

Dear Resident,

Summer is here and Bretherton is looking particularly lovely which is extremely pleasing as the judging of the Best Kept Village is underway. Thank you to all who keep their hedges trimmed, their gardens colourful and the pavement swept. We may well win another prize this year!

As the new Chairman of the Parish Council, I would like to thank Tony Rigby for his work as Chairman over the last twelve months. Following the contested election in May the council has welcomed two new councillors and said goodbye to two, who stood down.

Firstly, on behalf of the parish council I would like to acknowledge the dedication and service of Kris Jolley and Brian Monk, who between them have worked unstintingly for over 30 years on behalf of the village. Thank you both. Welcome to Wayne and Robert who have generously volunteered to serve as councillors. Bretherton is fortunate as it has a full complement of councillors whereas many other parish councils have vacancies.

By the time this newsletter drops through your letterbox, we hope to have appointed a new parish clerk to replace Jill Cavan who leaves us this summer to take on a greater teaching commitment. Despite being with us for only a short time Jill has given us splendid service for which we are most thankful.

One of the highlights of my time in Bretherton was the Village Funday in April. We were blessed with sunny weather for the opening of the playground and it was fantastic to see so many people enjoying the activities. A wonderful advert for village life.

Along with the newsletter you should also have received a copy of Bretherton Parish Council's Annual Report for 2010/11. Further copies are available at the Old Bakery.

As there is no meeting in August may I wish you all a happy holiday.

Cllr Gwyneth Lloyd  
Chairman

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### OPEN GARDENS UPDATE

There have been two open days so far in this, the tenth year of Bretherton open gardens for the NGS. Pear Tree Cottage on Eyes Lane received visitors for the first time and was very popular..

The May and June openings raised £1153 and £971 respectively, with 20% of those totals going direct to Queenscourt Hospice in Southport, the balance to NGS Charities. Teas at the Congregational Schoolroom were a sell-out, as always.

Two more open days are coming up - Sundays 17 July and 4 September, from 12 noon to 5 pm, with teas at the Congregational Schoolroom as usual (and light lunches July only).

Thanks to friends and neighbours for your support and understanding during these charitable fundraising events.



## Bretherton School News

I am delighted to inform you that our school has been awarded the Race Equality Mark. The Race Equality Mark is awarded by Lancashire County Council to Lancashire schools that reach an agreed standard and can therefore demonstrate that Race Equality is embedded in their practice and procedures. It also shows that we have demonstrated our commitment to: eliminate discrimination; promote equality of opportunity and promote good relations between persons of different racial groups. We have also been awarded a Learning Excellence Award for Good Practice in Community Cohesion and Diversity. This is in recognition for all our hard work in this area, embracing community spirit whilst also educating our children about the wider world, and the valuable learning experiences our children gain at Bretherton School.

What a lovely afternoon we all had at Bretherton Fun Day! It was fantastic to see so many of our families there, enjoying the weather and super new facilities. Leah Hamer and Ben Yates officially opened the new playground as their ideas were incorporated into the design. I'm sure the playground will be enjoyed for many years to come. Our 'street party' to commemorate the Royal Wedding was a real celebration. We all had our lunch outside on decorated tables and had a wonderful time. One of the Y6 children said to me, 'Mr Ward, this is something we will all remember for the rest of our lives!' which was so lovely to hear. We were all dressed for the occasion in red, white and blue and had a toast and three cheers to the happy couple.

We have now achieved the Silver Award for our work on Eco-Schools. Our Eco-team have introduced their new Eco-Code, written by themselves, which is:

**W**alk to school if you can

**O**nly use what you need

**R**ecycle and reuse

**L**ights out when not in use

**D**on't drop litter

What a lovely message and hopefully we can all do our bit to look after our world!

We continue to live by our Mission Statement at school:

Learning together, growing together, achieving together, caring together within our Christian family.

Please visit our website if you would like to know more about our school - it is constantly updated with news.

The website is [www.bretherton.lancsngfl.ac.uk](http://www.bretherton.lancsngfl.ac.uk).

