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Future meetings of the Parish Council

July 4th

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October 3rd

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.

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.

Welcome everyone to our summer edition of our village newsletter, I am honoured to have been elected your Chair for the next 12 months and look forward to working for you. I would also like to thank Councillor Wayne Jackson for all his work and efforts on your behalf during his role as Chair for the last 12 months.

We have had been busy pushing matters forward in relation to the Transport Questionnaire, Speeding traffic, HGVs through the village, Maintenance of footways, Footpath links with Croston, looking at possible alternatives to the bus service we lost in council cuts, all of which have our continued attention. One of the main projects at the moment is the War Memorial.

After our extraordinary meeting to discuss proposals for the restoration of our war memorial, I am pleased to say we are making great progress and thank all the residents who attended. Although we must say we were a little disappoint by the attendance. The people who did attend had some very good input and ideas and also professional skills to offer. A working group has been set up and we will have a full report for the July meeting on the extent of the damage and to plan the way forward for its restoration.

The Queen's Birthday bash kindly organised by Joan and Jim Bullen and their team of village stalwarts plus the Women's Institute brought the residents together with the Lady Mayor of Chorley, Mrs Doreen Dickinson, formally opening the celebrations. It was a wet start but the day ended well with everyone singing happy Birthday to our Queen. Thanks to all who attended!

I urge you all to get involved with our village and its activities. We have a lovely village with good facilities, a recreational ground with Playground, Bowling club, boules, tennis court, and football pitch, an institute with snooker tables, a cricket ground, a beautiful primary school, and two churches. We all need to take pride in our village and look after it for our children, grandchildren and future generations. Don't let Bretherton become a dis-functional village, let's get involved, join together, walk round the village, use its facilities and appreciate what we have!

Finally I hope you all have a great summer and to all our younger members you enjoy yourselves and be good for your parents!!!

Karen Wait, your Chair

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Farming in Bretherton – Andy’s farming blog

Hello and welcome to the farming blog! A new addition to the Parish Newsletter to keep residents informed of farming activities in and around the outskirts of our village !

The cold spring proved challenging this year with grass reluctant to grow and new born lambs needing overcoats on. Unable to turn livestock out on wet sodden ground, proving difficult to apply fertilisers at the optimum times and windy weather delaying crop spraying to the cereal crops.

But that’s all behind us now!

The end of May heard the sound of grass choppers gathering in their first cut of silage grass for the coming winter. The recent hot weather even allowed some haylage and Hay to be made. Cows are out grazing, sheep have been sheared for the summer, cereal crops have had their nutrients and weed control and the countryside is looking lush with an abundance of wildlife making the most of the hedgerows and grass margins around the corn fields.

Harvest is fast approaching and the combine harvester is having its annual once over as I write, first off will be the barleys and the oilseeds followed by the oats and wheat crops, hopefully a smooth trouble free harvest with the sun on our backs is on the menu to get the grain into store without too much drying and the straw baled and carted away with little rain. I will fill you in on how it all went next time!

Andy P

Open Gardens

The first National Gardens Scheme open day of the year on 29th May proved to be a resounding success. There were 373 paying visitors, and through entry charges, sales and other donations we were able to send £2607 to the charities - this is the most we have ever raised in one day. The Congregational Church did a roaring trade in tea and cakes, as usual, and they are a tremendous draw to visitors.

Many people in the village contribute to the success of these events: through helping in the gardens, serving teas, baking cakes, and - not least of all - through being tolerant of the inconvenience caused by the extra traffic, so the whole community can be proud of this good work.

The next open days are on Sundays 10 July and 31 July, from 12 noon to 5 pm as always. If you would like to contribute in any way, please contact Kris or John on 01772 600896, or any of the other garden owners:

Barbara & Richard Farbon

Gwenifer & John Jackson

Kris & John Jolley

Sue & Terry Riding.

Bretherton Parish Institute

Membership Fees for the Parish Institute are now due:

Social membership £6

Snooker membership £6

Boules membership £6

To find out more about what goes on at the institute visit their facebook page.

