
The Cleobury Clarion



HIGH STREET LIFE SAVING



Sandra Cole and council chairman Sean Thorogood with Cleobury's own defibrillator outside its home, the King's Arms.

With finance from the Parish Council and the Local Joint Committee and guidance from Sandra Cole, there is a potential life saver available in the King's Arms. The pub was chosen as the best location because it has the longest opening hours in the town centre.

It's a defibrillator, with its own power supply built in and a set of simple instructions for anyone to follow if someone collapses and needs urgent treatment. "With a cardiac arrest, the

chances of a full recovery reduce by ten percent every minute the patient waits for treatment," Sandra explained. "It is literally a life saver."

17 volunteers have trained to use the unit and if you would like to join that exclusive band, an extra training course can be arranged. E-mail Sandra Cole at Sandraco77@googlemail.com or talk to Clare Todd on CM 272300 if you're interested.

"This is a true community facility and the Parish Council and the LJC were happy to be involved" said chairman Sean Thorogood. "If there are enough keen people to make another training session worthwhile, I'm sure we could find the money to fund it."

There are other defibrillators in the town, mainly with medical and rescue personnel, but this one takes potential help to a new level. Wouldn't it be great if other towns took up this fine example and made defib units available? Some may say that the cost of a little over £1000 is too expensive, but what is a life worth?

AUGUST 2013

LIGHTNING STRIKE



This is the distinctive chimney stack at 15 High Street after a lightning strike early on July 23rd. Bricks were blown out and the only damage was to a car in the Cleobury Garage approach.

Shropshire Fire and Rescue cleared the area and advised all staff in the Severn Hospice shop to leave, as there was danger of further collapse. We were able to photograph the damage only if wearing a hardhat supplied by the helpful rescue crew. They recommended that the chimney be demolished to remove danger. The High Street skyline has changed dramatically.

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IN PRAISE OF..

We do not normally publish anonymous contributions, but this exception is from a reader who does not want their medical condition made public.

For decades, I have suffered the consequences of an arthritic spine. Gradually, pain has spread to engulf my lower body and legs. As it has progressed, so I have striven to accommodate its malign demands. I bought a chair that cost over a thousand quid, just so that I could sit and work in comfort. I bought a new car that cost shed loads of cash, just so that I could drive in reasonable comfort and be capable of walking at the end of the journey. These days I only travel in first or business class, because I can no longer sit comfortably in economy seating.

Medics have striven to find a solution. I ingest mouthfuls of pharmaceuticals that I consume trice daily. Medics have injected my spine and salivate at the prospect of injecting other, more sensitive, parts of my anatomy. I have had counselling to help live a depleted existence.

Then, at the behest of my wife and in desperation, I strayed into the care of Jill Sharp, Chartered Physiotherapist and Emmett Practitioner, who holds regular sessions in Kim

Stanley's Health and Beauty Salon at 30, High Street. I gave her my medical history and then lay down on her couch enabling her to push and poke my aching anatomy. Pretty soon she focused on the spot from which pain was spreading like a tsunami throughout my lower body. More pushing and poking, but the pain abated. She gave me exercises to perform, an instruction with which I complied. After all, you don't mess with someone who holds such power in their fingertips.

As the visits to Jill's couch continued, so the pain has receded. Each time I go and tell her where it hurts, she homes in with unerring, almost eerie, accuracy. When I leave, the veil of pain seems to have lifted a little more.

If you are suffering pain, help is at hand. The hand is Jill Sharp's and she practices right in our midst. *A Sufferer*

THE LACON LOTTERY

Winner of the June draw was Mrs Maureen Pink, who won a handy £115.50 in cash.

VERY FITTING

The Rock Pathfinders walking group have an appropriate starting point for their evening walk today, August 1st. They're meeting in the quarry car park on Dhustone Lane, for some exercise amongst lots of rocks.

AN APOLOGY

The lightning strike on High Street caused problems beyond the chimney stack at Number 15. Telephone lines were out and broadband connections went with them. Not a happy situation in the cramped little corner we call the Clarion office, where we could phone out but no calls came in and there was no connection with the internet. With contributions due to come in by e-mail as our print deadline approached, it was not a welcome change from normal.

If you are reading this at the beginning of August, it's because a lot of friendly people found a way around the problem. We'll try to thank them all next month, when we should be back to normal, but I will not easily forget the hour or more on the line to Orange, or EE as it likes to be known now, with disco music piped down what sounded like a cracked sewer pipe as I waited to speak to an engineer. And was finally told that my half dead phone line could not be attended to until Monday afternoon - this was on Wednesday evening and I was due to have these 60 pages at Glint Print by Monday morning if the Clarion was to be on the streets by the 1st. Please don't give me sympathy, just tell me where I can get service.



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CLOWS TOP SUMMER GARDEN SHOW

Saturday August 24th is the date for this year's Summer Show at Clows Top, open to anyone who likes to grow their own vegetables or flowers, make jams, cakes, biscuits, or handicraft and floral arts. There's also a children's section, so something for all the family.

It's in the Victory Hall with plenty of parking at the rear. Schedules available from Clows Top Post Office, Forest Stores and Mawley Oak Garage. The Show opens at 2.00; admission £1.00. Horticultural exhibits, refreshments, tombola, plant stall and side shows. And a raffle, with proceeds going to the Air Ambulance. Cups presented at 4.00.

Enquiries: Marion Wilson CM 270475.

