



Dear Resident,

Summer is clearly over, what we had of it! Despite it being the coldest summer recorded for the last 20 years our gardens have looked splendid. The results from the Best Kept Village contest have just been published and Bretherton came third this year in the Champion Village class. Well done and thank you to everyone that helped keep our village looking clean and attractive. On the subject of plants I had to report a shameful crime to the police in late July when a selfish thief stole all the annuals planted in front of the Apiary, and a selection from the War Memorial and island bed on Carr House Lane. Special thanks must go to Clifford Coulton for replacing the plants for the pleasure of everyone in the village or travelling through.

Early in August I was also informed that the grant application the parish council made to restore the wayside crosses on South Road and Sarah Lane and the Village stocks was refused due to Heritage Lottery Fund's "insufficient funds".

There are many events and activities happening in the village over the next few months, some of which are noted in this newsletter. Take a look at the notices which are placed in the two council notice boards on Pompian Brow and the Apiary for further information.

The next Parish Council Meeting is on the 7th November, 2011

Best wishes
Gwyneth Lloyd
Chair of the Parish Council

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Gordon Gregg Memorial

It is now 12 months since Gordon Gregg passed away and it seems only fitting that Bretherton should pay tribute to his outstanding contribution to village life for over 6 decades. We all miss this wonderful gentleman who was always ready to help any needy cause in and around our village. His devotion to St John's Church and 30 years as clerk to the Parish Council are well known but less obvious was his friendship and assistance to so many in the community especially those who were old, infirm or just needed companionship. Gordon was always happy to help with his fund of stories and old world charm and most of us will recall with great pleasure his beautiful garden, which gave us so much enjoyment.

The Parish Council believe we should provide a memorial for Gordon and are prepared to allocate some funds for this purpose but, unfortunately, finances are tight and the amount available falls well short of what is needed to provide something both of quality and long lasting. We feel sure that many of the people of Bretherton would be willing to donate something towards this very worthy cause and we would therefore ask for your support. It is felt that planting an oak tree with an appropriate plaque and guards on the recreational ground would be particularly apt but if anyone has suggestions then please feel free to contact me or any other member of the Parish Council. Donations can be given to me at Lane End Farm, Pompian Brow or any other Parish Councillor, cheques should be made payable to Bretherton Parish Council.

Many thanks in anticipation of your help.

Robert Booth

Bretherton School News from the Headteacher.

We are looking forward to another fantastic year in school. We recently had some wonderful news. We have been awarded funding to complete the next phase of our building work. We will have a wonderful new entrance area which completely links the two buildings together, which will mean that the children can walk freely around school. It was lovely that so many parents wanted their children to come to our school in September to start their education at Bretherton. We have a full intake of 15 children joining us, although many more wanted to come here. I am always extremely proud showing prospective parents around our school - the children and staff are all so friendly and welcoming and very well behaved too (the staff as well!).

I am delighted to let you know that we have received another award! The Chorley School Sports Partnership have decided that we at Bretherton should receive the award for 'Overcoming Challenges'. They feel that as a small school, on the outskirts of the borough, we do an amazing job with our school sports and achieve so highly too. It was lovely to get a letter from the Queen this summer! Children in Class 3 had written to her, telling her all about our school and inviting her to come and visit. Unfortunately she is really busy but she was really glad to hear that our children are so proud of their school.

We said 'Goodbye' to our Year 6 children in July. Although they were ready for the next chapter in their education we were sad to see them go. They left our school after receiving outstanding SAT's results, a testament to their hard work and excellent teaching 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 please visit our website at

www.bretherton.lancsngfl.ac.uk.



Bretherton Film Society

Autumn Programme

2011.

Friday 30th September:

ORANGES & SUNSHINE

starring Emily Watson, David Wenham and Hugo Weaving.

Cert 15. (110 mins). Oranges & Sunshine tells the story of Margaret Humphreys (Emily Watson), a social worker from Nottingham, who uncovered one of the most significant social scandals in recent times: the organised deportation of children in care from the United Kingdom to Australia. Almost single-handedly, against overwhelming odds and with little regard for her own well-being, Margaret reunited thousands of families, brought authorities to account and worldwide attention to an extraordinary miscarriage of justice.

