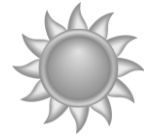




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A Casual Vacancy

Compliant with the law, notices were posted inviting residents to request an election to fill the casual vacancy created by the resignation of Mr Bob Bertram. As no such request was forthcoming, the council has now to decide what steps to take to fill the place created. Council is permitted to co-opt. The issue will be discussed at the July meeting.

Future meetings of the Parish Council

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

Monday September 4th

Monday October 2nd

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.

Welcome to the 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 should like to thank Councillor Karen Wait for all her hard work and effort on your behalf during her role as Chair in the last 12 months.

In the last year we have continued to pursue matters in relation to the Transport Questionnaire and thus far have succeeded in gaining access from the Blue Anchor to the recreation ground again. Work will begin on 3rd August to construct a footway between Bretherton and Croston. We continue to be concerned about speeding traffic and HGVs through the village and will continue to lobby on your behalf to reduce the effects of this on the village.

The refurbishment of the War Memorial is almost complete and doesn't it look magnificent! Thanks to all the dedicated people that have worked on it, many giving their time and labour at no cost. We are also very appreciative of all the residents and their wider circles of family and friends who have supported the fundraising that has been ongoing to enable the materials to be purchased for the restoration. The final job will be the planting which will take place in September or October so that next year as we remember the end of the First World War and all those who lost their lives, our memorial will be a fitting tribute to those who died in both wars and one of which future generations in the village will be proud.

I would like to urge everyone to get involved with our village and its activities. We have a lovely village with good facilities and a great sense of community.

I hope everyone has a happy, safe and enjoyable summer.

Barbara Farbon Chair

Mr Bob Bertram

Former Councillor Bob Bertram tendered his resignation in May just two years after being elected. The Parish Council would like to thank Bob for the work he did during his period in office, in particular the Transport survey the main findings of which the council continue to pursue on your behalf.

Bob initially began a campaign to refurbish the war memorial before being elected to council and we are now seeing the results of this initial work which was put into action by the working party set up to complete the job. We are sad that Bob did not agree with the direction that the working party took but pleased that the end result has been greeted so enthusiastically by the village.

We wish him well in the future.

The Parish Councillors

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Bretherton School

I would firstly like to begin by thanking everyone in Bretherton Endowed school community for the huge welcome I have received in my first year as Head Teacher of our wonderful village school. It was a great honour to be appointed and a great privilege to work in a school with uncompromising Christian Values. Our children are valued for their special and unique qualities but what is common to all is their desire to work hard and be the best they can be. I work with a team of staff, who I appreciate, go that extra mile in providing the very best education and opportunities for our children and a Governing Body who are supportive yet challenging to ensure we continue to be outstanding. A school is not however, just made up of pupils and staff but of parents and our community and in Bretherton I can see that this is at its heart. We have opened up our school to community events and groups and we regularly enjoy services in local churches led by our children. At Christmas we sang Carols in the village and would love to extend this further.

Over the year, our children have been involved in many and varied opportunities in which they have excelled. From many sporting events with local schools, we have brought home trophies in football and swimming. Our younger children performed at Christmas an X factor style nativity and our older children are preparing for a fun version of 'Cinders' to end the year. **(Which you are most welcome to come and watch please call school for further details.)** Our Year 6 children, in preparation for their move to High School, have completed a Young Leaders' Challenge which saw them supporting charities both local and worldwide and 'made the difference' they want to see in the world.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all our volunteers who give their time to read, work alongside, up skill and support our children. Their impact is huge and we value their time and expertise greatly.

So finally, on planning what the next school year has yet to offer, I would like to wish our children, families, staff and community a safe and relaxing summer with their loved ones and look forward to another successful year.

Alison

Mrs Alison Moxham Head Teacher
Bretherton Endowed Church of England Primary School
Tel: 600431

Iron Man UK

This year, the **IRONMANUK** race will take place on Sunday 16th July. It affects Whittle le Woods, Buckshaw Village, Leyland, Clayton le Woods and Euxton so Bretherton is not directly affected but we may experience the repercussions of diversions elsewhere. We think that this may be noticed by residents on North Road. If you want to know more visit www.ironman.com/uk.