BILLINGSLEY'S BIG BARBECUE AND FETE

It's a clever idea to hold the Billingsley Fete in Rays Farm, where there's so much to entertain whole families and the facilities to feed the multitude, whatever the weather. This year the fete is on Saturday the 31st, starting at 6.00 and the Highley Colliery Band will entertain.

It's all for St Mary's church in the village, their biggest fund raiser of the year, while a modest

entrance charge of £3.50 for adults, and children getting in for free, makes it sound even better. As well as the barbie there's a tombola, cake and book stalls, a licensed bar, children's games and more.

If you don't know Rays Farm, you're in for a treat. It's signposted off the B4363 road to Bridgnorth.

LANGUAGES DAY AT MOFFATS SCHOOL



Camilia Capotosti makes it clear in her Spanish lesson.

Languages Day in June reflected the wide range of nationalities at Moffats School, ranging from Spanish to Mongolian. Morning lessons were given by pupils in their own language, while the afternoon saw a parade in a

variety of costumes, dancing and games. Language teaching starts early at the Kinlet Hall based school, with three year olds enjoying French music as part of their linguistic development.

Funds raised on this special day were donated to The Smile Train, the world's largest cleft charity.

HAPPENING IN AUGUST

Knowle Sports Association have another sale this month. It's on Saturday the 3rd, from 8.00 to 11.00am and it's in their popular venue on Tenbury Road, Clee Hill. Lots of bargains in household goods. Audrey Taylor in 01584 890644 can tell you more.

AND NOT HAPPENING...

The popular Craft and Chat sessions on Friday mornings in the Market Hall will not be on during the holiday month of August. But they return in September, so watch out for dates in the next issue.

We've talked to organiser Mary Pearce and some of her members, to discover a friendly bunch of people willing to talk about their hobbies and show you how it's done, all in a relaxed atmosphere. Look out for a feature coming soon and hear about the editor getting a lesson in peg rug making with selvedge waste from Harris Tweed looms. Plus a wide range of other activities. Interesting people.

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COMING IN SEPTEMBER

Joyce Manning gives early notice of a flower event:

St. Elizabeth's Church will be holding a Flower Festival on Saturday and Sunday, September 14/15th. The church will be open over the weekend from 10.30am to 4.30pm. Refreshments available, everyone welcome.
Joyce Manning

THE SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

This challenge happens every summer holiday, and this year the theme is 'Creepy House'. Children aged 4-11 years need to read six books, preferably from the town's library, over the holiday and are given a starter poster which they then collect stickers for as they go along. With the first two books they get a glow in the dark creepy crawly and after four books a glow in dark bracelet. When they have read six books they are given a medal and certificate.

The library holds a 'wrap party' at the end before they return to school, with some excellent party bags made up by 'Sweet News' in Ludlow.

It was a great success last year with almost every entrant completing and I hope to increase the intake this year.

*Vicki Alexander,
Cleobury Librarian.*

KINLET IN BLOOM

The Market Hall was the venue for Cleobury In Bloom's potato growing competition prizegiving. Judges had visited schools in the area, to unearth the crop and weigh it, and look at logs kept by the children.

Children between two and five years had been planting and tending and their hard work paid off, with Kinlet Playgroup claiming 2nd prize in the Pre-schools category and Kinlet School 1st prize in the other.

Jessica Valentine and Purdie Gravatte collected their medal, certificate and gardening tools prize from our local PCSOs, and Grace Robinson and Finn McDaid collected their winners trophy and prizes.

There was a lovely feeling to the ceremony and it was good to gather local education and care establishments together.

Zoe Pearson

CLEOBURY W.I.

At our meeting on July 9th, the President explained that Angie Gregory was in hospital, and she hoped she would soon be home and have a speedy recovery. She also informed members that three of the Committee would be resigning at the AGM and she would like nominations for replacements at the September meeting. The President's party

will be held on August 13th at 6.30 in the Parish Hall; there will be a buffet followed by a display by the Line Dancers.

Speaker Mr Mark Hope-Irwin gave an informative talk on the state of the bird population and why they are in decline. He also told us how to attract birds into our gardens. The Flower of the Month was won by Jill Chesterman and the Competition by Stella Wilcox.

Our next meeting will be on September 10th. All welcome.

Jill Chesterman

THE FOOD AND ALE TRAIL

This is sounding better and better. This year's tickets at £12.50 are a lot less than the £16.00 charged in 2011. Wouldn't it be good if everything else followed that example?

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Around Town - Happenings

THE PUBLIC WERE HEARD

There was an Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on July 22nd, mainly to deal with some pressing planning matters as the Council do not normally meet in August. Public concern was evident, with 18 people present; they made full use of the Democratic Time and their right to bring concerns to the Council's attention.

The first comments were to oppose a single storey dwelling being built near the River Rea at Pinkham, with concerns about flooding. The applicant then spoke and outlined how the design included a lagoon to hold back water in heavy rainfall.

The new application to build a convenience store on the current Tuffins site was opposed by one resident and a spokesman who read out a brief list of points that neighbouring residents had raised. There was no speaker in support at this stage.

The third contentious matter was an application for consent to build an initial 18 houses on land bordering Tenbury Road. Three residents and a representative of Hobson's Brewery expressed opposition, with concerns about this flood prone area and access at a narrow part of the road.

These speakers were heard with no discussion by councillors, the

normal 15 minutes stretching to half an hour. The council members then discussed these and other matters at length. The planning matters are to be dealt with as follows:

1: The Pinkham site is to be visited by qualified engineers, to assess the flood risk and report.

