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**BREHERTON PARISH
COUNCILLORS**

Welcome to the winter edition of the village newsletter. One of the joys of living in this village is the community spirit. Village events such as Bonfire Night are very well attended and supported.

This year's historic Remembrance Sunday commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Armistice, the end of WW1, was a poignant experience. The church service led by Rev Michael and the dedication led by Pastor Les were very well attended as was the torchlight procession to the amazing searchlight and evening performance. It was particularly moving to have descendants of 10 of the 12 young men who fell, laying individual posies for their families. The lamppost poppies, posters, the school's memorial and the beautiful waterfall of poppies created by the WI greatly contributed to making this a memorable event.

I was delighted to attend the Best Kept Village awards to accept a Highly Commended certificate for Bretherton in the small village's category which is a great improvement on our performance in 2017. The judges' overall impression was "excellent, a well-kept village, a pleasure to visit. The community appear to take pride in all surroundings." The Blue Anchor, the play area and bowling green were commended as outstanding features. Special thanks must go to Barbara Farbon and her Tidy Village Group for all the hard work through regular litter picking and floral planting last spring and summer.

On another positive note, the Parish Council, with the help and support of John Pigott, has purchased a new 'SPID' (Speed Indicator Device) to replace the original device which had become unreliable. This was made possible with a generous grant from the Film Society which was match funded by Golden Acres Pet Foods.

With your autumn newsletter you will have received a questionnaire from Bretherton School pupils requesting support in their attempt to make it safer to cross the road near school. The older children gave an excellent and well researched presentation to the Parish Council, setting out their concerns about road safety. County Councillor Iddon and the head of highways have agreed to meet with the Mrs Moxham and pupils to discuss the issue.

The festive season is nearly upon us and I send best wishes for a Happy Christmas and peaceful New Year to all who live and work in our community.

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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 4th February 2019 8pm

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Bretherton Endowed School

'For to us a child is born, ...and he will be called Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace' Isaiah 9:6-7

As we approach Christmas at Bretherton Endowed CE Primary School, our children are preparing for festivities. Remembering the true message of Christmas, our youngest children are practicing for their production 'It's a Party' and our older classes are writing prayers and planning for our Carol service on the last day of term. You are most welcome to join us on the 21st December 2.00 at St John's. We are delighted to work with the Congregational Church and St John's on their Christmas and Christingle services and hope that you will enjoy hearing our children singing at these events.

Our School Council and Ethos group have been compiling a traffic survey ready to present to Chorley Council. We would like to say thank you to everyone in Bretherton who has taken the time to share their views and support with us. We hope that we can help Bretherton be a safer place as a result. Thank you also to the Paris Council for their support and we'll keep you updated.

We have been extremely busy this term, welcoming our new reception children and they have settled in well. We are always amazed at how quickly they become part of our school family. In addition, we have opened our school to many prospective parents who have the unenviable task of choosing their child's school for September 2019 and it has been my pleasure to show them around our hard working and vibrant classrooms. Since the summer holidays, we have created a great outside provision for our Class 1 and our generous PTFA have donated IT equipment to support children's learning throughout school.

We are proud to host our community Toddler group on Friday mornings in the school hall and children attending our Pre-school session on Thursdays is growing each week. If there are any families who are interested in attending- you are most welcome to join us.

From everyone at Bretherton Endowed, governors, staff, parents and children, we would like to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and our prayers and good wishes for the New Year.

Alison Moxham
Headteacher

Bretherton Parish Institute

A bold investment has taken place in Bretherton Parish Institute to maintain and keep it on an upward trajectory to attract new customers. Traditionally it was a snooker club and a bar. Today it is a community hub for snooker, boules, bowling, domino leagues, Over 60's meetings, a thriving book club and extremely enjoyable cross generational social evenings.

The investment the club is making is significant, and it is hoped that the venue will increase in popularity for family get togethers from baby showers, christenings, anniversaries, birthday parties to funerals.

It is a successful community resource and we want to encourage even more local people to use the facility. There is a 'steely' determination from the new and original trustees and committee members to secure its continued presence in the village for future generations. It is a private members' club but it only costs £12 a year to become a member! We appreciate the fact that as you approach the building you are underwhelmed by its outward appearance! Nevertheless, if you enter in the New Year when the refurbishment is completed, we are confident you will feel comfortable enjoying the warmth of the company, craik and outstanding value for money.

Please visit in 2019 – make it a New Year resolution to support this historic meeting venue in our lovely village.

Bretherton Parish Institute Committee

GOOD LUCK

We expect that everyone is now aware that Lesley, Simon, Mary and Charlotte at The Old Bakery have decided to hang up their aprons. We know how much they will be missed, not just by members of the village but lots of people passing through. We wish them and their staff the very best in the next stage of their lives and hope that 2019 brings them much happiness.

Best Kept Village

We now know the result of the BKV competition and are delighted that we received **'Highly Commended'** in the Small Villages category. We shared this accolade with Weeton with Preese. We were beaten by West Bradford and Little Eccleston. The Blue Anchor received a Certificate of Merit in the Public Houses section of the competition .