Parish Institute

The Institute organised a very successful fund raising event to support the War memorial renovation fund. It was a memorable night of entertainment with the very talented Gary and Vanessa with supper provided by our excellent bakery. The magnificent sum of £758 was raised and Cllr Wayne Jackson noted, 'this is exactly what village life should be about'. The Institute boasts over one hundred members and the membership fee is only £12 per year. The drinks are outstanding value for money and you can experience lively, entertaining company. Please come along and enjoy a pleasant evening between 7.30 and 10.30pm Monday to Saturday. This is a hidden gem with opportunities to join boules, book club, dominoes and snooker. Every second Saturday in the month is a social evening including supper. If you would like to hire the Institute on a Sunday for a family occasion such as christening parties etc. please contact me on 600920.

Jimmy Bullen Chairman

W.I.

Bretherton W.I have been out and about during the lovely spring weather. You may have seen some of us around the village enjoying a ramble, as we now have a walking group which meets every fortnight or so and has been exploring the lovely countryside around Bretherton. Some of our members have also learnt the techniques of Nordic Walking, and our tutor Dawn has been leading a few walks for us, so if you see a group of women wielding poles and a cheerful smile, thats what we are doing!

The W.I. also wanted to make a contribution to the village War Memorial Fund, and in May we held a very successful Murder Mystery Evening, where during a short play actors challenged us to work out why one of the characters was "murdered" and by whom. This was harder than it sounded, but we all had a lot of fun trying to sort out clues from red herrings. We enjoyed supper from Bretherton Bakery, held a special raffle and auction, had a very enjoyable social time together, and raised £1250 for the Fund. Thanks to everyone who supported us in our first major fund raiser.

We were also asked to organise the teas when the Open Gardens Scheme added an extra day to their schedule on Bank Holiday Monday in May. Members rose to the challenge of baking cakes and serving teas, and all agreed we enjoyed making this contribution to village life. Our numbers are growing, and we always welcome visitors to our meetings. We meet on the second Thursday of each month – normally at the Congregational Hall at 7.30pm. However on 13th July we are holding a summer social event at Rydings Barn on North Road, with a dog training demonstration.

Please visit our website brethertonwi.com or contact Jane Elphick on 601495 for further details.



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ALL PROCEEDS ARE GOING TO SUPPORT THE BOYS & GIRLS OF CROSTON JUNIORS FC

The Football Club plays on the Recreation Ground every week during the season and is trying to raise money to buy a new store hut to replace the rather dilapidated one currently on the field.

Film Society

The 2016/17 season of 6 films came to an end with the very popular film: A United Kingdom starring David Oyelowo and Rosamund Pike.

The committee of Barbra, Gwyneth, John, John and Margaret would like to thank our filmgoers for supporting this community venture.

On your behalf, the Film Society has been able to donate £1,000 to the Bretherton War Memorial Restoration Fund. The four films which might be enjoyed between September and December are already being thought about, so if you have any requests or suggestions, the committee would be delighted to hear from you. Please email:

brethertonfs@btopenworld.com

In the meantime, we wish you an enjoyable summer and look forward to meeting you all again in September.

Margaret Simmonds.

If you would like to be included on the email contact list, please contact brethertonfs@btinternet.com or phone John or Maggie on 601455 or Gwyneth on 600705.

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.

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 600750.

Cricket Club.

After a good all round effort last season, the club just missed winning the league and finished runner up. This season the league has been re-structured with the club in division 2.

The 2017 season got off to a very poor start, with the club losing their first four league games. The following three games however were convincing wins for the club. The game against Dalton 1st at Ashurst Beacon was an exceptional performance, winning by six wickets with opener Stuart Iddon making a superb 56 hitting 11 fours. Andy Turner, in the bowling department did well taking four early wickets for ten runs.

The club has recently recruited some new younger players which is good for the future. Let's hope they can maintain interest and work to take the team forward on and off the pitch and help with the chores of running a village cricket club. Adam Fletcher and Jamie Ashton have been doing most of the work in preparing the pitch and mowing the square for match days this season along with club chairman Mick Howarth who has done a great job over the last few seasons.

Let's hope the team can keep up their good form and climb the table.

