Bretherton Parish Council

Th' Edge O' Leet

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Welcome to the summer edition of our Bretherton newsletter, delivered at a time when I hope the sun is finally shining! I would like to take this opportunity to welcome on board our new councillors, Karen Woodward, Barbara Farbon and Robert Bertram.

I believe we will face some challenging times ahead, as greater pressure is put on Councils to permit increased development in the Green Belt. In order to preserve the integrity, beauty and appearance of our very special village, we will need to present a structured, organised and united front in order to fend off the pressures of development. At the same time, it is of the utmost importance that we continue to nurture, protect and preserve the excellent facilities we already have so that we Bretherton residents can continue to enjoy our village both now and in the future.

As you know, your Parish Council, BRAWL and other volunteer residents successfully fought off the proposed waste lagoon. I feel confident that the Parish Council and our community working together as a team, will continue to fight the fight on whatever challenging fronts appear before us.
Wayne Jackson

Future meetings of the Parish Council
Monday 7th September
Monday 5th October
Monday 2nd November
All meetings are held at Bretherton Endowed C of E Primary School at 8pm

Have your say!!

Later in the year, the Parish Council will be seeking your views on aspects of transport, and the environment including views on speed restrictions and enforcement. Please give this some thought over the summer and have your say in the autumn.

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Future Newsletters

If you are responsible for a village event or organisation please send me your details so that I can contact you for a short article in a future newsletter.
If you are a local business person and would like to sponsor the village newsletter for a year or part of a year I would be very interested to speak with you!
Call Barbara Farbon on 01772 600750.

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Women of Bretherton

This year marks the centenary of the formation of the first W.I. (Women's Institute) in Britain, and to celebrate this fact, several women in our village have been planning to set up a new branch in Bretherton! The W.I. has changed a lot over the last hundred years, and has recently become a very popular organisation, with an excellent website and programme of activities to suit all ages. The core values of broadening education, extending social opportunity, raising awareness of issues affecting women - and having fun - still remain though.
We are planning to start our branch in September, and will meet on the second Thursday of each month at 7.30 for about two hours. The Congregational Hall on South Road will be our normal venue, thanks to the support of church members who have agreed to us using their facilities.
The first meeting will be on September 10th, when all women from Bretherton would be most welcome to come along with no obligation to join. We are particularly keen to include women of all ages, 18, 28, 98, whatever age we want you to join us!
We will be advertising the W.I. locally throughout the summer, so please keep your eyes open for more details, and come along on the 10th September to find out more about it.

Jane Elphick

Brian Monk

Brian Monk was laid to rest in the churchyard at the Congregational Church on 12 June following his sudden death on the bowling green. Brian, known to his friends as Braz, lived all his 75 years in the village. He served on the Parish Council and was passionate about everything to do with life in Bretherton, especially about lowering the speed limit on North Road. Brian was always ready to help out, even when he retired from the council, and was often to be seen moving the SPID, collecting litter or delivering this newsletter.
His sense of fun and love of life were refreshing and he will be much missed. RIP Braz.
Lynda would like to thank all family and friends for their kind donations in raising over £1,000 for the Air Ambulance.

A Defibrillator for Bretherton

It's finally arrived and gone live! The defibrillator is located in a cabinet on the external wall of the Parish Institute building on the recreation ground off South Road.
A huge thanks go to all the sponsors who have funded it as well to the British Heart Foundation who gave us a grant. The fundraisers were the Parish Council, Bretherton Endowed PTFA, Croston Junior Football Club, Bretherton Buzzards Boules team and individuals who donated and contributed to the fundraising event. Thank you so much!
The defibrillator is registered with emergency services and training is available through the North West Ambulance Services Chain of Life team.
If you are interested in being trained to use the defibrillator please contact me on 600705 and I will try to arrange some suitable times and dates.

