

Chairman's Remarks Welcome to the autumn edition of our quarterly newsletter. We can look back on a summer in which the village was a Certificate of Merit winner in the Sheltered Accommodation class for The Apiary, and also a Certificate of Merit winner for the best Children's Play Area in the annual Best Kept Village Competition 2013. The bowling club also opened a truly fabulous new club house and it right that we acknowledge that all these achievements are the result of a good deal of hard work by a dedicated core of people:- you know who you are and you know how much the fruits of your labours are appreciated by the rest of us.

A great big thank you also, to everyone who attended, contributed and donated so generously to the Village Celebration on 7th September. Despite the wet weather, which tried to dampen the spirits, a good time was had by all! The total amount raised was £914.20 with £456.80 being raised by the Bowling Club through refreshments and a giant whisky bottle raffle. The remaining £ 457.40 will be added to the fund for purchasing a defibrillator for the village."

The Parish Council would like to extend their gratitude to those who completed the first of the Village Plan questionnaires and provided us with your constructive observations, all of which have been taken on board. The results of the first survey are to be published and distributed to all households soon.

Kind Regards from Wayne Jackson

Bretherton Open Gardens

Garden owners and recipient charities would like to thank everyone who supported the events. From over one thousand visitors, £4341 was raised and distributed to the National Gardens Scheme, St Catherine's Hospice and Derian House



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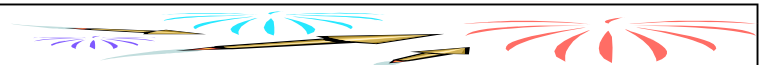
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The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday 4th November 2013 at 8pm at Bretherton Endowed C of E Primary School.

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

Bretherton Bonfire and Firework Display;

Bretherton Cricket Club would like to welcome the village to this year's annual Bretherton Bonfire and Firework Display on Saturday 2nd November at the cricket pitch on South Road. This year's event will feature a professional display by Phenomenal Fireworks of Stan-dish, commencing at 7pm Lighting of the bonfire at 6:30pm. Gates open at 5:30pm. Tickets are £4 for adults, £2 for children under 12 and £10 for a family ticket (two adults and two children), and are available from The Blue Anchor, Bretherton Institute, and Glenroyde Nurseries and on the gate.. Donations of wood would be appreciated. Mick Haworth, Club Chairman, on 07962 252433.



Bretherton Primary School-news from the Headteacher-Nick Ward

We have all settled back into school life and are excited about our new school year. As well as achieving the best results we have ever had in many areas, to have Ofsted and SIAS grade our school as 'outstanding' in all areas was the icing on the cake.

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

Worship is such an important part of school life and we continue to welcome many visitors who join us either by leading or participating.

We ended the year on a high with our summer production 'Cinders'.

We were sad to say goodbye to our lovely Y6 children in July. Their achievements were a testament to their hard work and excellent teaching in school.

This term is already proving to be busy! Our Y5/6 children have been on their annual residential to Robinwood Dobroyd Castle in Todmorden which they thoroughly enjoyed. We are looking forward to a whole school cinema trip, mini-squash, 'Mad Science' and lots more!

Please visit our website for more information;

www.bretherton.lancs.sch.uk

BRETHERTON CRICKET CLUB

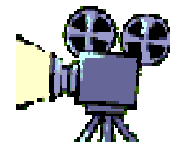
New Chairman Mick Haworth has completed his first season in charge. Sadly, no silverware this season. However stand out performances came from, Zahid Ali, Phil Crook, Gary Naylor, Muhammed Ali, John Hudson and Matthew Goldsmith. We are currently undertaking repair work to improve the facilities at the ground.



On the 30th November the club is holding a social evening in the school hall at Bretherton. Tickets will be available soon.

Bretherton Film Society

The remaining films for the Autumn are;



18th October: Silver Linings Playbook (15, 122mins); After a stint in a mental institution, former teacher Pat Solitano moves back in with his parents and tries to reconcile with his ex-wife. Things get more challenging when Pat meets Tiffany, a mysterious girl with problems of her own.

15th November: Wadjda (PG, 98 mins); An enterprising Saudi girl signs on for her school's Koran recitation competition as a way to raise the remaining funds she needs in order to buy the green bicycle that has captured her interest.

13th December: The Life of Pi (PG, 127mins); A young man who survives a disaster at sea is hurtled into an epic journey of adventure and discovery. While cast away, he forms an unexpected connection with another survivor: a fearsome Bengal tiger.

Thanks to everyone who supports the film nights. The hall is open from 7:00 when you can enjoy a glass of wine or tea and coffee with biscuits, crisps or popcorn before the film starts at 7:30. If you would like to go on the mailing list please contact; brethertonfs@btinternet.com. Telephone number is 01772 601455

Burglaries

Bretherton has been subjected to its second "professional" burglary in the last several months, with thieves spending many hours in a house, systematically going through all the contents. So now would be a good time to think about 'beefing up' your security, remembering not to leave door and windows open, fitting 5 lever mortice locks on doors, ensuring that all windows have locks and installing an approved alarm system and maintaining it. You can also help by keeping your eyes and ears open. Be vigilant. You cannot stop a determined burglar, but you can make it a lot more difficult for him or her. Finally, please check on those in the village who fall in to the category of being more vulnerable and who might need your assistance."