Friday 21st October:

TRUE GRIT starring Jeff Bridges, Matt Damon and Josh Brolin. Cert 15. (110 minutes). Following the murder of her father by hired hand Tom Chaney, 14-year-old farm girl Mattie Ross sets out to capture the killer. To aid her, she hires the toughest U.S. marshal she can find, a man with "true grit," Reuben J. "Rooster" Cogburn. Mattie insists on accompanying Cogburn, whose drinking, sloth, and generally reprobate character do not augment her faith in him. They are joined by Texas Ranger LaBoeuf, who wants Chaney for his own purposes. The unlikely trio find danger and surprises on the journey, and each has his or her "grit" tested.

Friday 18th November:

NEVER LET ME GO starring Keira Knightley, Carey Mulligan, Andrew Garfield, Izzy Meikle-Small. Cert 12A. (103 mins). As children, Ruth, Kathy and Tommy, spend their childhood at a seemingly idyllic English boarding school. As they grow into young adults, they find that they have to come to terms with the strength of the love they feel for each other, while preparing themselves for the haunting reality that awaits them.

Friday 9th December:

THE WORLD'S FASTEST INDIAN starring Anthony Hopkins, Diane Ladd and Iain Rea. Cert 12A. (127 mins). The life story of New Zealander Burt Munro, who spent years building a 1920 Indian motorcycle -- a bike which helped him set the land-speed world record at Utah's Bonneville Salt Flats in 1967.

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.

brethertonfs@btinternet.com.



Bretherton Cricket Club

After a fantastic season last year this season has been very challenging! Due to external factors (the weather features in this!) a number of fixtures had to be cancelled. Bretherton 2nd team were successful in reaching the Leyland Shield final held at Rufford CC, alas, to be beaten by 30 runs! However, we hope that with new enthusiasm and better weather we will be back on top for the next season.

The 1st team are progressing well in Division 2 with Stuart Little as captain and vice captain Adrian Semple.

We are keen to seek new players of all ages and abilities, whether you are looking for a regular game, or can offer your cricketing skills occasionally, we want to hear from you!

Our annual fundraiser held at the cricket ground for bonfire night is due to take place on Saturday 5th November. As usual, there will be refreshments available and a fantastic fireworks display, not forgetting the mammoth bonfire to keep you toasty warm! Tickets will be available for 'fast track' in order to avoid queuing or alternatively, pay at the gate.

For further information contact John Hudson 01772 600149 or look out for notices displayed around the village.

OPEN GARDENS 2011

At the end of the tenth year of open gardens in Bretherton, a very big thank you to visitors, neighbours, gardeners, helpers, cake-bakers and tea-servers. Despite very changeable weather (from downpours on 17 July to golden sunshine on 4 September) this year has been a great success, raising a total of £4,000 - £3,200 for the National Gardens Scheme charities and £800 for Queenscourt Hospice. Over the ten year period, the grand sum of £33,576 has been sent to the NGS, the British Red Cross and Queenscourt Hospice - an amount that a small village like ours can be proud of. Plans for the 2012 season are already in hand - watch this space for exciting news.
Kris and John Jolley

Proposed Road Closure

Lancashire Highways have informed us of a proposed road closure on the Great Hanging Bridge and Little Hanging Bridge on the A581 Meadow Lane, Croston from **Monday 9th January 2012 until Friday 11th May 2012** to allow bridge strengthening works to be carried out to Great Hanging Bridge and replacement works to be carried out at Little Hanging Bridge.

The proposed diversion route for eastbound traffic is via A59 Liverpool Road roundabout, Carr House Lane, South Road, Flag Lane to Bretherton Road, Croston. The proposed diversion route for westbound traffic is via Ulmes Walton Road, Leyland Lane, Schleswig Way, Dunkirk Lane, Cocker Bar Road, North Road, Carr House Lane to A59 Liverpool Road roundabout. However, there will be additional signage for **HGV traffic** placed on A49 Wigan Road Euxton stating **A581 Closed west of Croston, for Burscough Use A 49 & A 5209** and on A59 Liverpool Road South, Burscough stating **A581 Closed west of Croston, Use A5209 & A 49**.



