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Welcome to our Autumn Newsletter! How fast did the summer months seem to go? I hope everyone enjoyed themselves and managed to have some relaxation and family times in the sun.

Firstly I would like to congratulate the Blue Anchor for achieving a Certificate of Merit, and Highly Commended in the village Pub category. So please continue to support our local pub.

Bretherton actually came 6th in the Small Village Category of the Best Kept Village Competition. We have won the Best Kept Village in that past and we need to up our game for 2017. We are proposing to set up a working group to help us achieve this goal which requires everyone's support no matter how small. Be proud of our village. Details of how to get involved will be in our website, newsletters or on the Notice Boards in the forthcoming months.

Your Parish Council have been busy during the last few months. Our Transport Questionnaire results are available on our website and I would thank Clr Bertram for his hard work in collating all the information for us to view. We are actively working on all concerns particularly the pathway to Croston, HGVs and alternatives for the bus service we once had. We take your concerns seriously and endeavour to act on all issues raised.

The closure of the Accident and Emergency department has been an ongoing concern and we fully support Chorley Borough Council in all its efforts to reinstate the department.

I am also delighted to report that our War Memorial will be getting some much needed repairs thanks to the generosity of some Bretherton residents who are giving their considerable skills and expertise to the project. We are working with Chorley Borough Council on the project and hope to get funds from their Community Initiative together with help from their Tree Officer on the much needed pruning and thinning of the overgrown trees and shrubs surrounding the area.

During the works the area will be cordoned off for safety reasons so please take care whilst in the vicinity. It is the working Groups aim to get the restoration completed by Armistice Day and we urge our residents, if they can, to attend the annual Service of Remembrance. We should give our gratitude to all those who sacrificed their lives in order for us to enjoy the lives we now have. I hope that they and their families will be proud of improvements as we are as a village.

It has been encouraging to hear that our residents have been getting involved with village activities. Let's keep it up! Well done to our Cricket Team and Bowling Club for their achievements and all their supporters. Finally please take care during the winter months especially as the nights are drawing in. Last but not least to all our younger members Halloween will soon be here so please take care whilst out "Trick or Treating" enjoy yourselves, be good for your parents as always. I myself will be polishing up my broomstick so I may see you out and about - look out for me!



Karen Wait, your Chair

Future meetings of the Parish Council

October 3rd

November 7th

December 5th

All meetings are open and are held at Bretherton Endowed C of E Primary School at 8pm (except AGM)

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.

We would also like to recruit more people to help with delivering the newsletter.

Call Barbara Farbon on 01772 600750.

All information in this newsletter is correct at the time of printing. Bretherton Parish Council take no responsibility for the content of any of the articles included.

Farming in Bretherton – Andy’s farming blog

The last week of July was the start of harvest in our area. We were cutting winter sown barley along Bretherton moss on the way to Leyland, this will be used for cattle feed through the coming months. Barley yields nationally have been disappointing this year, 30% down on last year. Oil seed rape was harvested in the 1st week of August, again very disappointing on yield, 50% down in some cases on last year’s yields! Lack of sun is my opinion. Looking for a positive, the recent Brexit decision lifted grain prices slightly to help this shortfall as the pound weakened. Oats performed slightly better, the quality was good and met milling oat standard, so anybody who enjoys their porridge in a morning can feel proud that their bowl full might just have come from Bretherton!

Wheat came ready to harvest the 2nd week of August and it was all systems go with a week of fine weather, again an average yield but the quality was excellent and 14.5% moisture meant no drying costs. Second cut grass was mown as well and we got some sweet smelling hay in the barn at last! A lot of the straw was also baled and cleared making this a very productive week for most farmers and contractors in the area. Unfortunately rains followed turning the remainder of harvest into a stop start affair.

September saw the hedgerows and margins being tidied up before next year’s crop is drilled, stockpiles of manures or slurries being applied. prior to the fields being turned over to create new seed beds.

