



The Parish Meeting will be held on the 13th May and I would encourage everyone to attend to learn about the work of the Parish Council.

The precept for this year (the funds we receive from Chorley Council) will be £10130, which represents a very slight increase of £1-61 per Band D household. With this amount, the Parish Council feels that with good housekeeping it can continue to provide the existing level of services.

Kind Regards,

Simon Moulton, Chairman of the Parish Council

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The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on the 8th April 2013, at 8pm at Bretherton Endowed Primary School.

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

Churches Together.

The Good Friday Service will be held in the Parish Church on March 29th at 11am



Marguerite our gardening correspondent will be restarting her weekly gardening courses after Easter .

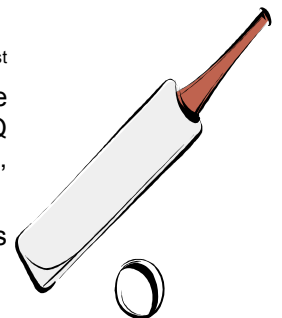
For further details contact ; d.hughes180@btinternet.com or ring 01772 601376.



Bretherton Cricket Club

The coming of the new season in six weeks time sees Mick Haworth as Chairman, and Mo Ali, as 1st XI Captain. Saturday 20th April is our 6th Annual 'Cricket Force' Day (10am-4pm) taking place at the ground, on South Road, opposite The Blue Anchor. Everyone is welcome and there will be a BBQ and refreshments. Donations of exterior varnish and gloss, wood stain, fence panels and posts would, again, be much appreciated.

We will be supporting Bretherton's Entry to the Best Kept Village by ensuring that the Cricket Club is spick and span in time for the judging during the summer.



For more information about Cricket Force or joining the Club as a player or volunteer contact Mick on 07962252433, email fb46@fsmail.net or Dave Bertram on 07708 911622 email dbertram1@googlemail.com

BRETHERTON OPEN GARDENS 2013

This year, there will be just three open days, which will run from 12 noon to 5pm Please come and support these enjoyable and valuable fundraising events which support St Catherine's Hospice, Macmillan and Marie Curie

The dates are

Sunday 19 May, Sunday 9 June, Sunday 14 July

The Gardens which will be open are;

Glynwood House, Eyes Lane

Hazel Cottage, South View

Hazelwood, North Road

Owl Barn, Flag Lane

Pear Tree Cottage, Eyes Lane.

Combined entry to all five gardens £5, accompanied children go free

Home-made teas at the Congregational Schoolroom

Live entertainment, produce and plants for sale

For more information and photographs, visit www.ngs.org.uk and search under PR26 9AN, or telephone Kris and John Jolley on 01772 600896.

And if you know of a way to bring out the sunshine and ward off the rain, please let us know!



Neighbourhood watch; News from Eddie Johnson.

Lock your car, remove your valuables

'FIVE seconds is all it takes to steal your valuables from an unlocked car' – that's the message from Lancashire Constabulary as they launch an awareness campaign to encourage motorists

to lock up. Motorists also need to be aware that some insurance companies may not pay out for claims when the vehicle has been left insecure – they risk losing not only their car but also being forced to pay for a new one and higher premiums in the future.

In 2012 over two thousand unlocked cars were targeted by thieves in Lancashire. This is 25.7 per cent of the 8,748 vehicle crimes reported across the county.

Any information can be reported to the police on 101 or to Crime stoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.



New Bowling Clubhouse; Sport England has now confirmed additional funding for the design and construction of the new bowling clubhouse, the planning application has been submitted to Chorley Borough Council and we hope to have the building open for use during May.

The total cost of the project will be £58,562 of which £52,942 will be provided by Sport England through the Parish Council. The remaining money, will be raised by Bretherton Bowling Club from its own funds. To help raise the additional funds, the Bowling Club is inviting local businesses to sponsor the club in return for an advertisement in the new building. If any local businesses are interested in taking up this offer, please contact John Pigott on 01772 601455 for further information.

Bretherton Bowling News; *The season will soon restart and we are looking to enter a team in the Chorley Junior League. If you would be interested in joining the Club please contact Dave Hughes on 01772 433619 . It is open to everyone*

Bretherton Book Club

Since starting in October the group members have read:

The Hundred Year Old Man who Climbed out of the Window and Disappeared by Jonas Jonasson.....not recommended, story improbable and lacks good characters

The Disappearing Act of Esme Lennox by Maggie O'Farrell.....recommended for its characters and depiction of a point in time 1930s

The Night Watch by Sarah Waters recommended as above 1940s



We are currently reading *The Yard* by Alan Greecian a story about Victorian detectives solving a gruesome crime against one of their own.