Nick Ward  
Headteacher



## Police News- Bretherton

There have been spates of lead thefts in this and surrounding areas. The school has been targeted, possibly during daylight hours as some men were seen on the roof wearing high viz jackets.

Also there have been thefts from out buildings and secluded farm yards. If you have premises where trailers, farm machinery etc are left unattended, please ensure that the property is as secure as you can make it. There are devices that can be bought, that send a signal to your phone if the infra red beam is broken. If you want further information on these devices or any other crime prevention advice please contact the Neighbourhood Police Team number shown below, Also if you notice anything suspicious, please use either 999 or the general police number shown below.

Over the coming months we will be carrying out operations regarding the security of your house. This is looking for properties which have been left insecure due to the warm weather- Please ensure your windows and doors are not left open during the day or night. It only takes seconds for burglars to enter a house and steal property, but it takes a lot longer to feel safe in your home following a burglary

If you have any issues regarding this article or require further help or advice, please do not hesitate to contact us on the following numbers:-

Coppull Neighbourhood Police Team – Tel 01257 246103 (non emergencies only)

General Police Number 0845 1 25 35 45

Crimestoppers 0800 555 111



Do you like driving and volunteering at the same time? Then Lancashire's Volunteer Community Car Scheme is the opportunity for you!

You would be giving your time for people in your own community who are unable to use public transport, have no regular access to a car nor can afford a taxi on a regular basis.

All you need is you, a car, full UK driver's license, a CRB, observed drive and you are good to go!

Any time you can afford to be available would be welcome.

You will be reimbursed for your expenses at £0.40 per mile.

Please call Derrick (tall, ex-sailor) or Julie (small, very polite) on;

01772 516 208 (08.30-16.00 Mon-Fri).

You will be sent an information pack and then we'll arrange a short interview and take it from there.

We look forward to hearing from you.

*Preston Community Transport is a charity – # 1114100, we administrate this scheme and are funded by Lancashire County Council to do so. We also have other volunteering opportunities for drivers.*

## Road Safety Update.

In its continuing campaign to make our village roads safer, the Parish Council has agreed three additional sites for the Speed Indicator Device (SID) with Lancashire County Council, advising drivers of their speed relative to the local speed limit. The new locations are:



- On North Road close to junction with Pompian Brow
- On North Road close to Finches Farm
- On North Road close to Canal Leach

The newly elected Councillors have agreed to share in the responsibility for management of the SID and the Parish Council would like to express their thanks to former councillor Brian Monk for his support in moving the SID around the various sites and for his tireless efforts to make North Road a safer place to live.

We will be continuing to press for new speed restrictions and safety measures, particularly on North Road between Canal Leach and Carr House Lane, following a number of serious accidents, one of which was fatal.

John Pigott.

## **Bretherton Bowling Bulletin**

Welcome to the latest news. Firstly, we start with a note on our bowling secretary Mr Tommy Wilson who with his lovely wife Barbara celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary. Our best wishes go to them both. Back to the home front - as we approach half way through the season ( my how it flies ) all the teams are making steady progress with the new members settling in nicely. The Chorley League A & B teams are about 4th or 5th and a good finish could see a brighter outcome. The Leyland Team are up and down playing well at home with the bowling green being in good order but struggling to get a foot hold away. The Veterans Team are also about 4<sup>th</sup>, rotating their players wisely so as not to wear them out! Sorry no news on the Chorley Ladies Team as I haven't seen them for ages! (I bet they're glad) The President's Day competition for Mr Peter Wilson starts @ 1 pm on the 2nd of July. Please attend for this fine man and bring what you can for the raffle.

**Boules** The recent Fun Day saw a decent turnout for the Boules Competition. The winners of this event were Mr and Mrs G Lloyd. You might know them. Well done! That's all for now.

