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Dear Resident

I feel very honoured to have been chosen as the Chairman of the Parish Council for the next 12 months and know that I will be ably assisted by Cllr Wayne Jackson who has become the Vice Chairman and who represent the Parish Council at the PACT meetings.

I would like to pay tribute to Gwyneth Lloyd the retiring Chairman and say thank you, for all her hard work and dedication, over the last 12 months.

One of the pleasures of being a Parish Councillor is to see just how much community spirit there is in our village and in this newsletter there is information about the School, Bank Hall, Film Club, Sporting Activities, the Jubilee Celebration and the possibility of improving the sport facilities on the Recreation ground. Marguerite kindly keeps us up to date with gardening tips to help us through out the year.

The Annual Report enclosed within the Newsletter, lets you know about the work of the Parish Council and we are always pleased to see members of the public and encourage you to come along to the meetings and raise any issues of concern.

Judging for the Best kept Village Competition is between the 9th June to 22nd July so please play your part in helping our village look 'spick and span'.

The hedges around the village, provide attractive greenery, however when they become overgrown and causes difficulties in access to pavements, they become a nuisance and it would be very helpful if everyone with hedges could ensure that they do not become an obstruction.

Kind Regards,

Simon Moulton

Chairman of Bretherton Parish Council

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The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday 2nd July 2012 at 8pm at Bretherton Endowed C of E Primary School.

THANK YOU

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Bretherton Primary School-news from the Headteacher-Nick Ward

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

Our new building is fantastic and it has made such an impact on the learning spaces we have in school. We can't imagine school without it!

We welcomed an artist from London, Christy Avraam, into school to work with **all** of our children to create a large mosaic for our new building entitled 'God created them all'. The design was based on a picture by Lily Hart in Class 3. All of our children in Y2-6 submitted a design and Lily's was chosen to be used. 'Figures' from Hollie Dockney's design have been incorporated too. We had a lot of fun creating the mosaic and it looks stunning.

Easter was celebrated in many different ways in school. Class 2 led a lovely worship on Easter - it was such a special time. We also talked about Easter symbols in church with Rev. David on a lovely sunny morning. We had a lot of fun with our egg rolling competition - congratulations to the champions. Our school council raised a staggering £257 with their Easter egg raffle - half of the money will be used to continue our sponsorship of Anesu through Action Aid and the other half will be spent on playground equipment.

Thanks to an 'Awards for All' grant we now have a much improved adventure trail on the school field. It has been used really well already and the children have demonstrated excellent behaviour whilst on the equipment.

Agape is a special communion service for children, which we have introduced in school this year. Rev. David worked with Y6 and the children in Classes 3 and 4 had a very special Agape service in school. This is something which we will be extending to the whole school and parents in the future.

The Olympics is featuring heavily in our curriculum this term. Each class will be exploring the topic and we have had some super theme days too. These have included an RE 'Who came first?' day; an Olympics play in a day; a Junior Chefs superfood challenge and an Olympics torch procession. It has been a very exciting time!

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



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PACT MEETINGS

Fortunately, there has been very little reported crime in Bretherton and the surrounding villages in the last few months and what has been reported has been of a relatively minor nature. However, the police have advised that with summer almost with us, that we should all take extra care with home security. Windows left open in the summer heat (assuming we are talking about England!) are an open invitation to opportunistic thieves and if a window does need to stay open for ventilation purposes, please lock it in a partly open manner if at all possible. Equally so, quite often people are having BBQ's around the rear of the house and leaving side or others doors unlocked - again, an open invitation to thieves. Ensure valuables are locked away at night, that cars are not left unlocked, that garden equipment is put away and ensure that any sheds/outbuildings are properly and effectively secured. If we take care and are vigilant, we can keep thieves out of our village! On another note, I would be interested to hear your views about the level of community policing, bearing in mind that I cannot remember the last time I saw any sort of police officer walking the beat in Bretherton.

Cllr Wayne Jackson

News Information from Bank Hall

The news in February that we had secured the Stage II Lottery Funding was very welcome as this was one of the last pieces of the jigsaw to secure the future of Bank Hall. Behind the scenes, work is now going on with the further "paperwork" that is required before work can commence on the restoration of the Hall. We are also pressing ahead with the "Potting Sheds" project and some of the funding for the restoration of these buildings has now been promised.