2: The Chairman had been advised that simple opposition to the Tuffins development would be noted, but was not likely to be effective. The option adopted was to support the proposal in principle, but a sub committee is to meet with residents and assess what limitations should be asked for.

3: The Council will object to the Tenbury Road development, on the grounds of flood risk, over development in that area and an access point that is unsuitable.

These meetings are seldom entertaining, but are vital to the growth of the town. There is 15 minutes Democratic Public Time before each Council meeting, when people can air their concerns, which chairman Sean Thorogood would like to see more widely used. If you feel strongly about a town matter, this is your chance to tell the people who make decisions. The Council meets at 7.00 on the first Monday in the month, in the Market Hall. We'll publish dates in future.

SIMPLY FRESH FUN DAY

William Henry's Simply Fresh family store in Talbot Square is planning to try something rather different over the weekend of August 16/17th, with two Fun Days.

There will be wine and food tastings, including Cuisine de France baking some new tastes in bread and cakes on the premises. And on a separate Charity Stall will be a range of bits and pieces to buy, with all proceeds split between Birmingham Children's Hospital and the Little Hearts Matter charity.

Music will add to the party atmosphere for an event that will start at 10.00 and end at 2.00 on both days.

If the weather is as good as July's, the show will spread out into the square. Let's not think of rain, but if it does sneak in, everyone will move indoors and we'll all stand close together and try not to crush anyone's toes.

Saturday's opening will clash with the growing Farmers' Market just down the road at the Parish Church and it will be interesting to see what effect it has. Probably they'll both help put Cleobury more firmly on the foodie map; expect to see people moving between the two events, checking what others are doing.

On your bike...or grab a canoe?

Throughout July and August, Live the Adventure are running a selection of Fun Days aimed at adults and families with older children (most 12 yrs +) enabling you to enjoy the outdoors whilst spending some quality time together.

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- **White Water Rafting**, Sat 3 Aug, 9am-6.30pm, £65 pp (12 yrs +)
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BILL DUNN

It was hard to believe the news as it spread through the town on July 4th. How could Bill Dunn, that tower of strength in the farming community, possibly be dead after a farming accident, hit by a falling straw bale? But it was true.

Bill was a major figure, the man you could rely on for a calm and considered view, for a judgement based on years of experience. When there was a public meeting in Cleobury about the restoration of the Market Hall, the man who picked up the poisoned chalice of chairmanship and brought common sense to a shouting match was Bill. When the Burwarton Show was close to collapse and closure, Bill Dunn emerged as chairman of the organising body and steered it to economic stability. He wasn't flash, he wasn't fancy, he was good old fashioned common sense on two legs, with a quiet, authoritative manner.

The greatest testimony to the man was the number of people who crowded into the Parish Church to say their farewells and honour his memory. An hour before the service began it was difficult to get a seat, and when Ashley Buck first spoke there must have been 150 people

standing under the trees in the churchyard, the overflow from the church itself. Long term members of the congregation agreed they had never seen such an attendance before.

Our sympathies go to Brenda and children Alison, Vivian and Elizabeth and their families. A good man, gone too soon.

RON DRAPER

Many local people will remember Ron as a postman, a job he did from 1961 to retirement in 1995. He then took up new responsibilities, helping others as a volunteer driver and found a new audience for his famous groanworthy jokes.

He was an active member of Cleobury's Methodist chapel and a keen gardener and member of the Clows Top Gardening Club. He was a member of the Royal Observer Corps for 24 years and a keen whist player.

He died in the Worcestershire Royal Hospital on July 16th and our sympathies go to John, Anthony, Kevin and daughter-in-law Julie, who would all like to thank everyone for their kind support.

THE READING GROUP

Our July meeting reviewed "A Moveable Feast" by Ernest Hemingway, a selection of short stories about his time in Paris in

the 1920s, when he was raising a family, working as a journalist and trying to build a reputation as a writer. All this while mixing with the famous, as well as eating and drinking more than his supposed poverty could support. He won little support from the ladies, but the overall impression was that quality of writing won through and made this a recommended read.

Our next meeting is on Monday, September 16th, 7.30 in the Library, when we will share views on Bruce Chatwin's "On the Black Hill."

THE NIGHTINGALE

NURSING FUND

Rosemary Abbiss reports on their Annual General Meeting.

The Fund held their AGM recently. The accounts showed that we spent **£12,208.71** and the receipts were **£8,864.26** leaving us **minus** figure of **£3,344.45**. This come from our reserves which you will understand cannot go on if we are to offer nursing care in the home. A full record of accounts is with Gill Shorter (CM270825) who is continuing as treasurer. Debbie Brown continues as Secretary and I am Chairman. Fund raising ideas are being pursued; if anyone wishes to help, please contact one of the committee.

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VERY SPECIAL GARDEN OPENING

Ray and Denise Ingram's quite remarkable garden in Stottesdon will be open to the public from 1.00 to 6.00pm on August 4th. They were so highly rated by the county coordinator for the Yellow Book Scheme that they've been asked to have a 'stand alone' occasion. As Ray puts it: "Big gulp!"

They're at Stiggley Cottage, 1 Pound Lane in Stottesdon; post code DY14 8UJ for your satnav, if you can stand that bossy voice giving you orders. And as well as their award winning vegetables, plus hanging baskets and flower beds, this year they have an orchard with a wide range of fruit. It is a remarkable place that reflects the owners' skills and devotion, and well worth the journey there.