Preston Care & Repair

Chorley Council is delighted to announce the formation of a new partnership with Preston Care and Repair to provide a handy person service to vulnerable people across the borough.

It is a local voluntary sector agency that has been providing this type of service since 1993, and has won a national award for excellence in delivering handy person services.

The handyperson technicians will tackle any job that can be considered within the definition of "DIY" – from changing light bulbs to joinery, cutting back shrubs or power washing drives. Clients pay only a £10 per hour contribution, plus the cost of any materials needed, and they are advised on any costs before the work commences. The service is available to older and/or disabled homeowners or private tenants in the borough. They can get in touch personally or ask a relative, friend, social or health care worker to do so on their behalf.

The Council anticipates that this service will help those most in need of a little extra help to remain independent in their own homes for as long as they want to do so.

To find out more about the service customers should contact:

Preston Care and Repair – 01772 204096 or
Chorley Council – 01257 515 151
Help Direct - 0303 333 1111

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH-Tips for the Autumn and Winter

Purchase timer switches. These switches can be pre-programmed to come on before you reach home.
Don't leave bins out once they have been emptied these are a clear indicator that no one is home.
Park in well-lit, busy areas and consider the safest route back to where you are parked.
Carry a personal attack alarm.
When approaching your car, or home, have your keys ready so you can enter without delay.
If you have to walk, avoid short cuts in lonely areas. Keep to well-lit, busy streets
If possible carry your things in a small bag across your body, under your outer coat.
Carry your bag close to you with the clasp facing inwards.
Spread your valuables around. For example, carry your house keys in your pocket, your phone in your bag and your money in your jacket.
Try not to advertise your valuables, mobile phone, laptop, MP3 player, jewellery, watches, etc.
Think about property marking all your possessions, with a special marker
Don't tempt mobile phone thieves; be aware when making a call.

Eddie Johnson

Bank Hall Bretherton-Update

2011 has been another important year in the long running campaign to save Bank Hall. I am happy to report on some of the major milestones that have been reached in the last twelve months. In February after much hard work by all the major stakeholders in this campaign Chorley Borough Council approved a planning application unanimously. This could not have been achieved without our public support., The Heritage Trust for the North West, Acland Bracewell and Urban Splash. Currently a further project to commence the restoration of what has come to be known as the potting sheds in the walled garden is being pursued. This will mean a further application for HLF funding. Such a project will be part of a much bigger scheme to restore the walled gardens that will be in keeping with a restored Bank Hall. Early in the year once again filming occurred at the hall for the series Restoration Home and those of you who saw this programme might have seen the clips of Caroline Quentin at Bank Hall in the opening scenes of each episode. Our open days have been successful again particularly the snowdrop walks each Sunday in February, open air theatre provided by the local company Say 2 and themed events such as the vintage car rally.
For regular updates please check our website www.bankhall.org.uk

Janet Edwards

BIRDS IN BRETHERTON

Summer's gone (or never arrived) and the swallows will soon be migrating.
Although it's been a cool wet summer birds in general seem to have done well. The Canada geese have certainly expanded in numbers and where they used to fly over at dawn and dusk seem recently to be flying all through the day and a number of people have said there are more sparrow hawks now and I recently saw one with prey feeding on our lawn.
It seems likely the barn owls at Cockerbar have bred as they have been seen coming and going with voles. Goldfinches feeding on forget-me-not seeds, a pair of bullfinches and long tailed tits are all visitors to a garden near the church.
There have not been a lot of butterflies this year but that is probably due to lack of warmth and sunshine.
If you have any comments or observations you would like to share please contact me.

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Gardening News

I've just got back from a fortnight's holiday in Brittany. The weather there is a lot milder than here in Bretherton. There are wonderful floral displays in town and village especially on the traffic roundabouts and around Municipal buildings. Agapanthus seems to do especially well in this region and were in full bloom. It's now back to my garden in which weeds have sprouted during my absence helped by the wet weather.