Other features that were nominated for Certificates of merit gained places, the School coming 6th, the Play Area 5th, The Old Bakery coming 7th, the Bowling Green 6th and the Apiary coming 5th in their respective categories.

The judges were impressed that the community appeared to take a pride in all surroundings and a community spirit was noted. We were let down a little by the weeds under the slide and tractor in the play area and rotten wood was noted on the picnic tables in the play area and bench opposite the war memorial. We already have matters in hand regarding the picnic tables and these are to be replaced very soon but with budget constraints we may have to wait a while longer to replace the other wooden items mentioned.

We have been fortunate to have the lovely tubs and hanging planters which were planted up by Glenroyde and watered through the very hot summer by a dedicated band of helpers. For the autumn the tubs have been planted by members of the village with a few of their own 'left over' plants so they continue to enhance the environment.

We are very proud of the achievement this year and hope that it will be even better next. We have a very willing team of helpers for the 'clean up' days but would welcome more to join our group. We aim to do these at least monthly from March to September.

If you can help in any way next year or if you have any suggestions for improvement please let me know. Every little bit helps.

Barbara Farbon

W.I.

The W.I have been busy stitching. We decided we would like to make a contribution to the village's commemoration of the 100 years since the end of World War I, and a large number of our members rose to the challenge. Between us, we knitted, crocheted and sewed over 400 poppies to create a "waterfall" which was draped behind the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday, remembering all those who gave their lives in the Great War. We also made some chains of poppies for the railings by the Hall where "Searching for Matthew" was performed - these included some white poppies, and also purple poppies to remember animals and civilians lost in conflict.

In November our speaker gave a fascinating insight into Victorian life, which included us being encouraged to play with Victorian toys, "sit up straight" with the aid of a wooden rod, and organise ourselves in rank order to attend a formal banquet, in accordance with protocol at the time. Everybody thoroughly enjoyed the evening, which also gave us plenty of laughter. If you know somebody in Bretherton who is a WI member, why not have a chat to her and come along to find out more? Our January meeting is on 10th January at 7.30 in the Congregational Hall. We have a very interesting programme planned for 2019 as well as additional groups and visits organised. Our January theatre trip will be to see SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER on stage in Manchester.

New Year, New Challenge?

Jane Elphick, President.

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

Key dates at a glance

Film Club	Fri 7 th December
W.I. Party	Thur 13 th December
Carol Service (St John's)	Sun 16 th Dec 11am
Carol Service (Congregational chapel)	Sun 16 th Dec 6.30pm
Christingle (St John's)	Mon 24 th Dec 4.30pm
Christmas Day (Congregational chapel)	Tue 25 th 10.00am
Christmas Day (St John's)	Tue 25 th 11am
W.I. Soup Lunch (in Congregational hall)	Mon 7 th January 12.00noon
W.I.	Thur 10 th Jan 7.30pm
Film Club	Fri 18 th Jan 7.30pm
United service for Christian Unity	Sun 20 th Jan 10.30am
W.I. Soup Lunch (in Congregational hall)	Mon 4 th February 12.00noon
Parish Council	Monday 4 th February
W.I.	Thur 14 th Feb 7.30pm
Film Club	Fri 15 th Feb 7.30pm
W.I. Soup Lunch (in Congregational hall)	Mon 4 th March 12.00noon
Parish Council	Monday 4 th March

Film Club

The Bretherton Film Society kicked off it's 2018 Autumn Season on Friday 21st September with the very enjoyable FINDING YOUR FEET with an excellent attendance. The other films in the programme leading up to Christmas were

THE LITERARY & POTATO PEEL PIE SOCIETY
THE SHAPE OF WATER
MAMA MIA HERE WE GO AGAIN

The Film Night dates for our Spring Season are now confirmed as:

Friday 18th January
Friday 15th February
Friday 15th March
Friday 19th April

Titles still to be confirmed

All films will commence at 7.30 pm (doors open 7.00 pm) at Bretherton Endowed School. Refreshments available (including wine).

For more information, please contact Gwyneth Lloyd (01772 600705) or John & Margaret Pigott (01772 601455)

Our email address is: brethertonfs@btinternet.com. If you would like to be added to our email list or if you have any suggestions for future film nights contact us by e mail or telephone us on one of the contact numbers above

John Pigott

FUN DAY 2019

Are you interested in helping to organise Fun day 2019? If so we need you. It was a great day this year but it took a lot of organising. Contact Gwyneth Lloyd or Barbara Farbon if you would like to get involved.

Churches

St John the Baptist C of E

Carol Service Sunday 16th December 11am

Christingle Monday 24th December 4.30pm

Christmas day family service with Holy Communion 11am

Congregational Chapel

Carol Service Sunday 16th December 6:30pm with Eccleston brass band, gifts for women & children's refuge Leyland, and monetary gifts for Rainbow House.

Christmas Day family service 10am.

The United service for week of prayer for Christian unity will also be at the chapel on **20th January 2019** at 10:30am , followed by soup lunch.