BURWARTON AFTER SHOW PARTY

The Burwarton Charity Group hold a big party after each annual Show, raising funds for good causes. This year they've upped their game and have Radio One DJ Chris Stark as the star attraction when they take over the W I Tent on Friday the 2nd.

It's restricted to Over 18s, ticket only and access is through the railway entrance. From 9.00 'til

late is the schedule, as you'd expect for grown ups. Tickets are £10.00 each, from Hannah at 07807 382261 or Philip at 07969 289708. Enjoy.

MORE LACON CHILDE SUCCESS

There's a strong artistic reputation at Lacon Childe School and this year two of their pupils have been successful in the National Students' Art competition for a place at the annual exhibition at the Mall Galleries in Pall Mall, London in July.

Kirsty Barnett earned a Highly Commended certificate and Francesca Romeo's work was selected to be part of the exhibition. Two excellent achievements in the face of nationwide competition; warm congratulations to two talented young artists.

BELATED CONGRATS

To the Bell Inn's pool team, who won the Rock and District Pool League and the Team Knockout, back in May. The delay in telling you is not because the team have been celebrating their success ever since, it's just down to the editor's fading memory.

The members of this Top Team are David Skellern, Grainger Jones, Neil Morris, Dave Goode, Darren Flatly and Adam Bailey, who all play under different

names, probably to keep the groupies and fan club members at bay while they're concentrating on their winning shots. They beat the Rock Cross Inn in the knockout final, which was played at the Eagle and Serpent in Kinlet.

Well done, lads. Now it's all back on the Hobson's to get in trim for the next season.

AN UNUSUAL LIBRARY SERVICE

Wednesday July 24th and walking briskly down Love Lane with her shopping trolley bouncing along behind was a lady of mature years, clearly with no time to waste. Then our librarian, Vicky Lawrence, appeared through the Lacon Childe School gates and ran down the road in pursuit, calling to the lady who clearly could not hear her.

She eventually stopped at the corner with Childe Road and a breathless Vicky handed over the umbrella the lady had forgotten. You don't get that sort of service in many places.

SILLY TIDDLY BIT

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GREAT DARTS AT THE GOLDEN CROSS

Fay Vass reports

30 people took part in a darts tournament at the Golden Cross, Clee Hill on July 20th. Happy landlord Aaron Jeffs said "We were pleased with the turnout, and it meant we could increase the first place prize from £180 to £200 I would like to thank all who attended and made it such a great tournament."

RESULTS

Semi Finalists (£40 each): Tim Green and Dave Knott. "Furthest Lady" (£30): Clare Bywater. Runner up (£100): Paul Bordewey. First place (£200): Gavin Smith

Fay Vass

CHAMPION JOSH



Josh Carpenter, Midland Youth Champion.

Big local golf news this month is 21 year old Josh Carpenter winning the Midland Youth

Championship. The best players from Herefordshire up to Derbyshire gathered at Stoke Rochford's golf club in Lincolnshire. Glorious weather met the competitors with a beautiful course to test them to their limits.

After leading the first three rounds, favourite Nick Watson had to settle for fourth spot with a 279 total after a final round of 75. This meant Cleobury's Josh Carpenter took control of the tournament with a fantastic 11 birdies in his final three rounds after an opening round of 71. He finished on four under for the tournament and won by a single stroke.

Josh has been a member of Cleobury his whole life; father Dean was a founder member twenty years ago. Josh hopes to keep his fine form going (he won the county championships last month) with the English amateur championships coming up in August.

David Pain

CLEOBURY PLAYERS

Cleobury Players have chosen a play, "Come on, Jeeves" and we are looking for two members of the cast. They are the middle-aged couple Lord and Lady Carmoyle. He's an impoverished peer, who works at Harrods. These are quite large parts, but both strong characters, particularly the lady. Rehearsals

are beginning soon. The play will be performed on October 31st October to November 2nd.

At a recent meeting, we felt that there may be many people who have an interest in the Players, but do not wish to be 'hands on'. We would like to offer them the chance to become Associate Members, to participate in social events, receive news letters and be kept abreast of what is happening. Associate members would pay £5; ordinary membership is £12. Contact Steve Foster farkhamhall5@tiscali.co.uk for further details.

NEEN SAVAGE W.I.

NOTICE

The coffee morning booked for August 17th at Broome Park has been cancelled. Two reasons: it clashes with the Farmers Market in Cleobury and the Catherton Road will be closed

HUBS UNCAPPED

There's been an outbreak of hubcaps being stolen in Cleobury. Not a crime to get the blue lights flashing, but a costly nuisance for the car owners.

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The Severn Edge Vets Pets Page

Well, WCU, the Working Cat Union, replied to my appeal, but Bubbles has a vets' note, signing him off work for another month. Apparently it is 'too hot to work', and as an employer I should provide reasonable and comfortable working conditions for my cat. As with a lot of the animals this last couple of weeks, Bubbles has suffered in the heat. Managing to make it from one patch of shade to the next, from one bed to the next. He can't manage to settle though. It's been too hot for me, I can only imagine what it must be like wearing a black fur coat all day!