Autumn drilling has already begun as I write this and there is still combining of spring sown cereals and field beans to be harvested yet in the area, also forage maize will be ready to chop in the coming months. I have noticed this year lots of acorns and hawthorn berries in the hedgerows could this mean we are in for a cold snap or is that just an old wives tale? Time will tell! Andy P

Open Gardens

The season has finished now, and we garden owners are delighted to announce that Bretherton has welcomed 950 visitors and raised a total of £6889 for the NGS nursing and caring charities. Thanks to everyone who contributed, and to neighbours for their patience. A special thanks to the Congregational Church for providing the teas which are such a big attraction.

On 4 September we hosted the "Lancashire Outdoors" programme on BBC Radio Lancashire. It was great fun to hear the presenter, Stephen Lowe, chat to Bretherton "celebrities" and visitors with such warmth and ease. This is the fourth time he has broadcast from Bretherton Gardens, and he is always full of enthusiasm for our village and our community.

Now it's time to put our feet up - until next year.

Kris & John Jolley, Barbara & Richard Farbon, Gwenifer & John Jackson, Sue & Terry Riding.

Film Society

Bretherton’s popular Film Society began its fourteenth season with ‘Eddie the Eagle’ on Friday 16th September starting an Autumn Programme which we hope will entertain. Details of the October and November films are shown below. The choice of film for 9th December is as yet unconfirmed. We have some ideas but always welcome suggestions. Please contact us by email at brethertonfs@btinternet.com or by phone on 01772 601455 (John & Maggie) or 600705 (Gwyneth). We look forward to welcoming new and old supporters this season!

Friday 14th October: FLORENCE FOSTER JENKINS

starring Meryl Streep, Hugh Grant & Simon Helberg.
Cert PG (111 mins).

In the 1940s, New York socialite Florence Foster Jenkins (Meryl Streep) dreams of becoming a great opera singer. Unfortunately, her ambition far exceeds her talent. The voice Florence hears in her head is beautiful, but to everyone else it is dreadful. Her husband St. Clair goes to extreme lengths to make sure his wife never finds out how awful she truly is. When Florence announces her plans for a concert at Carnegie Hall, St. Clair soon realizes that he’s facing his greatest challenge yet.

Friday 11th November: BRIDGE OF SPIES

starring Tom Hanks, Mark Rylance & Alan Alda.
Cert PG (142 mins).

During the Cold War, an American lawyer is recruited to defend an arrested Soviet spy in court, and then help the CIA facilitate an exchange of the spy for the Soviet captured American U2 spy plane pilot, Francis Gary Powers.

All films will commence at 7.30 pm. The doors at Bretherton Endowed School open at 7.00 pm when refreshments, including wine, will be available. We very much look forward to seeing you then.

Welcome

We should like to offer a warm welcome to the new headteacher of Bretherton Endowed School, Mrs Alison Moxham and wish her every happiness and success in her new post. Hopefully she will be able to give us a school update in the next newsletter when she has settled in!

Key dates

Parish Council	Mon October 3 rd 8pm
Cricket Club Casino Night	Sat October 8 th 7pm
WI	Thur October 13 th 7.30pm
Film Club	Fri October 14 th 7.30pm
Bonfire	Fri November 4 th 7.30pm
Parish Council	Mon November 7 th 8pm
WI	Thur November 10 th 7.30pm
Film Club	Fri November 11 th 7.30pm
Remembrance Sunday at Parish Church; Act of remembrance at Cenotaph; Refreshments in Congregational Hall.	Sun November 13 th 10am (Cenotaph at 11pm)
Best Kept Village planning	Sat November 19 th 11am
Congregational Church Christmas Fair	Sat November 26 th 11am – 2 pm
Film Club	Fri December 9 th 7.30pm
Carol Service (Congregational Church)	Sun December 18 th 6.30pm
Christmas day at Congregational Church	10am
Christmas dates at Parish Church	To be announced

Preparing for the Best Kept Village Competition 2017

Our village clean-up days were very well supported this year by a very willing band of villagers. We will recommence these on a monthly basis from March 2017. We need to go into the 2017 competition with a plan! With that in mind, we will have an initial meeting on Saturday 19th November at 11am meeting on the recreation ground (prepared for a walk about). Please join us to start planning! If you would like to join the group please ring 600750.

