



Chairman's Remarks.

On behalf of all the Parish Councillors, I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year

Simon Moulton

Chair of the Parish Council

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The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on the 4th February 2013 at 8pm at Bretherton Endowed Primary School.

The Parish Council are very grateful to Chris Naylor of All Colours Printers, Leyland for very kindly producing this Newsletter free of charge.

CHURCH SERVICES

Congregational Chapel

December 16th. Christmas Tree

Carol Service, at 6-00pm,

December 23rd, Morning Service 10-30am.

Christmas Day Service at 10-00am.



Parish Church

Monday 24th December, Christingle Service at 4pm

More information about Services at the Parish Church can be obtained from John Hart, Church Warden; Telephone No; 600404

Thanks but No Thanks

The Newsletters are delivered to every house in Bretherton, by volunteers but If you would prefer not to receive them, please let one of the above know and we will take your name off the distribution list

Neighbourhood Watch-Scam Alert

Trading Standards are appealing to people in the Chorley to report cold callers who phone them claiming to be able to cut their council tax bills. The Lancashire County Council service is currently receiving a steady stream of enquiries from people who become suspicious after receiving unsolicited telephone calls from a business offering to investigate if their property's council tax banding should be lowered in return for a percentage of any potential refund. While this practice is legal, Trading Standards are asking people to report the calls. They are also keen to alert people that they can check their council tax banding themselves at no cost. Some companies, offering a similar service may also charge an upfront fee, which can be very high and 'swallow up' any savings identified.

Anyone who has questions about their council tax banding can find out more on the Direct.Gov website www.direct.gov.uk and the Valuation Office Agency website www.voa.gov

If consumers believe that they have been mis-sold council tax re-banding services, they should contact Consumer Direct on telephone 08454 04 05 06 or Lancs County Council Trading Standards on 0845 053 0000

This next scam, has been reported in the South of England, and may appear in our area.

Victims receive a phone call to say they will be shortly be receiving delivery of a gift which duly arrives. The Delivery Man asks for £3 as confirmation of the delivery which must be paid by credit or debit card, which he then swipes it through some sort of "reader" and which requires the PIN number. A few days later they notice a few thousands of pounds have gone out of their account as the card has been cloned.

Trading Standards advice is to never to do business with, or give out personal information or bank details, to cold callers.

Eddie Johnson ; Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator

Bank Hall Update

Main Project; A start on this project is being delayed due to the 'paperwork' required from various organisations. However the Bank Hall Action Group are monitoring progress and pressing for everything to be completed as soon as possible

Potting Shed Project

A new group 'The Friends of Bank Hall' (a registered charity) have been successful in obtaining a grant for this Project and all funds are in place, but the project cannot be commenced until the arrangements for the Main Project are finalised.

Events

Events in 2013 will get underway with our New Years Day Open Day, when visitors can take a relaxed walk around the site and enjoy a bonfire, mince pie or piece of cake and tot of mulled wine, or soft drink. February Snow drop Sundays are scheduled for the 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th. Let's hope the weather is kind to us in 2013.

See our website for further details www.bankhall.org

Bretherton Book Club

Bretherton Book Club is now up and running. We have a book club library ticket and our first loan is: *The Hundred Year Old Man who Climbed out of the Window and Disappeared* by Jonas Jonasson.

Other books which were recommended and shared were:

After You'd Gone by Maggie O'Farrell

Dear John by Nicholas Sparks

Me Before You by Jo Jo Moyes

The Memory Keeper's Daughter by Kim Edwards

The Outcast by Sadie Jones

Behind the Scenes at the British Museum by Kate Atkinson

We are meeting on Wednesdays once a month in the Bretherton Parish Institute. Anyone interested please contact Margaret Pigott on 01772 601455 or by email me.simmonds@btinternet.com



Bretherton Film Society

The autumn season of films has proved very popular and finishes with

Salmon Fishing in the Yemen starring Ewan Macgregor and Emily Blunt on Friday 7th December. Ewan Macgregor plays a fisheries expert who helps to realise a sheik's vision of bringing the sport of fly-fishing to the desert.



Doors open at 7 o'clock with refreshments served until 7:30 when the film starts.

After Christmas the first film on the 11th January will be **Tortoise in Love**, a British comedy romance set in a small village. No big names here. Locals took parts! We are grateful to a member of our audience for the recommendation.

If you have a recommendation please let us know via the contact details below.

We will be asking you, the audience, to choose the next three films from a list via email so if you would like to take part and be notified in advance of the film programme, please contact the treasurer: john.pigott@btinternet.com

New Bowling Clubhouse Progress Report;

The feasibility study for the new Bowling Clubhouse has now been completed together with the project costing and funding. It is hoped that the plan will be approved by Sport England, who are providing £50,000 towards the building, by the end of November when planning permission will be applied for from Chorley Borough Council.

The opening of the new building is still on schedule for the beginning of the new season in April and members of the Bowling Club will have the opportunity to view the plans at their Annual General Meeting on Saturday 26th January.

John Pigott

Gardening News from Marguerite.



January

Trees Shrubs & Climbers; Provide or add to winter protection for plants that need it and don't forget the garden tap. Plant bare rooted trees, shrubs or hedging plants & container grown plants if the weather is suitable

Flowers; Remove any wet leaves & debris clogging up herbaceous perennials. Remove faded and weather damaged flowers on winter bedding plants

Herbs & Vegetables; Buy or order vegetable seeds & seed potatoes. Chit seed potatoes as soon as you get them

Fruit; Prune established currants and summer fruiting raspberries

Ponds & Water; Features; Keep the surface of ponds at least partially free from ice

Fixtures & Fittings; Treat timber structures if the weather is suitable and have your mover serviced

February

Trees Shrubs & Climbers; Cut back deciduous hedges before the birds start to nest in them and prune Group 3 clematis and wisteria.

Water trees, shrubs & climbers in containers if the weather is dry or windy – evergreens need this most

Flowers; Prune winter flowering heathers once they have finished flowering and sow sweet peas

Lawn; if the conditions are not too wet, prepare the ground now if you intend to create a new lawn this spring

Fruit; Prune apples & pears before the leaves break and autumn flowering raspberries

Continue to plant fruit trees, bushes & canes including bare rooted varieties

Primary School News from Nick Ward, Head teacher.

The children have come up with a , new Code of Conduct which we believe is very special with it's emphasis, on Respect, Courage, Humility, Truthfulness, Hope, Friendship, Compassion and Thankfulness.

We now have a new school council which gives the children the chance to air their views.

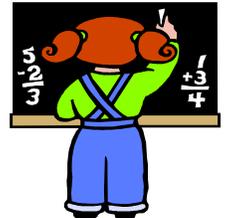
Henna painting, Rangole Art, Bollywood Dancing and learning about Hinduism ,were all part of our Cultural Educ Asian Day as well as a delicious Indian Feast.

Staff and children attended the Remembrance Day service. at St John's Church

Our charity fund raising has been very successful, with donations being given to a number of charities, including Barnardos ,Marie Curie and our sponsored child, Anesu who lives in Zimbabwe

Rehearsals for the Nativity Play are well underway. This year it is Born in a Barn . As part of our Christmas Celebrations we will also, be having a Eucharist service for the whole school and Rev David is helping to prepare the Children for this important event.

Happy Christmas to Everyone from the Staff and Children



Birds in Bretherton; The birds seem to have survived the weather and bred well, and we have the usual collection of small birds at our feeder, except when the sparrow hawk is around. Two pheasants also visit regularly. Overhead there have been plenty of geese, but so far no swans. If you have seen anything unusual please let me know.

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