



## AUTUMN 2012 ISSUE 33



### Chairman's Remarks.

I had hoped to be able to remind us all about the enjoyment of balmy summer days, but sadly these were few and far between, but the weather did not stop a whole host of activities taking place in the Village and as you will read there are plenty of things to enjoy during the autumn.

I am pleased to be able to report that the Chorley Civic Society has nominated the Play area for an award as it demonstrates the best in design principles and is sympathetic to the surrounding landscape; it is always nice when the efforts of those in the Village are recognised by others.

Kind Regards,

Simon Moulton. Chair of the Parish Council

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The dates for the remainder of the meetings of the Parish Council for 2012 are;

Monday 5th November  
Monday 3rd December .  
All the meetings will be held at Bretherton Endowed C of E Primary School., starting at 8pm

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

### DIARY DATES

ANNUAL PROMS NIGHT WITH ECCLESTON BRASS BAND

FRIDAY 9<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER @ 7.30pm

ADULT TICKETS £5 YOUNG PEOPLE £2.50

Including light refreshments

Ticket hotline 01772 600920 or 01772 614148

### CHURCHES TOGETHER

UNITED SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AT THE PARISH CHURCH SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER @ 10AM

FOLLOWED BY SERVICE AT THE WAR MEMORIAL @ 11AM

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE [www.bretherton.org.uk](http://www.bretherton.org.uk)**

**Bretherton Primary School-news from the Head-teacher-Nick Ward**

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



We were delighted to have our full intake of our Reception children once again for September. It is wonderful that so many families want to join us.

Class 1 led an amazing worship on The Diamond Jubilee. We had a super 'street party' lunch to celebrate this special occasion. We celebrated the Olympics in style. The children all made some Olympic Superfood after being Junior Chef's. We represented 'India' as part of the Chorley School Sports Partnership Olympic Torch relay between all the schools.

Our netball team have won EVERY match this season and have been declared the Chorley Champions! Our team represented Chorley in the regional championships in Blackpool. 'The Event', our PTFA ball, was a resounding success and a wonderful time was had by all.

The grand total raised was a staggering amount which will really enhance our ICT provision in school. The whole school performed brilliantly in their Summer Production 'Pirates of the Curry Bean' and had so much fun.

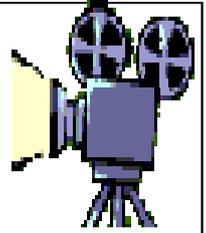
We were very sad to be saying goodbye to our incredible Y6 children in July. They have been such wonderful role models to the younger children, taken their responsibilities seriously and worked so hard. The children are leaving our school after receiving outstanding SAT's results/assessments; a testament to their hard work and excellent teaching in school. We are looking forward to another successful year in 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 if you would like to know more about our school - it is constantly updated with news. The website is [www.bretherton.lancs.sch.uk](http://www.bretherton.lancs.sch.uk)

**Bretherton Film Society**

Bretherton Film Society would like to invite you to its tenth season of film nights.

The autumn programme 2012, after consulting film goers, is:



**19<sup>th</sup> October The Artist**

(Cert PG 2011 Oscar winning silent comedy romance in black & white 100 mins)

**16<sup>th</sup> November The Descendants**

(Cert 15 comedy drama starring George Clooney 115 mins)

**7<sup>th</sup> December Salmon Fishing in the Yemen**

(Cert 12A comedy drama, romance starring Ewan McGregor & Emily Blunt 107 mins)

Suggestions for the programme after Christmas are very welcome.

Please email your ideas to [brethertonfs@btinternet.com](mailto:brethertonfs@btinternet.com) or telephone 01772601455. If you would like to be notified by email of forthcoming films or become more involved by joining the committee, just send a message to the same address.

*Where else can you chat, drink wine, tea or coffee, eat biscuits, crisps or popcorn and see a film all for £5:00?*

We look forward to welcoming you. Doors open at 7:00 and the film starts at 7:30



**A GOOD READ**

The proposed very informal social / book group based in Bretherton Institute will start on;

Wednesday, the 10<sup>th</sup> October 2012 at 8.00 pm.

**NB This is a week later than originally advertised.**

The idea is to meet once or twice a month during the autumn and winter to chat about and swap books over a drink. Some people may not want to read at all but just come along for a chat!

Anyone else interested please contact me Margaret Pigott on 01772 601455 or by email [me.simmonds@btinternet.com](mailto:me.simmonds@btinternet.com)

## ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH

If you've never been or haven't been for a while, you are always welcome to call in or join us for a service.

The church is usually open every day from 9:00am till dusk for people to call in.

Services are held every Sunday morning at 11.00am. Our Family Service is held on the first Sunday of the month with refreshments available afterwards.

John Hart  
Church Warden  
Telephone No; 600404

## 5 GARDENS OPENED FOR THE NATIONAL GARDEN SCHEME

In this miserable, wet summer the dates on which Bretherton Gardens were open fell on warm, sunny days. This meant that we have had the most successful season since we began in 2002.