**Dave Hughes**



## International Older Peoples Day 2011

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October

## International Older Peoples Week of events

1<sup>st</sup> October – 8<sup>th</sup> October

Chorley Older Peoples forum and partners are organising a wide range of activities to celebrate International Older Peoples Day 2011. The forum are looking to host an information event based at All Seasons Leisure Centre and a free Chorley Town Centre Pedometer challenge event where people aged 50+ can aim to see how many steps that they can achieve.

As well as this day of activities a week of events ranging from health walks to exercise activities, Tea Dances, sports, coffee mornings, quizzes and information and advice events. This week of activities will be from 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> October.

A booklet of activities and community classes will be produced as part of the celebrations and Chorley Council on behalf of the Chorley Older Peoples are inviting groups and organisations who run activities for the 50+ to promote their activities within this booklet. If you would like information on International Older Peoples day/week and any of the activities that are available please call 01257 515817 or email

[michael.rushe@chorley.gov.uk](mailto:michael.rushe@chorley.gov.uk) . If you would like to organise an event for the celebrations or would like an information sheet that explains how to add your activities to the booklet that is being produced then please contact Michael Rushe at Chorley Council on 01257 51817.



**Villages in Partnership** are hosting their next Coffee Morning on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July 9.30am until 12 noon. It will be held at Croston Community Centre, Castle Walks, Croston , PR26 9RH .

## **From the Bretherton Tree Warden**

It was sad to see the demise of one of the ancient Lime trees in front of the Apiary a few weeks ago. These two trees formed a link with the tradition of beekeeping on the site now occupied by the old people's bungalows. Lime blossom is an important forage crop for honey bees at this time of year



(midsummer). Earlier in the year, honey bees used to feed on a carpet of snowdrops on the site, followed by the lacy clouds of Hazel pear blossom, then apple blossom, in our extensive village orchards.

Fortunately the remaining Lime tree has been inspected by the Chorley Borough tree officer and given a clean bill of health and safety, so we can all enjoy the sight and scent of the tree and its blossom, and remember the decades, if not centuries, of beekeeping marked by the name of the Apiary.

## **Funday and Play Area Opening.**

Well over 200 people attended the Family Funday to celebrate the opening of the new play area on April 30<sup>th</sup>. The Funday was an opportunity for local families to test the new equipment and enabled local organisations raise almost £1,000 between them to support their ongoing activities. The play area was officially opened by Ben Yates and Leah Hamer in the presence of the Mayor of Chorley and the Chairman of Bretherton Parish Council. We would like to thank everybody who was involved in making the event a great success.

Since the opening, the play area has been well used, attracting families from other local villages and Leyland as well as Bretherton. By the end of June, the site will be fully completed with the slide mound being treated with safety matting and turf, and the provision of three new litter bins. The site will now be maintained by the Parish Council who will carry out regular safety checks and we are really pleased to see that local people really value this improved facility.

John Pigott.



## **BIRDS IN BREHERTON**

Summer's here and there are plenty of small birds which seem to have nested well -families of blue and great tits, and goldfinches are regular visitors on our feeders.

We have noticed more than the usual number of long tailed tits as well.

There don't seem to be as many swallows and martins as usual.

Earlier in the year we saw reed buntings on the ground beneath our feeder and recently a newcomer not entirely welcome was a jackdaw.

There have been bullfinches at Cockerbar which have not been seen in recent years..

Still not many butterflies let's hope we get some warm weather which might bring them out.

If you have any comments or observations you would like to share please contact me.

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## **Trading Standards Warnings:**

### **Council Tax Refunds**

Lancashire residents are receiving telephone calls claiming to be able to offer, for a fee, refunds on Council Tax, that the home owner has overpaid or is in the wrong tax band. In some instances the homeowner has thought they had been contacted by the local council. Residents should be aware that if they are entitled to any refund they will be able to find this out themselves by contacting their local council direct and not incurring any fee.

### **Memory Foam Mattress**

Reports are being received throughout the North West of door to door selling of memory foam mattresses. Cheshire and Blackpool have reported incidents of residents buying the mattresses from a man in a van who has approached them on the street or at their door. Recently another incident has been reported in the Leyland area, the mattress allegedly being worth £1,000.

