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Future meetings of the Parish Council
The Parish Council usually meets on the first Monday of the month at Bretherton Endowed Primary School apart from the months of January and August.

MONDAY 1st July 2019 8pm
MONDAY 2nd September 8pm
MONDAY 7th October 8pm

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Dear Residents

Welcome to the Summer Newsletter of Bretherton Parish Council
We have again seen weather conditions deteriorating as we move into Summer.

As you will be aware the village was also due an election recently and six candidates stood, which meant that a polling of the electorate was not required. Five of the previous Council along with new Councillor David Devany were duly elected to serve Bretherton for the next four years. Rest assured under my Chairmanship the Council has one goal in mind, that of serving the community of Bretherton to the best of our ability.

In the previous 12 months, one issue has stood head and shoulders above all in the Council's Agenda, that of Vehicle Speeds throughout the village and whilst significant progress is being made following a successful meeting recently, with Lancashire County Council Highways and other parties, the momentum must be maintained and raised in the forthcoming months, to secure a safer environment for us all. That said, special mention must be given to the children of Bretherton School, who have undertaken a special project to monitor and raise awareness of vehicle speeds and offered very useful input to the discussions that have been held. Their energy and determination, in progressing this campaign is admirable. As a council we are maintaining detailed records of accidents throughout the parish and should anyone see any incidents, please make that information available to any of the Councillors.

We welcome David Devany onto the Council and I personally would like to thank Tony Rigby who stepped down this year after some 40 years of service to the Parish, his knowledge and expertise, will be greatly missed.

The village has once again entered the Best Kept Village competition, huge efforts have been made in this area and thanks must go to Barbara Farbon for her co-ordination of the process and we all look forward to success this year and achieving the highest status within Lancashire for Bretherton.

Finally, we all know that without special people working tirelessly within a community, be that community groups, sports teams, church communities, that very little will be achieved, there are many such people in Bretherton that enter this specific area. I cannot mention all, but they will know who they are and I thank them all.

Hopefully the weather will turn and we can all enjoy a happy Summer.

Kevin Wigley
Chair



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Bretherton Endowed School

We continue to be very busy at Bretherton Endowed, working hard and enjoying learning.

We are practising hard for sports day and can't wait for our summer fair straight after. Summer term is always full of sporting events – cricket, tennis, rounders and even a hike to Rivington Pike.

Year 6 were thrilled to be able to set up 'Experience Pentecost' in St John's Church where they invited each class to come and experience the Pentecost story. Thanks to Year 6 for their planning and presentation and Mrs Smith for her superb guidance.

We are also excited to reintroduce 'Feoffees Day' this month. Speaking regularly to our trustees, we are really appreciative of the guidance and support they offer to school, in particular in our capital improvements in school. Inviting them into school before lunch, we can't wait to have a party style lunch with them, share with the children the history of the school, role of the Feoffees and later pray together along with our parents in our end of day assembly. We hope they have a great time with us.

Our efforts to reduce the speed in front of our school has taken a step forward as Cllr Iddon visited us and arranged for an extension in time for the 20mph flashing yellow sign and a couple of banners to identify the dangers of speeding. Thank you to Year 6 school council and our community for supporting our community initiative.

We would like to wish a warm welcome to our new children starting in September 2019. We are full and are grateful for the continued interest and support that we get both from the village and surrounding areas. Our Toddler session on Friday morning and Pre school on Thursday afternoon are always popular – thank you all so very much for being part of our school.

Please visit our website if you would like to know more about our school – we have so much we would like to share with you. If you would like to come and see us, please call the school office.

Alison Moxham
Headteacher

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. 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. If you are caught out without a bag remember that the children have made the bag dispensers which are in to be found strategically placed.



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Thank -you

The Parish Councillors would like to thank Tony Rigby for all his work as a Parish Councillor for over 40 years. Tony has provided the Council with a wealth of expertise in that time and even when he was unable to attend meetings through ill health he has meticulously studied the paperwork and given us the benefit of his knowledge. He decided not to stand for election in May. We wish him well.