A total of 1,150 visitors meant that we have been able to raise the fantastic sum of £6,385 for good causes. Queenscourt Hospice in Southport received 20% direct, with the 80% balance going to the National Gardens Scheme charities - Macmillan, Marie Curie, Help the Hospices, Crossroads Care, etc.

**A BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who contributed by visiting, making tea, baking cakes, or simply by being patient with the extra traffic from;

Terry & Sue Riding, Glynwood House  
John & Kris Jolley, Hazel Cottage  
Thompson & Jacqueline Dagnall, Hazelwood  
Richard & Barbara Farbon, Owl Barn  
John & Gwenifer Jackson, Pear Tree Cottage

## STRUGGLING WITH YOUR WEIGHT?

Come and join **WeightWatchers** at:-

St. Chad's Parish Centre  
Town Lane  
Whittle le Woods  
Chorley PR6 8AJ

(Next to St Chad's Church – just up the drive)

Leader: - Sharron W (07904 984322)  
Friday mornings between 9.30am and 10.30am



## BIRDS IN BREThERTON

Good news on cuckoos - a lady down Doles Lane contacted me to say she heard a cuckoo this year. It sounds as though birds in that area are thriving - there are barn owls, tawny owls, woodpeckers and of course buzzards.

Barn owls in particular seem to be doing well I have heard of 4 nests in Bretherton. Has anyone seen any young barn owls?

We have had the usual small birds on our feeders all summer (blue and great tits, goldfinches, assorted sparrows) but the long tailed tits seem to disappear and only returned this week.

Three geese flew over today (14 Sept) it seems early for them to arrive for the winter but we should see the usual large numbers arriving next month.

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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



## **BREHERTON BOWLING NEWS**

Well the season has drawn to a close once again.

Top billing this year goes to the new Vets B team in the Leyland League who finished top of Division 4. They found the going fairly straight forward with good quality players in their side. Sadly, the Vets A team who were promoted last season have been relegated from Division 3 back to Division 4 so a local derby will not be on the cards next season.

In the Chorley League the A and B teams locked horns in Division 4 with the B team fairing better finishing 4th, just missing out on promotion. The A team finished in 9th place. The Chorley Ladies team who are in Division 1 finished 4th this season, so they have also had a good season.

The bowling green was in top order despite the summer weather! So a special thank you goes to Barry Chambers for doing a sterling job.



That's all for now.  
Dave Hughes

PS Club member Sylvia Bentham reached the final of the Preston Guild Ladies Trophy narrowly losing. Never mind - think of the dusting you will save on, as the trophy is held for 20 years!

## **BREHERTON PARISH INSTITUTE**

Bretherton Parish Institute or simply the 'Insty'... has been a local club in one form or another for just over 100 years. We are to be found on the recreational ground off South Road.

The club opens 6 nights a week (currently closed Sundays) and has been recently refurbished. Members come along to socialize and share a drink or two or have a game of snooker.

As a private members club, the prices are extremely reasonable and we are always happy to invite guests in to have a look and hopefully become members.

The club is available to hire for small events.

For more information, please contact.  
John Hart  
Telephone No; 600404

## BOULES

Well, we have come to the end of our first season playing BOULES at Bretherton Institute as part of the Croston Boules League. We have achieved our first target of scoring over 1000 points and winning over 40 games. Well done to all who have played - not bad for our initial year of playing.



Everyone seems to have enjoyed playing and socialising with the other teams, with Mr George Lloyd being our chief sampler/connoisseur of the refreshments. Sorry George but it is still a no to mustard!

Our final competition will be on 16th September for the Midge Hall Trophy. This year the league decided that the lower 3 teams would play the Midge Hall team to give them the opportunity to win a trophy. You never know!

Hoping to do it all again, only better next year.

Claire Hughes

### **Bank Hall Update – September 2012**

As you may be aware, a newly constituted Group “The Friends of Bank Hall” took over running events etc. at Bank Hall from the 1<sup>st</sup> January this year. FBH is still affiliated to Heritage Trust for the North West but is now a registered charity in its own right and as such has also registered with other bodies. Bank Hall Action Group will remain in existence for the time being.

**Filming** - The latest filming at Bank Hall took place on the 5<sup>th</sup> September. Gardeners World were filming in relation to the native Clematis on site. The program, we understand will be on TV early in October.

**Main Project** - Behind the scenes work continues on sorting out the legal & financial aspects of the project. It is all very complex and we are still hoping that work can commence towards the end of this year or early next year.

**Potting Sheds Project** - The Friends of Bank Hall are organising this project. A Grant from LEF has been awarded and we are currently awaiting a decision from the Heritage Lottery Fund concerning the remainder. If this is successful, work should commence on these buildings before the end of the year.

**Volunteer Days** - Monthly Volunteer days have been organised and latterly clearing the Greenhouse area has been the priority. All help gratefully received.