New Bowling Clubhouse

After various logistical problems and delays, Bretherton's new Bowling Club House was finally delivered and installed in early July with considerable help from the Lilford Estate. The building was officially opened during the Celebration Fun Day on 7th September by the Chair of the Parish Council, Cllr Wayne Jackson and the President of the Bowling Club, Mrs Annie Bradley.



Bretherton Buzzards-Boules

At the end of our second season we are pleased to have, improved as players, won more games than last year, increased our score, and will be retaining the 'Fanny Trophy' to be displayed in the Institute, for all to see.



We competed for the newly introduced League

Trophy, winning our first heat, but unfortunately narrowly lost to Midge Hall in the final leg.

The 2014 Season begins in April 2014.

Clare

BREHERTON PARISH INSTITUTE

It's been a busy old time during the summer months due to the popularity of the Institute, which opens on 6 nights per week and can be found on the Recreation ground. We are selling tickets for our 100 club with monthly cash prizes. Tickets are £1 per month for each month of the year left to run.

The club is available to hire for small events. John Hart (01772 600404)

North Road Speed Limit

As part of the Parish Council's efforts to improve road safety on North Road, Lancashire County Council staff have been reviewing data from our SpID, as the possible justification for the introduction of a 30 mph speed limit between Carr House Lane and Canal Leach. Despite evidence of significant excess speeding by vehicles, we have been told that there was insufficient justification for additional speed enforcement, based on the combined speed and casualty data and the Lancashire Police Force's finite resources.



The Parish Council are disappointed in this decision and are asking the County Council to consider other measures to improve road safety such as the provision of double white lines at the junction of North Road with Pompian Brow, where there was a fatal accident two years ago.

BANK HALL UPDATE ;

We held our Classic and Vintage Car Rally at the end of July and once again this was very well supported by over 700 visitors and 130 vehicles which came to the event. An increase on last year. Thanks go to exhibitors and the sponsors, Cross and Watson.



We are having a Volunteers Open Evening on the 14th November at Mere Brow Village Hall, so please come along if you are interested-details are on our website.

The Main Project is currently on target. Tower Fund – there is a shortfall of around £200,000. Grants will be applied for but public fund raising for this important element of the Hall will also take place.

Once again thank you to all who continue to support this Project.

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH

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. Harvest Service is on Sunday 13th October and the Christingle Service on Tuesday 24th December. John Hart - Church Warden (01772 600404)

BIRDS IN BREHERTON The birds have taken advantage of the good summer, but now the weather has changed, small flocks of geese have been arriving. There have been several young tawny owls exchanging calls so they seem to have bred well this year. We have had a swallow's nest for the first time for several years and they successfully bred 5 chicks. The food on our feeders has disappeared very quickly and a newcomer this year is a bullfinch. Birds of prey seen are the now fairly common buzzards and kestrels but later in the year two red kites have been seen towards North Road and also a merlin was seen last month. Thanks to everyone who has contacted me with sightings. If you have any comments or observations you would like to share please contact me. John Jolley, South View 600896 jolley@johnjolley.plus.com



GARDENING NEWS FROM MARGUERITE

Autumn has arrived and with it comes the promise of spectacular autumn foliage. If you want to guarantee a blaze of colour and interest in your borders in autumn with some hardy & trouble free plants, these are my top six -

Sorbus (vilmornii is one of the best)

Hamamelis (witch hazel)

Euonymus Alatus Compactum

Fothergilla

Liquid Amber

Cotinus (smoke bush)

If you are considering buying an apple tree, old heritage varieties are very robust and generally produce fruit that stores well. I would recommend;

Ashmeads Kernal, Kidd's Orange Red, Blenheim Orange

Garden Jobs for Autumn

Plant clematis, other climbers and spring bulbs, leaving Tulips until November

Sow sweet peas

Carry out autumn maintenance in the borders, cutting back, tidying and mulching but leave tender perennials and seed heads for autumn and winter impact and for the wildlife.

Divide perennials, plant trees, shrubs and hedging and sow winter salads

Carry out autumn lawn care and make a leaf mould.

Protect tender plants and vulnerable pots with bubble wrap

Prune roses to prevent wind rock and apple and pear trees-in November when dormant.

Gather berries, seed heads, catkins, and ornamental twigs to make Christmas decorations

If you remember to collect the sloes, sit back and enjoy your sloe gin at Christmas.



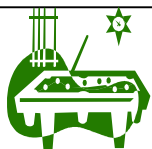
Bretherton Bowling News; Fortunes this season have been mixed. The A team just avoided relegation. B Team narrowly missed out on promotion and the Thursday night team struggled to gain a foothold in Division 3. On a positive note we have gained 2 young players, Jack and Philip and our top players this season were George Lloyd, Chrisitine Chambers, Terry Houghton and Sheila Kirkby



That's all for now, David Hughes

SNOOKER;

The new snooker season has just started with seven teams playing, in 3 Leagues. We have just completed a summer snooker league competition between 18 of our members, with Matt Henderson being crowned champion. During December the club holds a Christmas handicap knock-out competition. Come along and have a game or get involved for some match experience, new members are always welcome. John Hart (01772 600404)



Neighbourhood Watch ;Chorley and surrounding villages are supported by the Chorley & District Neighbourhood Watch Association (CADNWA), with Committee members meeting every 2 to 3 months to discuss progress on issues and projects. Underpinning the work of the Committee are the NHW Coordinators, volunteers who provide the link between NHW/Police and the local Watch members. More information is available from Lynn Waring on 01257246384; or lynn.wareing@lancashire.pnn.police.uk