Of course – all we can do is try our best to make our pets comfortable. Provide shade, plenty of drinking water, get their hair cut if necessary, and exercise them in the cooler mornings and evenings – leaving the middle of the day as a rest time. Other than that, you can't really do much more, unless you are willing to invest in air conditioning! Of course, please be aware that you should NEVER leave an animal (or child!) unattended in a car on a hot day – even for a couple of minutes – it is extremely dangerous for them. Hyperthermia (high body temperature) kills very quickly.

This month we have had two dogs with an infected uterus (just in Cleobury and Bewdley). It has reminded me to tell you all just how important spaying your female animals is. Especially dogs. Female dogs have a long gap between seasons – allowing time for bacteria to multiply inside them. If an animal presents to us with an infected womb, despite being a complex diagnosis, it is a life threatening condition. Luckily, at the time of writing the two this month were diagnosed quickly, assessed and operated

upon within two hours of presentation. Both are currently doing well. This condition is, however, so easily avoided with routine neutering. We can spay bitches at 6 months old, or three months after any season. There are so many other benefits; pick up the phone and ask to speak to one of the vets to discuss your options.

This month we are promoting cat kidney health. Approximately 1 in 3 cats over 10 years old suffer from kidney disease, with the early signs being difficult to spot. A urine sample is actually relatively easy to obtain, and can give us a good starting point to screen your cat's kidney health. Through August you can pop in and pickup your free cat urine sample kit. We will test the sample and report the results to you with advice on what we should do if there are any abnormalities. Take advantage of this great offer! It can only last one month! Pop in today.

As always, thanks for reading.

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Royal British Legion Clee Hill Exhibition

This was just a part of the Clee Hill Royal British Legion's weekend festival paying homage to those who fought in two World Wars and later conflicts. It drew a steady flow of visitors to the fine Village Hall.

Tracy Loftus explained that she represented the more recent members of the forces, joining the Women's Royal Armoured Corps as a 17 year old and serving for five years, including time with the British Army on the Rhine. Her enthusiasm for that time still shines through when she talks, and she admits she would have served longer if she could. She left with a service record rated 'Exemplary' that helped in her later life working in the NHS.

Tracy has a very high regard for the British Legion, who paid for her mother to move from Northern Ireland to Portsmouth. She was the widow of a Royal Navy man who left the service as long ago as 1962, but they still treated her generously.



Tracy Loftus (left) still talks of her WRAC days with enthusiasm.

Mr and Mrs Parker showed the record of his brother, Sergeant George Parker, who was lost in an RAF raid over France in 1944. He was one of the crew of a Halifax bomber that crashed near Saint-Hilaire-sur-Rille, but his mother would not accept that

her son was lost and the family were forbidden to talk about him in her presence. That sad story tells a lot about the pressure and tragedy borne by the families of those who'd gone to fight.

There was a happier sequence, when Mr and Mrs Parker travelled to France, where the War Graves Commission had reburied the bodies of the crew in properly marked graves. When they were invited to take tea at the Town Hall, they were amazed to find a civic reception, with a speech from the mayor of Saint-Hilaire, who could remember the bomber flying over the town in flames when he was a six year old child.



A very busy Dr Mark Baldwin.

Dr Mark Baldwin was a natural choice as an exhibitor and was kept busy talking about the German 'Enigma' machine on which he is a noted authority. But his collection World War II memorabilia stretches far beyond that ingenious machine, and includes a copy of a map issued to German forces as part of the grand plan for the invasion of England; this one is a copy of a British made map of Kidderminster, with the main

roads marked, named and numbered. No wonder sign posts were taken down at that time. It may be a relief for some that none of the roads was shown as leading to Cleobury Mortimer. Did the Fuhrer see Clee Hill as too much of an obstacle for his invaders?

Also on Dr Baldwin's display was a display of cipher discs, one issued by GCHQ in Cheltenham in 2000. But the oldest in the display was a picture of a French disc from 1675. There really is very little new in this world.

Annette Burgoyne has been collecting militaria since she found that a battered old bottle in the shed was a soldier's water carrier. Helmets from as early as 1912 have been presented or bought and a First World War rifle complete with fixed bayonet looked grim and weighed a lot. As she pointed out, men carried that as well as a 60lbs (27kg) through the mud of Flanders or wherever.

She is a talented artist, with some wonderfully detailed pencil drawings of soldiers. When she donated some pictures to the Belgian 'Diggers' to help illustrate a book, they presented her with the remains of a British trench tool found in a battlefield dig. She's an author too, of a history of the 6th Shropshire Light Infantry, formed in 1914 and disbanded in 1919, having made their contribution to that awful war.

A military tendency runs in the Burgoyne blood, and Annette's sons are serving soldiers. One is due to serve in Afghanistan, so that nerve wracking worry that parents knew in the conflicts recalled at this exhibition is still there with those back home.

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Happenings on High Street...Part One

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It's a very simple and business-like development. Accountants John Brazier and Co, currently based at The Old Wheel House in Lion Lane, have signed a ten year lease on the building and will be moving in soon. The only other name you'll find there is Grainger Jones, resident of Cleobury Mortimer for 25 years, ex player with the Rugby Club and an experienced financial advisor. He's also the treasurer of the Cleobury Compassionate Community group and something of a star pool player for The Bell.

Grainger will operate separately from John Brazier's business, working as a director of Escom of Shrewsbury and specialising in investments, pensions, inheritance tax planning, plus personal and business protection. He has been operating from the

office in Shrewsbury, but the move into 53 High Street means no long haul in the morning traffic. A good move that will improve quality of life. Contact Grainger on 07974 100089.