Here are my tasks for the next quarter –

October

Rake up fallen leaves regularly and bag for leaf mould.
Lift & divide congested clumps of herbaceous perennials
Plant spring flowering bulbs – except tulips
Plant some new herbaceous perennials to bring colour to beds & borders in autumn
Keep on with lawn care and mow if necessary
Clear any vegetable plants that have ceased to be productive, binning or burning any diseased plants
Reduce the food given to fish
If you have a net over your pond, regularly empty it of leaves
Pick off or cut foliage from deteriorating pond plants

November

Insulate climbers trees and shrubs that are grown in containers to decrease the risk of roots freezing
Plant bare rooted trees, shrubs, hedging and fruit trees
Heap a mulch over crowns of tender herbaceous perennials and bulbs
Plant tulips & lilies
Clear leaves from the lawn
If it is wet, avoid walking on the lawn. Also if frosty avoid walking on the lawn.
Send off for catalogues from specialist fruit tree nurseries
Order your turkey!!

December

Early this month cover a few holly berry bunches with mesh to ensure they are still there at Christmas
Check that the ties, stakes and supports for climbers are properly in place
Plant up a container or two for winter colour
Buy and order your seeds whilst the full range is still available
Take precautions to prevent the surface of the pond from freezing over completely. If it does freeze over, thaw a hole in the ice

Tips of the quarter

Light coloured stone paths will eventually turn grey & grubby. Keep them clean by pouring over them the water in which potatoes have been cooked. Do this each time potatoes are on the menu
November is a good time to plant bare rooted roses. Banana skins are rich source of magnesium, sulphur, calcium, phosphates, silica and sodium trace elements which plants need in order to grow healthier and are often missing from soils. Lay the skins just below the surface of the soil around rose trees & bushes, they will ensure a magnificent display of blooms. In spring plant chives as a companion plant around roses, they will prevent blackspot and also attract hoverflies which control aphids.

You probably thought that the final quarter of the year was a time to put your feet up but the above tasks show that there is still much to do out there in the garden.

Here's hoping for a milder winter than last year. Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

" I am starting a series of weekly gardening classes in the area, including one evening class. If anyone would like further details could they telephone me on 01772 601376 or E mail on D.hughes180@btinternet.com"

Here are some top tips to help keep people safe over Halloween and Bonfire Night.



Did you know that sparklers get five times hotter than cooking oil? Sparklers are not toys and should never be given to a child under five. Children should be supervised at all times, and used sparklers should be placed hot end down in a bucket of sand or water.

Don't cut corners just to save a few pound. Always buy fireworks from a reputable shop to make sure that they conform to British Standards. This means that they should have BS 7114 written on the box. Sometimes shops open up for a short time before Bonfire Night but these may not be the best places to buy fireworks from. Staff in these shops might not be very knowledgeable about using fireworks safely and their fireworks might not meet British Standards.

Whatever you do, don't buy fireworks from anywhere you're not sure about, such as the back of a van or from a temporary, unlicensed market stall. Information relating to the inappropriate sale of fireworks should be reported to Trading Standards on 08454 04 05 06.

Do:

- Ensure children go trick or treating with an adult
- Encourage to call on houses where they know the residents
- Respect the wishes of those with 'no trick or treating' cards displayed
- Ask children to stay with friends and not split up
- Be visible at all times
- Attend an organised bonfire
- If you have your own fireworks keep children and pets under control
- Follow the manufacturers instructions on each firework
- Light it at arm's length with a safety firework lighter or fuse wick

NHS NEWS.

Free workshops are available throughout central Lancashire for adults living with a long-term health condition.

The workshops focus on the problems having a long-term health condition causes, rather than the condition itself.

- All the Workshops are held in local venues and led by volunteer tutors, who themselves have a long-term condition.
- Each course is made up of a two-and-a-half-hour workshop, once a week for six weeks.
- Previous participants have said how the workshops have helped them live healthier, happier lives.

If you would like more information or to put your name down to attend a course please contact Sue Lewis at NHS Central Lancashire on 01772 678195 or by email to susan.f.lewis@centrallancashire.nhs.uk