Welcome

On 2nd May, the six seats on the Parish Council came up for election. Six people stood for election, five of the existing Parish councillors and David Devany. There being only six candidates, a poll was not necessary and all were 'elected unopposed'. Our newly elected councillor is David Devany who we welcomed at the May Council meeting.

The Parish Institute

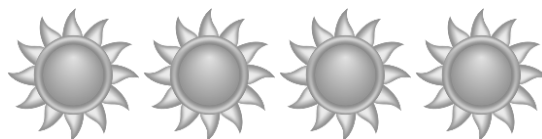
The transformation of Bretherton Parish Institute

The Institute is situated on the recreation ground and is open Monday to Saturday inclusive from 7.30pm to 10.30 pm. Membership is £15 for the whole year. There is a licensed bar and the prices are exceptional value. The interior has been completely refurbished and the transformational investment will continue. This is an historic community resource and we want more of the local community to use it. Please pay us a visit.

There are two full sized snooker tables used by six teams competing in the Southport and District, and Asland Leagues. We also host a thriving Book Club which meets on the first Thursday of each month. Our two Boules teams play on a Tuesday evening from April to September and competitions are held on a regular basis.

On the second Saturday of each month a domino drive or bingo night is held from 8 pm. It is cross generational with youngsters enjoying the company of octogenarians!! We are inclusive and welcome families with children of all ages. Other social evenings are held several times during the year, and the club facilities can be hired for private parties such as christenings, birthday parties or charity events.

For further information please contact Jim on 01772600920



Best Kept Village

Judging has now started and we are hoping that with your help we will be able to achieve highly in this year's competition.

Our Clean up days began in March and have been well attended by residents volunteering to litter pick, clean the ivy from sign posts, remove weeds from the gutters and pavements and around the recreation and playground area.

Please help by joining our group or by doing your own cleaning up when walking round the village.

The next clean up day will be SATURDAY 13th July and we will meet at the bowling cabin at 9.30am. Grabbers, high Viz jackets, gloves and bin bags will be provided.

We are again indebted to Glenroyde for kindly planting up our tubs, baskets and hangers and to the many volunteers who have helped to put them in place and water them. Many residents have their own planters and baskets which look magnificent. We have every right to be very proud of our village.

Thank you to all who have helped.

Barbara Farbon

Cricket

A heartfelt thanks from the Club to all who contributed towards the Sportsman's Night at the school on the 22nd June, and to those that attended and spent their hard earned money in support of the Club's future.

Our next HOME game is on Saturday 6th July at 1.30pm vs Wyre 2nd XI - a rematch to avenge a close loss in our opening game of the season. Hope to see you all there, and if you fancy sponsoring the match please get in touch

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Bowling

Despite the recent poor weather the bowling season has almost reached the halfway point. League teams are achieving modestly with hopes of improvement as the season progresses. Some new members signed on following an open day and a newcomers competition.

Congratulations to Graham Whittle and Paul Ashcroft who have won club competitions. Finally the Bretherton Bowling Festival takes place on July 13th and July 20th when the best bowlers in the district will be competing for substantial prize money.

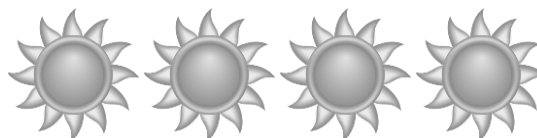
Bob Coupe

W.I.

The WI is getting active again this summer. At our June meeting we are trying a new way of keeping fit - belly dancing! Who says the women of Bretherton aren't up for a challenge - at least the laughing will keep us going even if we can't quite get the moves right.

On 11th July our meeting will be held at the home of our Vice President, Cath Marchbank, at Rydings Farm, North Road (with the decorated bike at the end of the drive). This is a social evening where we will enjoy cocktails, strawberry scones and garden games. If you would like to come along and see what the WI is all about, this is a great evening to choose, and existing members are welcome to bring friends along. Watch out for us too on Bank Holiday Sunday August 25th, when we will be serving the teas for NGS open gardens at the Congregational Hall with delicious home baking including gluten free and vegan options. You might also see our walking group out and about enjoying the local countryside - give us a wave!