Bank Hall Events

Saturday 9th July – Macbeth Theatre Performance Say Two will perform the Shakespeare play “Macbeth” in the grounds in the evening

Sunday 14th August - Sinbad & the Pirates of the Black Pearl

Say Two will be performing an afternoon Matinee performance of this production.

More details for both these events can be found on the Say Two Website: www.saytwo.co.uk or by email to:

cesttous@btopenworld.com Booking for this is essential and should be done through the Say Two Website, by email to them or by phone on 01772-452361.

Queen's 90th birthday

The village celebrated the monarch's 90th birthday on her official birthday in June. After a lovely sunny fortnight, 11th June started with heavy rain and as we set up the stalls we were very pessimistic! We were fortunate to have the Lady Mayoress of Chorley in attendance to open the event and our Parish Council Chair, Karen Wait accompanied and assisted her. The weather brightened in mid afternoon and the village turned out in force to make the afternoon very successful. The bowling club as usual produced some excellent refreshments. The WI sold cakes and preserves and ran the bottle tombola. Visitors enjoyed boules and there was a magnificent parade of crowns! In the opinion of the organisers, a good time was had by all!! The afternoon closed with a toast to Her Majesty. In the evening there was an evening with Gary Connor in the Village Institute. None of this would have been possible without the help of many residents on the day and in the days prior to the event. The organising group are very grateful to the Parish Council for funding the large poster and banners for the event and to all those villagers who turned out to support.

W.I.

Over the last few months, the WI has continued to meet on the second Thursday of each month at 7.30 in the Congregational Hall, and we have had a busy time. In May we had a speaker from the North West Ambulance Service, who gave an excellent presentation about how to cope in an emergency and provide appropriate help until medical professionals arrive. We learnt the difference between a cardiac arrest and a heart attack (yes, I thought they were the same thing too!), how to handle a choking fit and how to position someone safely. Some of us practised on the dummy casualties, and it was harder than it looked! So, hopefully we can now say that members of Bretherton W.I. are better able to help others in the village in the event of a medical emergency.

Several of our members are keen on craft activities, and in June we were fortunate to secure Celia Whittaker as our speaker. Celia practises and teaches all kinds of embroidery, and brought wonderful exhibits of her work for us to marvel at, as well as explaining her work in the context of the history of women home workers.

Members also supplied and ran a bottle tombola and cake and produce stall at the Queen's Birthday Bash event in the village, which we enjoyed despite the rain!

In July we are holding an outdoor meeting with horse riding demonstration, a glass of bubbles and more cake! If you are a woman living in or near Bretherton, you are most welcome to come along and join us at any of our meetings.

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

Jane Elphick
Bretherton WI President

Cricket Club

Village cricketers on track for cup final glory....

The cricket club's 1st XI is back in the hunt for silverware, booking their place in the Leyland Trophy final with a nine-wicket victory against close rivals Winstanley Park.

The new look side, now unbeaten in nine matches in all competitions, will meet Halsall West end on Sunday, 10th July at Newburgh CC.

Under the stewardship of captain Adam Fletcher, consistent bowling displays, notably from Jamie Ashton, Stuart Iddon and Andy Turner, have epitomised the team's rampant form.

Ashton is no mug with the bat either, smashing a club record 196 against Winstanley Park – a score only seven short of the league's best.

With a raft of new players, including local lads Ollie Hill, Ste Townley and Laurence Glew, the club's future is certainly bright - a far cry from 12 months ago when the team came dangerously close to calling time on its 90-year history.

Without the efforts of a great number of people from in and around the village, it's safe to say Bretherton would no longer have a cricket club. Special mention must go to the wonderful support of the Parish Institute, sponsors Jimmy Bullen, D&C Auto and Bamfords Top Flight, and Andrew Pope - son of ex-player and long time supporter of the club, Bernard, who sadly passed away in May.

This year's bonfire and fireworks display will take place on Friday, 4th November, with the timings TBC. Also, keep your eyes peeled for details of this year's end of season event. 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)

We are half way through the season and guess what....