Local man Grainger Jones of Escom outside his new office location at 53 High Street. Many people think of this as The Three Horseshoes, but today it's home to a sober business.

A FUNERAL DIRECTOR IN TOWN

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AT NUMBER 53...



Accountants John Brazier & Co are moving into 53 High Street. Joining the company are Chartered Accountants Sarah Morgan (left) and Ruth Jones, seen here with Mr Brazier himself. More details about the new faces when they are settled into the new home.

AT NUMBER 43...



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AND DOWN THE ROAD AT 8 CHURCH STREET



New to the main street is Healthy Friendships, a mental health charity established in 2005 to assist older adults who suffer emotional distress. Their office is in Newtown; expansion into Shropshire starts here in Cleobury Mortimer.

They've taken on the shop at 8 Church Street, where they'll operate under the name Whatever Next, selling women's, men's and children's clothing, shoes, books, bric-a-brac. Looking after the shop will be the vivacious Becky, who does a range of jobs, like recruiting volunteers to help in the shop serving customers, pricing items, collecting donated goods and sorting stock. Plus advising on opportunities for volunteers, encouraging us all to donate stuff for them to sell. All the money made from the shop will go towards improving the life of the older distress sufferers here in South Shropshire.

Opening hours will vary until there is an established staff to deal with customers, so if they're not open when you walk that way, try again and have a look a second look at a new source of goods and a new service for those in need.

Becky is on 07549 349534 or you can talk to Barbara at the office on 01686 626221.

Healthy Friendships is also looking for members of the public to join the Board and help guide the organisation. An e-mail to chairman Greg Hutchins greg@healthyfriendships.org.uk will get you full details. This is an interesting development and we wish them well.

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Letter from Westminster - Philip Dunne MP



Give sport a go this summer

This is proving to be another great summer of sport for Britain, following last summer's success at London 2012. Last month we enjoyed Andy Murray winning Wimbledon, the first men's singles champion in 77 years, plus Warren Gatland leading the British Lions to the first Test series victory over the Wallabies for 16 years. Chris Froome is wearing the yellow jersey in the Tour de France and we have high hopes for success in both the Women's European Football Championships and the Ashes Test series.

In Shropshire the season for school and community sports events provides a great chance to showcase the wealth of sporting talent that exists. Competitions such as these need local teams and clubs to survive, and I am pleased to say that community sports clubs in South Shropshire, while always keen to attract new members, are continuing to thrive. We have seen new facilities for Ludlow Boxing Club to cater for the increasing interest and membership. The AFC Ludlow Football ground has a new lease of life, and plans to open up facilities to include other sports including hockey, rugby and athletics. In

Church Stretton plans are advancing for improved sports facilities for school and community use. Teaching children the importance of sport is vital. Obesity is becoming a growing health concern and it is crucial that children develop a passion for sports and activity at a young age. To promote participation the Government has restored School Sports Partnerships, and in early July National School Sport Week provided a great opportunity to try new sports and develop links with local clubs.

Sports clubs and teams are important to local communities. We are fortunate to live amongst the Shropshire Hills, a spectacular landscape which attracts walkers, runners, riders, cyclists, golfers, even gliders, all contributing to the local economy. Sports clubs bring people together to build a stronger community. The team spirit and camaraderie it develops can be seen off the field and on it, witnessed by the charity events local clubs organise.

Health benefits of an active lifestyle are significant. People who take regular exercise have a lower risk of many health problems, such as heart disease, type two diabetes, and some cancers. Research shows it also can boost self-esteem, mood, sleep quality and energy, as well as reducing risk of stress, depression, dementia and Alzheimer's disease.

Through sport we recognise that hard work, dedication and self belief can lead us to achieve things others thought impossible. Team sports help develop leadership and networking skills. With clubs all over Shropshire offering a diverse range of sports I would urge adults and children alike to make the most of the summer and give sport a go.

Philip Dunne MP



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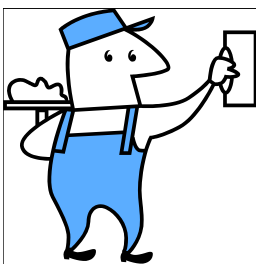
The August Social Calendar

Date	Time	Details	Contact	Telephone Number
Thu 1		BLACK WHEELIE BINS AND GREEN RECYCLE BOXES EMPTIED TODAY		
	10.30am	Rock Pathfinders move west to the Quarry car park at Titterstone Clee's Dhustone Lane to start their walk. Ordnance survey reference 594776. Everyone welcome	Alan	01299 832511
Fri 2		Burwarton Charity Group welcomes Chris Stark from Radio One to their After Show Evening on the Showground. Over 18s only. SEE PAGE 15	Tickets Hannah	07807382261
Sat 3	8.00am	Knowle Sports Association sale of household goods at their sports ground on Clee Hill. SEE PAGE 7.		
Sat 3/ Sun 4	12.00 noon	The Bewdley Bonanza is a highlight of the grass track racing season; great thrills. Lowe Farm, Lowe Lane, Alveley DY12 1SU		
Sun 4	1.00pm	Open afternoon at Stiggley Cottage, Pound Lane, Stottesdon. SEE PAGE 15.		
		Trimpley Vintage Rally offers all sorts of old vehicles. Bite Farm, Trimpley, DY4 1NU. Great country fair, fun for all.		
Wed 7	10.00am	Walking for Health steps out from the Sports Centre in Love Lane. A gentle, social occasion with obvious benefits.	Mandy Smith	CM 270312
	8.00pm	Whist Drive, Doddington Village Hall. Good car parking.	Sonia Pearsall	01584 890874
Thu 8		GREEN WHEELIE BINS EMPTIED TODAY		
	8.00pm	The OSET children's electric trials bike will be on show at The Blount Arms, with older trails machines. It's the Borders Classic Club night.		
Fri 9	8.00pm	Bingo Night at Cleeton Village Hall, in aid of Silvington Church		
Wed 14	1.00pm	The Ladies Luncheon Club meet at The Plough, Far Forest.	Alison Osborne	01584 890414
	8.00pm	The Royal British Legion meet at The Bell Inn, Lower Street		
Thu 15		BLACK WHEELIE BINS AND GREEN RECYCLE BOXES EMPTIED TODAY		
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The August Social Calendar - continued