John Blanchard Secretary

Superfast ? Broadband

SUPER SLOW BROADBAND V SUPERFAST BROADBAND

Are you tired of the slow fibre broadband connection in the village? BT run FTTC (Fibre To The Cabinet) to the unit outside The Blue Anchor but thereafter the fibre broadband offered utilises the old copper cable network which means that the greater the distance from the cabinet, the slower the download/upload speed becomes. BT has honoured its obligation to connect rural areas to Superfast Broadband, but their "up to" do not match the reality. Potentially, there are other options such as, (1) getting enough residents/properties to commit to the likes of Virgin or BT in an attempt to persuade them to install Fibre To The Premises (FTTP - very fast) or, (2) approaching the likes of B4RN (Broadband 4 the Rural North), to learn how they utilise local input/skills/wayleaves to build a network and set out to build our own superfast village network. In Cumbria, where B4RN are rapidly expanding, they offer a quite unbelievable 1GB download speed with an upfront cost of £120 and thereafter a monthly fee of circa £35. A poor broadband speed now impacts significantly on your property value. If you are interested in becoming involved in a working party to tackle the broadband issue, please contact me.

Cllr Wayne Jackson
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Inspire

Chorley Youth Zone, named by young people as 'Inspire', will be a purpose-built facility for the borough's young people aged 8 – 19, and up to 25 for those with disabilities.

The Youth Zone will be located on Railway Street, where The Arts Partnership and Leigh Arms currently stands and is expected to be completed in 2017.

This infrastructure of facilities is based upon OnSide Youth Zones 21st Century Youth Facility Model and young people from across Chorley will have access to all these fantastic facilities for a cost of £5 for an annual membership and 50p per visit. The Youth Zone will provide a safe environment where young people can come and enjoy themselves and will enable young people to raise their aspirations and confidence to create a happier and healthier generation.

www.inspireyouthzone.org

Open Gardens

Four gardens are taking part in the National Gardens Scheme this year: Hazel Cottage, Glynwood House, Pear Tree Cottage and Owl Barn.

This year marks the 90th Anniversary of the National Gardens Scheme and Bretherton Gardens opened on Sunday 28th and Monday 29th May to mark this occasion, raising over £3000 for the NGS charities. In addition the Congregational Church raised over £300 and the W.I. raised over £200 by serving refreshments on the two days respectively.

We will then open on Sunday 2nd July and Sunday 27th August. We hope that the weather will be kind to us and that we will be well supported.

Thank-you

Gary and Debby along with Tom and Jacky opened their gardens on North Road on Sunday 18th June in aid of Queenscourt Hospice raising £1900.

Thanks go out to everyone that helped or supported the effort with donations of marvellous cakes.

Later, "The great British get together" saw neighbours donate £100 to the Joe Cox foundation. Thank you to everyone that supported both events.

Key dates

WI	Thur July 13 th 7.30pm
July Clean up	Sat 1 st July
Open Gardens	Sun 2 nd July
BKV judging	Jun 3 rd – end of August
School Production	Tue 18 th & Wed 19 th July
July Clean up (2)	Sat 22 nd July
August Clean up	Sat 19 th August
Open Gardens	Sun 27 th August
Parish Council	Mon 4 th Sept
WI	Thur Sept 14 th 7.30pm

Bowling

Bretherton bowling club is thriving with eight adult teams and one junior team competing in local leagues. The players range from beginners to county standard and are aged from 8 to 80+. We are an inclusive club and welcome new players. If you would like to try a bowling session we can provide you with the equipment and some coaching. You are invited to take part in beginners' competitions and fun days among friends. We work very closely with the Parish Council to maintain the bowling green site and ensure the facilities are kept to a very high standard. Thanks are extended to Glenroyde Nurseries for providing floral displays around the pavilion. If you are interested in finding out more, please give me a ring or pop down to the green on a Monday evening around 7pm or a Tuesday afternoon at 1.30pm to chat to the players.

Bob Coupe
Bowling Club Secretary
600045

Boules

The Ian Blythe Trophy, went very well, the sun shone all day and the Bretherton Bakery hot pot and fruit pies were enjoyed by all. Congratulations to the winners Darren and Neill from The Grapes.

We've had a slight change in the teams this season with The Nelson team now playing at The Grapes with a new pitch built by the team. The Crown team folded which left an opening for a new team. We welcome The Outlanders who will use the pitch at the Crown.

We have started the season with some good scoring games and a couple of sunny Tuesdays along with some cold ones. We just need to get to the 13th point before the opposition does, we have had a few 12\13 losses.

We again have a large team and with the new triple game another person gets to play which is good for the Buzzards. Let's hope we can keep it going and stay off the bottom of the league. Clare Hughes

Dogs

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.