On all the above, view our website: [www.bankhall.org](http://www.bankhall.org) or for further information email: [secretary.fbh@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:secretary.fbh@hotmail.co.uk)

## **GARDENING NEWS FROM MARGUERITE** <sup>6</sup>

Was I being hopelessly optimistic when I opened my last gardening report with tips on how to make sure your plants got enough water in the summer??? My comment now, on looking back at our wettest summer is don't give up on the garden, use autumn as a time to plan new beds & borders and to plant your bulbs to look forward to a colourful spring. Whilst we've had more rain than we needed it will lead to a very good flowering display on spring shrubs such as camellias & rhododendrons. We are currently enjoying some of the best looking hydrangeas for many years.

### **Tasks for October**

#### ***Trees Shrubs Climbers & Flowers***

Rake up fallen leaves regularly. Bag up & leave in the garden to rot down and produce leaf mould for the following year.

Plant container grown trees, shrubs & climbers

Lift & divide congested clumps of herbaceous perennials

Plant some new herbaceous perennials to bring colour to beds & borders in autumn

#### ***Lawns***

Keep on with lawn care including feeding with specialist autumn lawn feed

#### ***Herbs & Vegetables & Fruit***

Pick any remaining green tomatoes and compost the plant. Putting the fruits in a bowl with a banana will help them ripen

Tidy up strawberry plants

### **Tasks for November**

#### ***Trees Shrubs Climbers & Flowers***

Prepare new beds & borders for spring planting & carry out autumn digging

Plant bare rooted hedges & shrubs

Lift dahlias if not already done

Take hardwood cuttings including climbers

Continue planting tulip bulbs

Finish planting other spring bulbs

#### ***Lawns***

Turf new lawns on previously prepared ground

#### ***Fruit & Vegetables***

Plant new fruit trees & bushes when the weather & soil conditions allow

Mulch around fruit trees with a generous layer of compost or composted bark

Plant rhubarb

Plant & sow hardy peas & beans for an early crop next year

#### **Wildlife Garden**

Tidy water gardens removing dead leaves & debris. Thin out oxygenating plants

#### **General**

Clean & thoroughly oil all tools before winter

Remove, clean & store reuseable plant supports



## Problem of the Quarter - Fungi

Fungi of all types are likely to appear all over the place in the autumn & the lack of frosts mean that many will survive for several days or longer. Most are toadstools that appear in gardens and are not harmful to plants, so unless they are like the ones in the picture!!, there is no need to panic as soon as you see them. If they appear on lawns, just brush them off to minimise their spread, unless they appear in circles or look as if they are killing off the grass



A few such as the tough bracket fungi that develops on tree trunks and the golden toadstools of honey fungus can spell TROUBLE.

Some fungi may cause a tree to become potentially dangerous & even if you remove the fungus itself, the problem may continue to develop. If in any doubt consult an expert.

## SNOOKER

The new snooker season has just started and although we have a healthy snooker following with six teams playing in the various leagues, we are always looking to improve and introduce new blood at all levels of ability.

The club's over 60's play in the Preston League on Wednesday afternoons. Astland League matches are played on Tuesday evenings and two teams playing in the Southport and District League matches, alternating between Wednesdays and Thursdays evenings.

The snooker tables are available for use on all other nights with a rack full of cues to borrow. If you'd like a game, please come along or get in touch.

We have just completed a very enjoyable summer snooker competition between 17 of our members. All players were given a reasonable handicap and Ronnie Dickinson was finally crowned as champion after winning 13 of his matches.

During December the club holds a Christmas handicap knock-out competition. Come along and have a game or get involved for some match experience.

John Hart  
Telephone No; 600404

## **Bretherton Awarded Sport England Grant**



The Parish Council in conjunction with Bretherton Bowling Club, have been awarded a grant of £50,000 to build a new Bowling Clubhouse. The grant is part of Sport England's Inspired Facilities programme, the aim of which is to ensure that the benefit of the Olympic legacy is shared by all sports and communities nationally. Discussions are currently taking place with the Sport England appointed contractor to finalise the detailed design of the building which will be manufactured at their factory in Belfast and installed on the site of the existing Bowling Cabin early next year. It is hoped that the new facility, which will include an accessible toilet, kitchen and social area will be ready for the start of the 2013 season.

Much of the work on the project will be done by members of the Bowling Club and it is hoped that the facility will also be used by other groups in the village for meetings and other small scale events. For more information please contact John Pigott on 01772 601455.

## **Multi-sports plan for Bretherton Recreation Ground.**



As reported in our last newsletter, the Parish Council is investigating the possibility of developing the tennis court area into a Multi Use Games Area (MUGA). The development would include the renewal of the surrounding fence and the creation of an all the year round facilities for tennis, football, basketball, netball and other games.

The existing tennis net would be replaced by a solid "net" which would also divide the area into two pitches for other sports. It is probable that tennis would have priority between April and September when the grassed areas are in good condition for other sports.

It is hoped that the project can be funded from external sources.

During the next few weeks we will be carrying out a survey of young people in the area to collate their views on the detail of the new facility. We would also like to hear from any other users and parents who have views on the proposal. If you have any thoughts on the proposals, please contact ;

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