Meanwhile our Group is now changing from "Bank Hall Action Group" to "The Friends of Bank Hall". Both Groups will exist side-by-side for a while and we are in the process of registering the new Friends Group as a separate charity. We now have a new official website at: www.bankhall.org and this contains all the current news and events. The old website which had a similar address but with .uk on the end has now been taken off the web. You can link in with "Facebook" and "Twitter" from the new website. Please also note our regular "Volunteer" Days and "Membership" Details. We are also setting up a "Focus" Group and if you wish to be involved in this, please contact our Secretary, Lionel Taylor, on: secretary.fbh@hotmail.co.uk

BRETHERTON OPEN GARDENS 27 MAY 2012



The weather did us proud for our first open day this summer, and over 380 people enjoyed the five gardens in glorious sunshine. The sum raised was £2051 - the most ever on one day - and £410 was sent to Queenscourt Hospice in Southport, with the balance of £1641 going to the NGS charities. The Congregational Church members worked very hard providing sustenance (sometimes twice over) for tired and thirsty visitors, and received many compliments.

Both the NGS and the Hospice have sent their thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of the event. We would like to add to that by saying how much we appreciate the patience of neighbours throughout the village who may have been inconvenienced by the extra traffic.

The remaining two events are Sundays, 15 July and 2 September, from 12 noon to 5 pm, combined entry £5. We hope the weather continues to smile on us.

From the Gardeners at Glynwood House, Hazel Cottage, Hazelwood, Pear Tree Cottage, Owl Barn

BIRDS IN BRETHERTON

At last some warmer weather and the regulars in our garden the blue and great tits, and goldfinches seem to be thriving.

Also doing well are the long tailed tits and there are more thrushes than usual.

We have occasional visits from a great spotted woodpecker but again there are only a few house martins and swallows.

No cuckoo again, estimates of the last cuckoo heard in Bretherton are between 5 and 20 years - my guess is about 8 years.

If you have any comments or observations you would like to share please contact me. John Jolley, South View, Bretherton; Tel No 600896.
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'ON THE GREEN' BRETHERTON BOWLING NEWS

Welcome to the latest news from "on the green". The Chorley A and B teams have struggled to get a foot-hold in Division 4, but it is still early days. In Division 3 the Leyland team so far have only 2 wins from 7 games.



The Vets A team are half-way in Division 3, but the top team of the moment is the Vets B team. A new team this season but it's joint top in Division 4.

Just a reminder All Bretherton residents have free use of the green when it's not in use for matches or competitions although a small donation is welcome towards ground maintenance.

That's about it for now, more news next time.

Dave Hughes

ICE - 'In Case of Emergency'

We all carry our mobile phones with names & numbers stored in its memory but nobody, other than ourselves, knows which of these numbers belong to our closest family or friends. But If we were to be involved in an accident or were taken ill, the people attending us would have our mobile phone but wouldn't know who to call Hence this 'ICE' (In Case of Emergency) Campaign. All you need to do is store the number of a contact person or persons who should be contacted during emergency under the name 'ICE' (In Case o f Emergency). In an emergency situation, Emergency Service personnel and hospital Staff would be able to quickly contact the right person by simply dialing the number you have stored as 'ICE.'



For more than one contact name simply enter ICE1, ICE2 and ICE3

BOULES

Yes, Boules (not bowls) is alive in Bretherton at long last!

Our season started on the 17th April 2012 and OK we aren't top of the league, but we are all enjoying playing each week.

We play every Tuesday (Home and Away) and we are members of the Croston Boules League. So most games, when not at home, are in Croston with some at Ulnes Walton, Mawdesley and Midge Hall.

We play come rain or shine - hopefully shine! Anyone interested in joining our team or playing in any competitions can ring me on 01772 433619. For details of upcoming matches check the noticeboard in the Insti building near the Boules pitch or just come along and watch one Tuesday.

Don't worry we have sets of boules available that you can use.

Clare Hughes



Barbecue Safety

Barbecues are involved in many hundreds of accidents that occur in the garden each year.

The most common types of barbecue-related accidents are:

Burn/scald/other injury related to fire or flame - 800

Cut/tear by sharp edges - 200.

The vast majority of barbecue accidents (1,400) happened in a home setting, with 300 occurring in a public place.

The number of accidents usually increases if we have a hot summer. Some of the accidents lead to very serious burns, usually as a result of using an accelerant such as petrol to light the fuel.

Advice and information

Barbecues should be fun, and will be safe if you prepare properly and take the following precautions;

When choosing a barbecue, stability is essential - ensure the one you choose is strong and sturdy

Check your barbecue is in good condition (particularly if you have not used it for some time) and look for loose or damaged parts that may need adjustment or repair

Consider the location - level ground, away from fences, sheds and overhanging trees, which

have been known to catch fire

Never light a barbecue in an enclosed space

Prepare the barbecue early to ensure it is at the right temperature by the time you want to cook

Particular care should be taken in hot, dry weather to reduce the risk of starting a forest Or grass fire

Never pour petrol, meths or other accelerants on to a barbecue. Some of the most serious barbecue-related accidents happen when people do this and the barbecue "explodes" in their face

Use long-handled tools

Be careful of steam when opening foil parcels

Remember that the metal parts of a barbecue can become hot - don't try to move it until It has cooled down

Don't leave children unsupervised near a barbecue

Make sure the barbecue is fully extinguished before you leave it

Take care when getting rid of a disposable barbecue, or barbecue coals -ensure they have cooled down before placing them in a bin.