Date	Time	Details	Contact	Telephone Number
	7.45pm	Whist Drive, Sports & Social Club	Alan Evans	CM 270114
Fri 16	8.00pm	Bingo Night, Dodddington Village Hall.	Sonia Pearsall	01584 890874
Wed 21	10.00am	Walking for Health group meets at the Sports Centre in Love Lane. A gentle, social occasion with obvious benefits.	Mandy Smith	CM 270312
	8.00pm	Whist Drive, Dodddington Village Hall. Good car parking.	Sonia Pearsall	01584 890874
Thu 22		GREEN WHEELIE BINS EMPTIED TODAY		
	10.30am	Forest Fairy Trail for the younger children starts at the Discovery Centre, Callow Hill and runs until 12.00 noon. £3.00 a child, who must be accompanied by an adult.	Information	01299 266929
Sat 24		Clows Top Summer Show in the Victory Hall. SEE PAGE 5.		
Wed 28	7.45pm	Clows Top Gardening Club welcome Ingrid Millington, who will talk about Colour with Bulbs	Marion Wilson	CM 270475
Fri 30		BLACK WHEELIE BINS AND GREEN RECYCLE BOXES EMPTIED TODAY		
	8.00pm	Bingo Night, Dodddington Village Hall.	Sonia Pearsall	01584 890874
Sat 31	6.00pm	Billingsley Barbecue and Fete at Rays Country Farm. Music by Highley Colliery Band, the fascinating farm to visit and lots of games and fun. Adults £3.50, children free. SEE PAGE 7.		
		AND LOOKING FORWARD TO SEPTEMBER...		
Mon 2	7.00pm	CM Parish Council meeting, market Hall, Church Street. Have your say in the Democratic Public time before the official meeting.		
Wed 4	8.00pm	Whist Drive, Dodddington Village Hall. Good car parking.	Sonia Pearsall	01584 890874
Thu 5		GREEN WHEELIE BINS EMPTIED TODAY		
Sat 7	10.15pm	The Food and Ale Trail starts at Cleobury Country centre and offers a seven mile walk through our stunning countryside. Plus food along the way and entertainment at the end. All this at a lower price than 2011! Pre-book at www.cleoburycountry.com	Clare Todd	CM 272300
	11.00pm - 1.00pm	Councillor Madge Shineton has a surgery in the Market Hall. No appointment necessary, just turn up, she'll see you.		

PRIZE PICK OF THE MONTH

The Farmers' Market on Saturday the 16th is bound to be a good place to be, as it attracts all sorts of local businesses to show us what they have to offer. It's moving beyond food and drink, and if you move from the Church into the Market Hall the range gets even wider.

In addition, Simply Fresh in Talbot Square have chosen this date for their Fun Day, bringing more food attractions onto the store frontage than they could accommodate on their usual Market stall. An enterprising move by William and a huge compliment to the pulling power of Cleobury Country's Farmers' Market.

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Brookside is a light and spacious family home located within walking distance of the centre of Cleobury Mortimer yet set within a quiet and private setting. There are gardens to all sides with views to open countryside. Energy rating E.



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Situated to the top of a cul-de-sac in a sought after well established location is this modern semi-detached two bedroom Bungalow. Offering accommodation comprising, kitchen, sitting room, family bathroom and two bedrooms. Garden & stream to rear. Property offers ample parking. Energy rating D.



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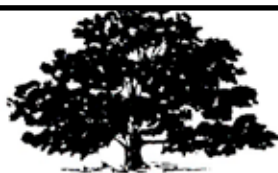
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been Smartwater sussed, they tend to talk more freely about being naughty.

I first saw this revolution about 15 years ago, when it was very new and I wrote about it for a motorcycle trade magazine. The Smartwater folk wanted to get space at the International Motorcycle Show at the NEC, because bike thefts were such a problem, and I had contacts there. They had it on show and the industry were very impressed with the idea, enough for Honda to later sign up and provide it with every new bike sold. It's a pity they dropped the idea later.

The reason for telling you this is that I know there are occasions when the Police will stop machines leaving a race meeting and scan them; sometimes they have rich pickings that way. Whatever the property that's covered, it doesn't become obvious until the UV light is shone on it, or the thief reads the Smartwater sticker and decides it's not worth the risk to pinch that one.

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THE ROCK FETE



Sue and Ray Chivers with their 1930 Star 'Comet'. One of the stars of the show.

The Rock Fete was blessed with some of July's very best summer weather and a turnout of classic cars to match. The show was opened by local MP Mark Garnier, who I learned later was a real classic car buff whose father was a noted motor journalist.