Jane Elphick, President



Highway Issues

The Parish Council takes every opportunity to raise issues such as speed of traffic. Karen Wait is coordinating the campaign to reduce speeding in the village. An Action group has been set up which residents can join. Please contact Karen if you would like to get involved. (01772 396108)

In May we held a very well attended Parish Council meeting which was attended by Councillor Iddon, the police, the MP's representative and a large group of residents.

We are very pleased that a decision has been made to lower the speed limit on North Road between Norris's Farm and Pompian Brow to 40 mph. Councillor Iddon said that residents could ask for this to be 30mph and if sufficient demand was received this would be considered. Seema Kennedy MP has given her support to the case and has written to the Chief Executive of Lancashire to express her concerns and support for our cause.

She supported a move to introduce average speed cameras and urged the council to consider this.

At the meeting, there were also concerns expressed about the Flag Lane bends and this is also being pursued on your behalf.



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Key dates at a glance

Parish Council	Monday 1 st July
Open Gardens Hazel Cottage, Pear Tree Cottage, Glynwood House and Owl Barn	Sunday 7 th July 12noon – 5pm
W.I. Outdoor Meeting	Thursday 11 th July 7.30pm
Bank Hall Country Crafts Event	Sunday 7 th July 12 noon
Open Gardens Hazel Cottage, Pear Tree Cottage, Glynwood House and Owl Barn	Sunday 25 th August 12noon -5pm
Parish Council	Monday 2 nd September
W.I.	Thursday 12 th September
Bank Hall Heritage Open Day	Sunday 15 th September
Parish Council	Monday 7 th October
W.I. Annual Meeting	Thursday 10 th October

FUN DAY 2019

No-one came forward to offer their help to organise a Fun Day this year and in view of the fact that it was the 200th anniversary of the Congregational Church followed by Walking Day, we felt that yet another weekend in June might just be too much to expect people to support. Maybe a biennial event is the answer or perhaps we should go for an autumn date. If you have any views on this or any suggestions to make please ring Barbara Farbon or Gwyneth Lloyd.

Dustbin Collections

Some residents on the **FRIDAY** bin route noticed a misprint on their dustbin calendar which looked as though the grey bins were not being collected during the summer! This has been queried with Chorley and they have confirmed that it was an error. **The grey garden bins will be emptied as usual on the same day as the blue bins.**

(Those who have a Thursday collection have their garden bins collected at the same time as the green bins.)

Open Gardens

This summer, there are four gardens opening in Bretherton for the National Gardens Scheme:

Glynwood House and Pear Tree Cottage in Eyes Lane; Hazel Cottage, South View and Owl Barn, Flag Lane;

A successful opening took place on 26th May and over £2000 was raised for the NGS charities. The next two dates are both Sundays, the times always 12 noon until 5 pm, and the combined charge is £5 (children free):

7 July; 25 August.

The members of the Congregational Church will, as usual, be offering delicious tea and cakes, plus light lunches for the July open day. There will be produce for sale, live music and plenty of horticultural inspiration, advice and gossip to enjoy.

The NGS is a major fundraiser for Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie Cancer Care, the Queen's Nursing Institute, Help the Hospices and Crossroads Care. For more information and some great garden photos, visit the NGS website at

Please come to visit our gardens, and support these wonderful charities who care for people at very difficult times in their lives.

Kris Jolley, Bretherton Open Gardens Co Ordinator, 01772 600896

Jacky and Tom opened Hazelwood on North Road for the National Gardens Scheme on Sunday 19th May and Sunday 16th June. They too raised a significant amount of money for the NGS charities and their cream tea money was donated to Queenscourt Hospice.

Film Club

Film Club has now finished for the summer but look out for information about the 2019 – 20 season which will start in the autumn. All films commence at 7.30 pm (doors open 7.00 pm) at Bretherton Endowed School. Refreshments available (including wine). Please contact Gwyneth Lloyd on 01772 600705 or email brethertonfs@btinternet.com

Thank you to all our supporters for attending our film nights.



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