County Council Elections

Could you be a Councillor and stand for what you believe in?

If you care about the area that you live or work in and the issues facing local people, we need you. Lancashire County Council is holding its county council elections in May 2017 and we need new candidates to represent their areas. Information events will be held on 10 and 25 October at County Hall, Preston where you can come along, find out what's involved and the process to become a county councillor.

Both events start at 5.30pm and there will be presentations on a day in the life of a councillor, support available and the process of becoming a councillor. There will also be the opportunity to speak informally to council officers, District Electoral Officers and the Local Government Association. Register your interest in attending an event by visiting www.beacouncillor.co.uk/lancashire

W.I.

Members have been out and about over the summer, making the most of the better weather.

In July we held our evening meeting at the home of Cath Marchbank, who organised a fantastic display from the Side-saddle Association. Members and guests watched immaculately turned out horses and riders parading in style, while learning about the history of Side-saddle riding, sipping Prosecco and eating cake. What a wonderful way to spend a lovely summer's evening!

In August another of our committee, Jacky Iddon, gave members a private viewing of her lovely garden, which was much admired by all. The weather wasn't so kind this time, but more cake helped to rejuvenate everybody, and the evening was declared a resounding success.

In September, members took advantage of Martin Mere's celebration of the W.I. centenary, and greatly enjoyed a trip to this Wetland Trust site at reduced cost. We learnt about flamingos and otters, watched birds from the new hide, and had a fantastic informative boat trip through the newer wetlands, before enjoying scones and tea.

As part of national W.I. sports week, we held a "taster session" sports afternoon at Bretherton Recreation Ground for members and friends. In lovely sunshine, we tried out bowls, boules, tennis, croquet and Nordic walking, with most people admitting surprise at how much they had enjoyed themselves!

Our next meeting, on 13th October, is our AGM with time for discussion of members' ideas, so do come along and join us at 7.30pm. We will also be celebrating our first birthday in style!

Jane Elphick. President Bretherton W.I.

You can also find details on our website www.brethertonwi.co.uk or on Facebook.

Cricket Club

Leyland Trophy glory served up the silverware for the village team's 2016 campaign, easing the pain of falling agonisingly short of clinching the league title.

July's seven-wicket win against Halsall West End, which saw the side successfully chase down 118 on a breezy afternoon at Fleetwood Hesketh, delivered the club's first silverware for four years.

However, a surprise draw against league minnows Bedford Park on the final day wasn't enough to bring home a league-cup double, with the team desperately needing a win with other results falling their way.

In a season focused on rebuilding, these achievements are certainly not be sniffed at. Jamie Ashton and Gary Naylor delivered almost 900 runs at an average of 89 and 42.40 respectively – Ashton also ran riot with the ball, taking 35 wickets at an average of 11.34, supported by Andy Turner and Shaun Parkinson with 48 dismissals between them. A special note for opener Stu Iddon, scoring 449 runs at 44.90 and claiming 32 wickets with the ball in what was a sparkling debut season.

Now, some dates for your diaries. The club will be holding a casino evening to mark the end of the season at the Parish Institute on **Saturday, 8th October**. Starting at 7pm, tickets are £10 per person, which includes food and prizes (including a separate raffle). The invite is extended to the whole village, so please feel free to come along for a drink and a bet!

The club's annual bonfire night will return on **Friday, 4th November** from 6pm, with a professional fireworks display at 7:30pm – tickets prices will be £4 per adult or £10 for a family of four and refreshments will be available on the ground.

Finally, the players would like to thank our sponsors D&C Auto, Bamfords Top Flight and Jimmy Bullen, together with the Institute, the Blue Anchor and all those who have helped behind the scenes this year. Without your support the club wouldn't be here – so, thank you.

We're always on the look-out for new players and sponsors, so if you're interested please get in touch with John Blanchard (07748 356245), Adam Fletcher (07879 494087) or Mick Haworth (07962252433).

Dave Bertram

Boules (Bretherton Buzzards)

Well the "Fanny Trophy" has left the institute. The Buzzards didn't finish last this year!