Gardening news from Marguerite

Has summer arrived in May? Finally after months of cold & rain, the sun has emerged. A few tips for you to make sure your plants can cope with a heatwave –If plants such as Japanese Acers or evergreens start to lose their leaves they are defoliating to maintain water to their rootball. Don't panic, as well as watering the base of the plant, use the spray attachment on your hosepipe & spray over the stems and branches of the leaves. The water will be taken in by the plant & it will re-leaf. Try not to plant new plants when the weather is extremely hot but if there is no option when you plant new trees & shrubs or move any mature plants, insert some plastic piping at the back of the plants & water down the pipe. This ensures that the water goes to the root rather than losing much to run off on the dry soil.

Essential Tasks for June and July

Trees Shrubs Flowers & Climbers

Deadhead annuals, perennials & roses to prolong flowering
Keep all containers adequately moist
Pick flowers such as sweet peas & dahlias to prolong flowers
Take semi ripe cuttings

Lawns

Mow regularly, paying special attention to newer lawns

Herbs & vegetables

Keep vegetables well watered and trim herbs to keep them bushy

Fruit

Support potentially overladed branches on fruit trees

Roses.

Check for blackspot

Essential Tasks of the Month – August

Trees, Shrubs & Climbers

Water as necessary, concentrating on newer plantings
Keep weeds down to minimise competition
Prune rambler roses as soon as flowering is over
Finish summer pruning wisteria

Flowers

Weed regularly in beds & borders
Deadhead summer bedding plants & feed those in containers with a high potash fertiliser
Order bulbs from catalogues

Lawns

Mow the lawn as necessary, keeping the cut quite high if the weather is dry

Herbs & Vegetables

Harvest crops regularly & promptly
Hoe off weeds between rows regularly

Fruit

Finish pruning cordon apples & pears
Plant new strawberry plants in open ground or containers

Ponds & Water Features

Pick or cut off deteriorating pond & marginal plant leaves

Enjoy your garden and take pleasure from all your hard work



BOOK CLUB FOR BRETHERETON

I would like to start a very informal social / book group based in Bretherton Institute to meet once or twice a month during the autumn and winter to chat about and swap books over a drink.

Wednesdays (when there is no snooker in the Institute and lets hope no good telly!) seem like a good night at the moment, with a proposed start date of the 3rd of October.

Lancashire Library Service will support the group by loaning us multiple copies of books for a number of weeks but these don't have to be the only books we read and some people may not want to read at all but just come along for a chat.. Margaret Pigott 01772 601455



VIP Grant for Bretherton Film Society

Bretherton Film Society would like to invite you to its eleventh season of film nights. The committee will be meeting shortly to discuss the autumn programme and would welcome suggestions from the viewing audience.

You can email your ideas to brethertonfs@btinternet.com or telephone 01772601455

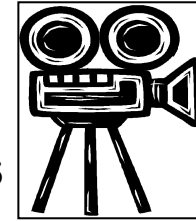
The Society have been boosted by the news that they have been awarded a grant of £490 by Villages In Partnership which will enable the purchase of a Digital HD Projector. We would like to thank VIP for their generosity which will enable us to further improve the quality of film presentations at our film nights.

Remember, if you would like to be notified by email of forthcoming film shows just send a request to the above email address.

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

The committee look forward to welcoming you in September.

Margaret Pigott.



The Mobile Library will be at the Apiary, South Road, Bretherton

2:30pm to 2:45pm on Tuesday

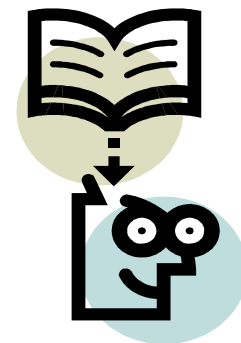
19 June

3, 17 and 31 July

14 and 28 August

For further information telephone

01772 321820





Multi-sports plan for Bretherton Recreation Ground.

Following the success of the development of the new play area on the Recreation Ground, 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

Thank you to all the local businesses and individuals who contributed to the very successful and enjoyable village party on Monday 4th June.

The grand total raised was £972.59

A donation of £404.60 will be made to St Catherine's Hospice.

Derian House will receive a donation of £404.59 plus £163.40 raised by their stall and raffle.

If anyone lost a ring on the Recreation Ground, could they please contact Gwyneth Lloyd