As always, Trading Standards advice is never to do business on the doorstep.

Refer any complaints to Lancashire Trading Standards Service, Room D21, County Hall, Preston, Lancs. PR1 3NU via Consumer Direct tel 08454 040506.

## **Neighbourhood Watch**

**Foreign lottery scam** Lancashire Police recently warned residents to be wary of phone calls announcing they have won a foreign lottery after a pensioner was scammed out of thousands of pounds. A Fylde woman, aged 72, received a phone call from a man with an American accent, claiming to be from a US lottery organisation. He told her that she had won the second prize of £210,000 – but over numerous phone calls he persuaded her that in order for the money to be transferred to her bank account she would need to pay various taxes. The victim parted with over £7,000 before realising that she had been conned.

DC Tony McClements, of the Constabulary's economic crime unit, said: "Cold-calling on the telephone is just one way that the fraudsters initiate contact - others will use mass-marketing tactics via the post. In essence they tempt the victim by telling them that they have won a large prize in a foreign lottery and that a variety of taxes or costs have to be paid first before they can receive their prize.

"Through a chain of transactions the money is transferred out of the UK and the chase to keep up with the funds is rapidly lost. It takes time to seek international assistance, but it takes just a matter of seconds to fire the money across the globe electronically. "

He added: "This type of scam is particularly deplorable as those who fall victim rapidly go from the elation of 'winning' to total despair when they realise they have been duped. It is deliberately targeted at the elderly and the vulnerable so we all have a part to play in watching over elderly relatives or those who need our support. Prevention is better than cure, so I would advise people that it's extremely unlikely that somebody can win a prize if they haven't paid to enter the competition. This applies to lotteries as well as mass marketing ploys in which you can 'win' a variety of prizes. "

**What is Crimestoppers?** They are an independent charity helping to find criminals and help solve crimes.

They run the anonymous **0800 555 111** phone number where you can pass on information about crime. Alternatively you can pass information anonymously via the website using their "giving information form". Callers do not have to give their name or any personal information and calls cannot be traced. This means you will not need to appear in court or give a statement to the police.

Crimestoppers believe that people and their communities have the right to live without crime and without the fear of crime, but when crime does take place, that anybody who knows those responsible should go to the police. However, many people who want to take action are close to the criminal and fear retribution. Crimestoppers offers a secure means for information to be passed to the police, to make their families and communities safer.

**Latest Statistics.** Last year Crimestoppers received 90,868 calls and online forms with useful information. As a result of this information 8,264 criminals were arrested and charged. £25,339,693 worth of illegal drugs was seized. £3,155,704 worth of stolen goods was recovered.

**Working with Young People.** Fearless is the brand for young people as it introduces 11-16 year olds to the concept of Crimestoppers by providing them with non-judgemental information about crime. If you want further information about Crimestoppers and the work that they carry out why not visit their website: [www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org).

**Police and Communities Together (PACT)** Police and Communities Together, or PACT, is the name we give to making sure you have a say and involvement in how your local neighbourhood is policed. The PACT process gives you the chance to meet your neighbourhood policing team every month, have a say on how your neighbourhood is policed and monitor the Police's performance.

You can find out when and where your next PACT meeting is by entering your postcode on the Lancashire Police website [www.lancashire.police.uk](http://www.lancashire.police.uk) into the 'My Neighbourhood' panel on the front page. At the PACT meeting you can tell your neighbourhood policing team what issues concern you. After discussion, a smaller group called a PACT panel decides on the top three policing priorities for the month. The neighbourhood policing team will report back to the next meeting their progress on solving the issues - sometimes working with other agencies. PACT meetings are open to everyone.

**What if you cannot attend a PACT meeting?** You can still get involved! Type your postcode into the My Neighbourhood section on the website and e-mail your team with details of what you want them to know. They will then keep you updated about what they are planning to do about it.