Gwyneth Lloyd

Bretherton Film Society

The Film Society started in the autumn of 2003 making the 2015/16 season our 13th. A list of potential films for the new season is being drawn up as I write. If there is something you would like to see, please don't hesitate to let us know via the contact details at the end of the article.
The consistently high attendances last season have enabled us to buy the fixed screen which we think improves the viewing experience. It is also saves the committee a lot of time and effort. We have also bought additional chairs, glasses and mugs.
The committee: Barbara, Gwyneth, John, John and Maggie look forward to meeting you all again in September.
Contact details: brethertonfs@btinternet.com
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John Piggott

Have your say!!

The Independent Local Government Boundary Commission for England is carrying out an electoral review of Lancashire.
It will look at the county division boundaries across the county. For more details about how you can contribute to the consultation visit www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk.
The consultation process closes on 31st August 2015.

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Bretherton Open Gardens

The open gardens season has got off to a great start, with the two Sundays so far raising a total of £4180 for the NGS charities and St Catherine's Hospice. Gardens and afternoon teas in the Congregational Schoolroom seemed to meet with generous approval from visitors - about 650 of them over the two days. Our apologies go to anyone who was affected by the traffic in May due to the roadworks at the burst water main. Perhaps this time UU will have done a permanent repair.
In June visitor numbers were boosted by a ramblers' route published in the Lancashire Evening Post incorporating a four-and-a-half mile walk with visiting the gardens and taking afternoon tea. Now Bretherton really is on the map!
A special thank you to Willow, Lola, Heidi and Sebastian who showed great initiative and set up their own book stall on Bamford's Fold on 14 June, raising £10.50 for St Catherine's.
The two remaining dates this summer are Sundays 12 July and 6 September, from 12 noon to 5 pm, and there will be the usual refreshments.
Combined entry for an adult is £5 in July, and £4 in September, when Tom and Jacky Dagnall at Hazelwood will be taking a well-earned rest and will not open.
Kris Jolley, Open gardens co-ordinator, 600896

Boules

Well the new season has started and we are about a third of the way through and yes we have regained our position supporting the rest of the league, we are happy with the trophy. Despite the cold we have started reasonably well each player having improved their game and we also have some new Buzzards. This will hopefully help during the holiday period.
We have played 4 of the 7 league competitions, our own included the Ian Blythe Shield, as our own tribute to a fellow boules player we sadly lost earlier this year.
The Ian Blythe Shield was won by Darren & Neil from the Lord Nelson with our very own Anna and Phil being Runners Up.
We do also have a Runners Up shield that I won at the singles competition held at the Rose and Crown, Paul from the Bees being the winner.
The next competition will be beginning of July – The Black Horse doubles.
Here's to the rest of the season and some warmer Tuesday evenings Happy Boules, Clare.

DOG FOULING

Please take responsibility for your dogs when walking them through the village. It is an offence to allow your dog to foul the highways. Dog faeces can carry parasitic toxocariasis which can lead to blindness in humans. We have received reports about the condition of Chapel Yards which is particularly concerning due to its proximity to the school. Remember to 'scoop the poop' and dispose of it safely!!

The Friends of Bank Hall - Update

Since the last news update we have had a very successful Easter event at which once again visitor numbers increased. For the Bunny Hunt we had increased the number of Eggs for the hunt thanks to some sponsorship received from Sainsbury's in Southport. The event proved so popular that we actually ran out of "Hunt" places by about 2 pm. We are sorry if some children were disappointed but we have to judge the number of eggs to get for the event and we had increased them from last year. The additions to the Hunt made it more interesting and certainly were popular from the feedback we received.
At our AGM, all the present Officers were re-elected and those that attended the meeting enjoyed a visual presentation covering the activities of last year.
Please check our website for details of future dates.
Please note we are not now opening on Sunday 26th July
Website: www.bankhall.org
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Police and Communities Together PACT