Alongside our library loan books we have shared lots of our own and can recommend these authors if you are wondering what to read:

Rose Tremain, Anne Tyler, Jojo Mars

Anyone interested please contact Margaret Pigott on 01772 601455 or by email me.simmonds@btinternet.com

Bretherton Film Society

The 10th season of film nights will close after the last film, *ARGO*, on the 22nd of March which won both the BAFTA and OSCAR best film awards this year.

We had a very enjoyable programme showing;

The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel

The Artist

The Descendants

Salmon Fishing in the Yemen

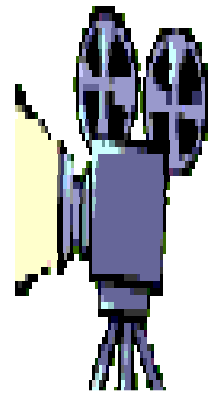
Tortoise in Love

The Lives of Others

Anna Karenina

If you would like to be notified by email of forthcoming films; suggest films for the forthcoming season or become more involved by joining the committee, just send a message to brether-tonfs@btinternet.com or telephone 01772601455.

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



BIRDS IN BRETHERTON; We did the RSPB garden birds survey at the end of January Here are the results on Eyes Lane:

10 Long tailed tit, 5 Carrion crow 4 Blackbird 4 Blue tit 3 each of Chaffinch, Goldfinch, Great tit, Redwing ; spotted woodpecker, Red legged partridge 1 each of Robin, Fieldfare, Woodpigeon, Coal tit

If you have any comments or observations you would like to share please contact me;

John Jolley, South View. Telephone Number 600896; jolley@johnjolley.plus.com



BOULES; The Season starts again on the 16th April, so this is your chance to join the Bretherton Buzards and anyone who is interested should contact Clare Hughes; 01772 433619

The Team hope to improve their league position and will be gathering for a practice on Saturday 23rd March at 2.30pm.



Gardening advice from Marguerite; With Easter early this year (Good Friday 29th March), the four day break is an ideal opportunity to get started in the Garden and lay good foundations for the gardening months ahead.



One job that a lot of gardeners worry about is pruning but don't hold back, a plant that is properly pruned will be healthier and March is a key time for pruning plants that are grown for late summer flowers (Buddleia, Fuchsia, Caryopteris, Lavatera, Clematis) and those with colourful winter stems – Cornus, Salix & Rubus. You can also prune roses if not done earlier. All these should be hard pruned back to 30 cm above ground after corrective pruning i.e. taking out any stems that are Dead, Damaged, Dying or Diseased.

Garden jobs for Spring

Put herbaceous plant supports in position

Sow new lawns & bare patches when the soil has warmed up and treat existing lawns with weed & feed & mow as necessary

Weed feed & mulch established & newly planted plants

Regularly hoe off or hand weed annual weeds

During dry weather make sure all plants are adequately watered.

Sow annual seeds

Plant trees shrubs climbers & herbaceous perennials

Sow perennial seeds in March to ensure first year flowering

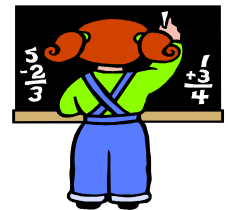
Propagate climbers & shrubs by layering & herbaceous perennials by division

Plant up containers, keeping tender plants in greenhouse until hardened off

Plant out tougher annuals such as sweet peas

Bretherton Primary School-News from Nick Ward the Head teacher

We have recently been enjoying our own 'award ceremonies' at the school. Both Ofsted and the Anglican Schools Inspection Teams judged us to be 'Outstanding in all areas'. We were accredited with a Church School Distinctiveness Award from Blackburn Diocese and to top it all off we received a letter from the Department of Education, informing us that we were one of the top performing primary schools in the country. Great news for Bretherton!



Our Y5/6 Singing Group recently performed at the M.E.N. Arena in Manchester! at the Young Voices Concert. We welcomed the Barnabas team back to workshops and have enjoyed another enjoyable Cultural Educ'Asian' Day and visit from Snorri the Viking, who told us all about his life and times.

Please visit our website if you would like to know more about our school www.bretherton.lancs.sch.uk

Bank Hall Update

Filming ; Once again a film crew attended early in January and this time it was an update for "Britain's Empty Houses". The program will be screened in the Summer months on daytime TV.

Open Day; Our next Open Day will be on Easter Sunday – 31st March and we will be starting our monthly Volunteer Days again in March. If interested in helping for a while, check out the information on our website:

www.bankhall.org or contact us by email: secretary.fbh@hotmail.co.uk.