**Microsoft Computer Scam.** Still receiving information from coordinators about being contacted by someone claiming to be from Microsoft and informing them that they have problems with their computer. They want the person called to log onto their computer and then allow them remote access. They sometimes ask for payment to "clean" their machines – this is a scam featured in length on the previous newsletter – for further info please refer to this document. Advice is to treat

all unsolicited phone calls with scepticism and **do not** provide any personal information to anyone who cold calls.

**P.S. Microsoft do not make unsolicited phone calls to help you fix your computer**

**Eddie Johnson**  
**NW Co-ordinator**

## Gardening Diary

The weather overall has been very mixed. After the sunny days in April it appears to have been dull with not a lot of rain. The water level in my pond is well down on the past few years and I am constantly watering the plants and vegetables in pots and hanging baskets. With the talk of hosepipe bans it may well be prudent to invest in water butts to collect rain water from the roofs of greenhouses and sheds. With the holiday season coming up, don't forget to get a friendly neighbour to water whilst you are away or you may return to withered plants and shrivelled vegetables.

Here are my tasks for the next three months –

### July

Check for pest and disease outbreaks and take action

Pick flowers such as sweet peas and dahlias to prolong flowering

Take semi ripe cuttings to propagate new plants

Regularly remove side shoots from tomatoes or your cordon type plants will end up looking like the bush varieties!

Keep vegetables well watered

Prune summer flowering raspberries as soon as they have finished cropping

Prune stone fruit trees – plums, greengages etc. If you prune in the winter you can get a fungal infection called silverleaf

### August

Collect fallen and diseased leaves from beneath trees, shrubs and climbers

Prune rambling roses as soon as they finish flowering

Dead head summer bedding plants and feed those in containers with a high potash fertiliser

Mow lawns as necessary, keeping the cut quite high if the weather is dry

Harvest crops regularly and promptly

Finish pruning cordon apples and pears

In your pond pick or cut off deteriorating leaves from pond plants or marginal plants

### September

Prune climbing roses as soon as they finish flowering

Plant trees, shrubs and climbers. If it is dry keep them well watered. Planting now will allow them to become established before the onset of winter

Lift and divide established congested herbaceous perennials. Replant in other areas of the garden or swop with neighbours and friends

Plant bulbs in beds, borders, on banks and in grass

Get to grips with autumn lawn care – scarifying, aerating and feeding with an specialist autumn lawn feed

Plant garlic and onion sets

Plant container grown fruit and strawberries

### Tips of the quarter

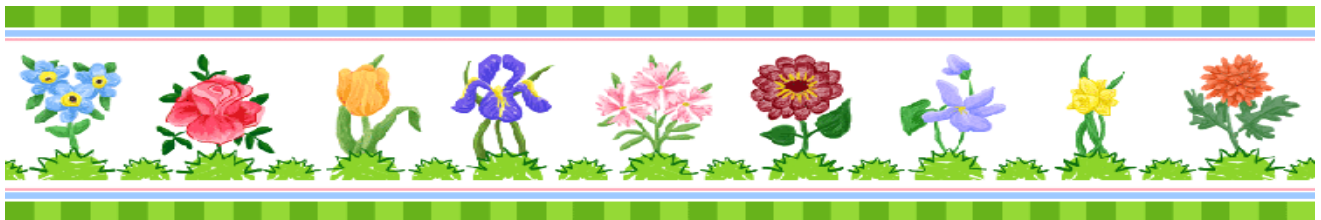
Grow the herb summer savory to rub on if you get a wasp sting

To relieve nettle and other plant stings which exude acid poisons apply an alkaline solution. The most effective are onion juice, dock leaves (rumex), tomato and potato leaves.

Grow penny royal (a herb) outside the kitchen door and it should prevent ants entering the house. You can also rub the leaf on a horsefly bite and the itch will disappear.

Here's hoping for some fine sunny weather when we can sit on a deckchair reading a book or have a few friends round for a drink after work.

Marguerite Hughes



The Parish Council normally meets on the first Monday of each month at Bretherton Endowed School.

Meetings commence at 8.00 pm.

**All residents are welcome to attend**

There is no meeting in August but forthcoming dates include

**September 5th**

**October 3rd**