There have not been any PACT meetings in the Rural West Parishes (Bretherton, Mawdesley, Ulnes Walton, Eccleston, Croston, Charnock Richard and Heskin) for a while as the team felt that they were not getting enough input from members of the public. It was decided to discontinue PACT meetings for these parishes partly to free up time the PCSOs could be on patrol. If any members of the public wish to see the team with any questions or issues, Coppull Police Station (where they are based) is open every Wednesday from 17:00-19:00hrs. The PCSO for our area is Maria Featherstone.
The team have facebook and twitter sessions instead where they are online to answer questions, (however obscure they may be).
The links to these forums are:
www.facebook.com/chorleypolice
www.twitter.com/chorleypolice
To receive emails about neighbourhood issues and information about PACT on-line sessions sign up to 'In the Know' www.stayintheknow.co.uk
In The Know is a free messaging service brought to you by Lancashire Police where you can decide when and how you are kept informed about the issues that matter to you.

School News

We are delighted to have our full intake of Reception children once again for September 2015. Thank you to everyone here for such a welcoming atmosphere and for all you do in the village to let people know about our lovely school. Our school family has once again been so generous recently donating money to Marie Curie cancer Care and Comic Relief. It was lovely to welcome so many parents in to school for our Family Lunch and wonderful to hear such amazing feedback about our school meal provision.

To celebrate World Book Day we had a 'Shakespeare Day'. All the children, from aged 4-11, explored the works of Shakespeare at an age appropriate level in these exciting drama workshops We have had another addition to our outdoor learning environment installed. Our Wooden Musical Trail has 8 different instruments for the children to explore. We now have our Green Flag flying proudly outside! We will continue to work hard on our environmental education. Our Y5 and Y6 children had a workshop led by the NSPCC and Childline. This was, as always, a very informative session.

A number of our pupils, staff, parents and governors participated in a Creativity Conference at Whalley Abbey. This was part of an ongoing project aimed at making the primary curriculum more creative, stimulating and inspiring. Our pupils listened to key note speeches before participating in workshops aimed at producing a Learning Entitlement Pledge which, it is hoped, will be adopted by all schools throughout Lancashire. They had a fantastic day.

Tommy Wilson, our wonderful Chair of Governors, has had a book written about his life! It is on sale now and is available from school, priced at just £10. Tommy is always in school on a Friday if you would like to pop in and buy one – he loves signing them too!
At the end of term all the children performed in our musical, 'The Wizard of Oz!' which was a great success.

Nick Ward Headteacher

Bretherton Bowls

Chorley A & B teams started a little later than the rest and both teams got thrown into the cup competition.
Chorley A led by Graham took an early lead in Division 5. Chorley B and Bretherton Ladies continue to rank highly in Division 1.
Veterans B feature highly in Division 4 and Veterans A have had some new players and early in the season had not had any wins but remained very optimistic.
Leyland team hit the ground running in Division 4 with a strong team this year. Graham Pilkington has joined to bolster the squad and Graham and James Whittle are as steady as ever .
The new Burscough team entered Division 2 and kicked off the season nicely with 5 straight wins leading the league already by 16 points. When the new players get used to the green who knows how far we can go!
D Hughes

Bretherton Institute Memberships are now due if you are willing to join for £6.
Although not compulsory at this stage, it would be a goodwill gesture as the electric, water etc. for the new pavilion are paid for by the Institute.

Bretherton Birds

The weather has not been ideal for birds but hopefully we've seen the last of the cold winds
We've seen young blue and great tits and goldfinches so they seem to have bred ok.
Again there are not as many swallows and house martins as in past years but we've had swallows nesting in our garage for the third year and they're busy feeding their brood.
A cuckoo has been heard this year in the Red Bridge area - let's hope they're making a comeback I've not heard one in Bretherton for several years.
I saw a barn owl hunting earlier in the year over nearby fields but there seem to be less tawny owls calling overnight. If you have any comments or observations you would like to share please contact me.
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