We've had an excellent season with more wins than before and only two new players. Everyone has improved their game, so much so that we had finalists in the Broughton Trophy, well done to Janet and Bob.

Congratulations go to the Barbarians for being top of the league this year.

Looking forward to the Presentation Evening including the 20th year of the Croston Boules League.

Clare Hughes



In the Garden with Marguerite

Autumn has arrived and with it a spell of lovely warm weather allowing us to savour some of the rich late flowering gems in our garden.

One of these is the Hydrangeas which are looking particularly good this year helped by the wet weather earlier on. These tough plants are ideal for Bretherton gardens as they are happy on clay soils and can cope with shade and cold temperatures. You may already be growing Lacecap or Mophead types but look around for the other species to give you flower & foliage interest as autumn turns to winter.

Here are my recommendations -

Hydrangea Quercifolia – Wonderful autumn colour.
Hydrangea Aspera – longlasting flowers and interesting foliage
Hydrangea Serrata – compact, good for a containers
Hydrangea Arborescens Annabelle – huge white flowers
Hydrangea Paniculata (Vanille Fraise & Limelight are good varieties) – large conical flower heads which open cream then fade through greens and pink
Remember that blue lacecap or mophead Hydrangeas will only stay blue on an acidic soil.

Here are my tips for the next quarter -

Rake up fallen leaves regularly and bag for leaf mould.
Lift & divide congested clumps of herbaceous perennials
Plant spring flowering bulbs in early autumn – except tulips
Plant some new herbaceous perennials to bring colour to beds & borders in autumn
Keep on with lawn care and mow if necessary
Insulate climbers, trees and shrubs that are grown in containers to decrease the risk of roots freezing
Plant bare rooted trees, shrubs, roses, hedging and fruit trees
Heap a mulch over crowns of tender herbaceous perennials and bulbs
Plant lilies and tulips (November)
Late November, 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 and trees are properly in place
Plant up a container or two for winter colour

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.

If anybody wants more details, please contact me on 01772 601376 or email d.hughes180@btinternet.com

DOG FOULING

Please also 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 toxocarasis which can lead to blindness in humans. Remember to 'scoop the poop' and dispose of it safely!! Please note, Dogs are not permitted in the children's playground or on the field of the recreation ground.

Bowls

This season there has been the usual mix of success for some teams and disappointments for others. The Veteran B Team narrowly missed promotion by one point. Burscough League players managed a very creditable third position at the end of their first season in the highest division. Currently the team is still competing in the latter stages of the KO Cup competition, which they won last year. Our ladies team achieved sixth place in the Chorley League. Unfortunately however, both of the teams that play on Monday evenings have struggled to maintain their usual standard and have been relegated. Undeterred, both captains remain positive and will seek to redress the situation next year. Our juniors continue to improve under the guidance and support of our lady members. Two of our members received Merit awards for gaining the highest number of individual points in their leagues. Internal bowling competitions have been very well supported this season with more participants than ever including some new faces. This is in response to the club's efforts to encourage the wider participation of the local community. Two open sponsored competitions attracting bowlers from a wider area were most successful. Chorley ladies have used our green to play inter town matches and the local WI group were supported by members as part of a 'Sports Activity Afternoon'. We are hopeful of seeing the formation of a Bretherton WI bowling team in the Chorley League. Our pavilion has been well used this season for numerous activities other than bowling. It has been the hub of activity on village litter picking days and it was invaluable during the Queen's Birthday celebrations and is used regularly by the Boules group and also for various meetings.

Our new Veranda erected over the winter, was warmly welcomed by our members and visitors and has proved to be a huge asset. It was officially opened on the day of the 'Bamford Doubles' competition when a plaque was displayed in the pavilion to commemorate four of our founder members, namely Bessie and Ron Bamford and Annie and John Bradley.

Finally the committee thank all our members, supporters, volunteers and the members of Bretherton Parish council for their continued help. In particular we thank our groundsman Barry Chambers for his dedicated care in maintaining the green and for the many additional hours he freely gives over and above his remuneration.

Bob Coupe Secretary