The Buzzards are not bottom of the league!!!! Our season started well with two good wins and a draw but we have now returned to our old ways, lets hope we can stay off the bottom and NOT retain our 'Fanny' Trophy. We have a couple of new players this season and they have picked up the rules and how to play very quickly and have had some excellent games so far. When we are away, our team is very well supported with players coming to support as well as play, leaving the opposition having to put on a lot more sandwiches and thinking that I am breeding my own team!

As part of the League's 20th anniversary a party of players had a trip to Azay le Rideau in France (twinned with Croston) to play Boules with real French people. Although I understand there was a lot of wine tasting a good time was had by all. We have had, so far, mainly dry sunny evenings so a better start than last season, lets hope it continues to the end of the season.

Claire Hughes

School News

We are delighted to have our full intake of Reception children once again for September 2016. It is wonderful that so many families want to join us and once again we had an incredible amount of interest for places here. 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.

We had a lovely build up to Easter in School. Class 3 led worship about Easter and Class 1 about Mothering Sunday. We had our annual egg-rolling competition and the school council had their Easter egg raffle! Our Easter Bingo was a great night too! Joseph, from Class 1, was baptised in St. John's Church in a service led by Rev. Michael. His family wanted all our children and staff to attend, so invited us all! It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to learn more about baptism, part of our RE curriculum, as well as sharing this experience as a school community.

Our PTFA recently raised a phenomenal £8000 at 'The Event 2016'. It was a great evening; a wonderful time was had by all. This fantastic amount will really enhance our ICT provision in school. We really enjoyed welcoming our Governors into school for a morning. They all had a fantastic time seeing our school in action for themselves, which is really important in terms of the self-evaluation of our school. I had such positive feedback from our Governors – it was a great success all round. Our building work is now complete. We now have a wonderful new group room, which is already been used to great effect. It is also nice to have our new staffroom and storage area. This really is a vast improvement on previous conditions, and having direct access to the yard is beneficial. Once again, a big 'thank you' to our Trustees for their major financial contribution, without which the whole project would not have been possible.

Class 1 had a fantastic day at Tatton Park Zoo, Class 2 at Styal Mill and Class 3 at the Harris Museum. Well done to our wonderful children, who always impress - we are very proud! All the school enjoyed an Ozone Fitness Bootcamp Day and our Y5/6 have had sessions with Chorley magistrates, learning all about our judicial system. A huge 'well done' to Finn Kay from Class 3 who has designed the flag to represent Chorley at the Lancashire School Games in Blackpool. His design was chosen from entries from all the Chorley Sports Partnership schools and the team will enter the games walking behind his flag, which is being made. Finn will be interviewed on the radio soon - amazing! We are looking forward to the rest of our Summer Term in school. All the children will be performing in our musical, 'Joseph!' Hopefully some of you will be able to join us.

On a personal note, it has been a pleasure and a privilege to lead such a wonderful school in such a wonderful community. I am leaving Bretherton after almost 7 years as headteacher in July, which has been the hardest career decision I have made, to become headteacher at Euxton CE Primary School. Our school will always hold the most special memories in my heart and I wish Mrs Alison Moxham, my replacement, the very best in her new role. I am sure she will love every minute. Thank you for all your support over the years. Take care.

Nick Ward

Film Society

Bretherton has a very popular film society organised by John and Maggie Pigott and ably assisted by Gwyneth Lloyd, Barbara Bertram, Bob Coupe, John Jolley and George Lloyd.

The Film society runs from September to April and is held in the hall at Bretherton Primary School. Some excellent titles have been shown over the years. To keep informed about dates and film titles you can register your interest by e mailing John and Maggie on brethertonfs@btinternet.com.

If you would like to suggest a film to be shown next season please contact John with the details.

Best Kept Village Competition

Our village clean up days continue to be very well supported by a keen band and we hope that this will help our chances in this year's Best Kept Village Competition but we all need to do our bit. By the time this newsletter is received, judging will have been underway for a month. Our next clean up day will be on **Saturday 9th July**. We will start at **9.30 at the Bowling Club** on the Recreation ground. Black bags, gloves and high visibility jackets will be supplied and there will be refreshments served. If you are able to join the group please ring 60075 or 600705. **YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS YOU!**

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!!