films in the New Year – dates were not available at the time of going to print.

Security

Please be vigilant with home security. There have been a few reports of incidents in the village and nearby. Ensure that bikes are locked in secure out buildings. Most crime is opportunist and thieves will see open sheds and garages as an invitation. It is sad but it is a sign of our times.

Keep abreast of incidents in the area by signing up to the Lancashire Police "In The Know" messaging system which offers you the means to receive information from the police and other agencies in the county which suit your preferences for content, locality and means of communication. It is a free service to sign up to and there are no contracts or obligations of any kind.

VISIT <https://www.lancashire.police.uk/help-advice/in-the-know.aspx> to find out more.



Key dates



Parish Council	Mon 4 th Dec 8pm
Film	Fri 8 th Dec 7.30pm
WI	Thur 14 th Dec 7.30pm
Rock n Roll night Velo Café	Fri 15 th Dec
Carol Services:	Sun 17 th Dec 11am (St John's) Sun 17 th Dec 6.30pm (Congregational Church) with Eccleston Brass Band
Christingle	Sun 24 th Dec 4pm at St John's
Christmas Day	10am at Congregational Church 11am at St John's
W.I.	Thur 11 th Jan 7.30pm
United Churches Together	Sun 21 st Jan 10.30am followed by soup lunch
Parish Council	Mon 5 th Feb 8pm
W.I.	Thur 8 th Feb 7.30pm
Parish Council	Mon 5 th Mar 8pm
Village Fun weekend	June 23 rd and 24 th
Walking day	June 24 th



A Thankyou from the W.I.

World Kindness Day Lunch Monday 13th November

Thank you to everybody for making soup, bringing rolls and fillings, washing up, setting up, coming along, socialising and generally making our first venture into a village lunch a successful event. It was lovely to be able to sit and chat, and good to see several people there with no direct Womens Institute connection. That was the whole point of doing it, and I think people enjoyed themselves. We plan to make the lunches a monthly event in the New Year. We will hopefully start these on Monday 5th February and thereafter on the first Monday of the month.

Jane Elphick
President Bretherton W.I.

STOP PRESS

There will be a temporary road closure on Moss House Lane, Much Hoole from 2nd January until 4th January to enable utility works to take place.

Village Fun Weekend

A working group is to be set up early in the New Year to plan for the Village Fun Weekend in June. If you can spare some time and would be willing to be part of this please contact Barbara Farbon or Gwyneth Lloyd or e mail brethertonpc@yahoo.co.uk

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TWIN LAKES VELO CAFE

Chorley Youth Zone Opens April 2018

A letter from Ryan Powell ryan.powell@inspireyouthzone.org

Firstly I would just like to introduce myself to you all. My name is Ryan and I'm the new Youth Work Manager at the soon to be new Chorley Youth Zone (opens April 2018). Over the next few months we will be engaging with young people throughout the Chorley Borough.

Just to keep you all in the loop, we have a couple of projects that we are looking for young people to engage with; We are looking for a group of young people with a keen interest in filming/acting to help create a Christmas promotion video. If you have any young people that would like to volunteer in producing this, please let me know as soon as possible by emailing myself.

Our current development group is looking to expand, we are looking for any young people aged 8 – 19 that would like their voice to be heard and have an input into Chorley Youth Zone, with opportunity to represent Chorley on a more national scale. The group will be meeting bi-weekly and it's a great opportunity to meet other young people. Finally, we will have some exciting pre-opening events happening around March 2018, where we will be inviting schools and community groups to come and test our facilities out. If this is of interest to you, please get in touch as we would love to come in and do lunch time visits or school assemblies to promote the Youth Zone before our opening.

I think it's a really exciting time for young people of Chorley and I look forward to working with you all in the near future. If any school heads / teachers or anyone from the community would like to meet up and find out in more detail what we'll be offering, I'm more than happy to do so.

Kind Regards
Ryan Powell

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