Bob May's 1934 Talbot sports tourer looked well for its 79 years. Rebuilt by Bob, it's off on tour this month, taking in the Dolomites, Alps, Pyrenees and Pecos mountain ranges on its 5,000 schedule. Next to it stood Roger Messenger's Citroen Roslea of the same vintage. It's a car we think of as French, but this one was made in Slough, in the days when Citroen had a

factory there. Few people are aware of that French invasion of Berkshire.

Noel Stenson showed off a 1936 Chevrolet Master Sedan, a model well known in movies of the 1930s, when over a million of the model were built. A more local product was Sue Chivers' 1930 Star 'Comet', built in Wolverhampton by a company financed by Tate and Lyle Sugar money. They both dressed in period and sat in the shade with a glass of bubbly; lovely touch on a sunny day.

More modern classics included Howard Freeman's graceful 1963 Austin-Healey 100/6, a car rescued from America and converted to right hand drive as part of a full restoration. Lovely.

There were Jaguars whose owners I didn't meet and a TVR that looked better than new in its super paintwork. For a village fete, there was a remarkable selection of motoring history and proof of some very capable engineers in this area, working away to keep old skills active in retirement.

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August is traditionally the month for a well-earned break, if you're going away make sure the garden can cope with the

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At our June meeting Bob Lawrence, from West Midland Safari Park, gave an interesting talk and slide show on work at the park. As well as running the park, they are involved in conservation work, saving animals from all over the world that are near extinction. A great success, everyone enjoying the talk with some fabulous pictures.

It was also the club's Rose & Sweet Pea Show. The results: 1st Austin Fletcher, 2nd Dot Cowdell, 3rd Margaret Dredge. Best Exhibit: Dot Cowdell.

Saturday 24th is Clows Top Summer Show. Schedules available from Clows Top Post Office, Forest Stores and Mawley Oak Garage.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday the 28th, when Ingrid Millington talks on 'Colour With Bulbs'.

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He'd heard they sell dog food here.

The summer weather was kind to our market, the sunshine probably adding to its reputation as a good place if you want something out of the ordinary.

Inside the church it was busy, but we found one of Good Game's fine parcels of pigeon breasts wrapped in bacon still available and snapped it up. Steve Powell revealed that they are moving out more into local markets and the public eye. Their concentration has previously been on trade supply, but you don't build your own brand name that way. The pigeon breasts were great, with lots of flavour and texture. If you missed them on

this day, you can talk to them on 07940 133 237.

Scrummy Stuff, from just over the county border in Dunley, only deal direct with the public and were proudly showing off the Heart of England Fine Food Diamond Award for their Spiced Damson Chutney, so we bought a jar. Wow! You'll travel many miles to find one to match this, which has earned a place in our standard cupboard after just one tasting.

At the same awards ceremony, the only pork product in the final of the Meat category was Scrummy Stuff's rolled shoulder of the Berkshire pork from pigs reared just up the road. We bought some dry cured leg bacon and will be reporting later.

As promised last month, I spent £10 on a small bottle of Elizabeth Grinker's Topsy Tart Green Apple Vodka. A little too sweet at first, but the second glass was deeper in flavour. By way of comparison I bought a small can of Smirnoff with Coke at Simply Fresh. Tarts are not cheap, but they do win by a country mile on flavour.

Next door was a range of stands in the Market Hall, and in the entrance Helen Smith was selling plants.



She explained: "I raised £55 by selling refreshments and plants, for the Girlguiding Nepal Charity Challenge. This involves trekking seven days in Nepal; I have to raise just under £3,000 to cover the cost of the trip, but some money goes to a fund used to support young members of Girlguiding so they can participate in overseas trips."

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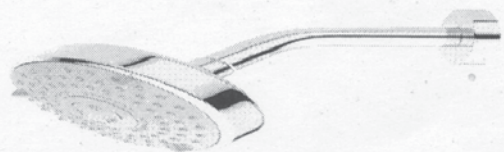
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THE STOTTESDON FETE

With the cuddly little Chorley Show not happening, Stottesdon's Fete had to step into some big shoes. It cannot match the size and range of Chorley's effort, but it was a really charming event, all the better for being dominated by children and their innocent fun.

The first person we spent money with was Pat Williams, on another fund raiser for a good cause and smiling all the time. She is a tonic to meet. We were charmed by the first Bottle Tombola we'd ever seen, spending more than we intended to gather gifts for grandchildren.



Mark and Karen Dayus served a busy barbecue all day - one smell and you knew why.

The races included a variation where competitors had to crawl under a sheet on the ground and then carry on. It looked exhausting, but they all made a big effort for the final dash.

Outside were more serious runs, children taken in a bus to the start then marshalled along the roads back to the school. A half mile first for the younger ones, then a mile for seniors. But Jasmine missed the half mile, so opted for the mile and finished with a smile. Heroine.

The evening raised just over £2,000 for the school and the church. Head of school Katie Jones was pleased: "We are delighted such a good time was had by all."



They've done a mile and nobody is going to give up. Bussed out to the start, they ran back as the traffic sat patiently and waited.

THANKS PAUL



Paul at N-sign in Stottesdon and his handiwork.

It made sense while we were enjoying the Stottesdon Fete to leave the Clarionwagen with Paul at N-Sign to have it signed up. "Give us about half an hour," he suggested, and when we came back a lot later than that it was done. We were really pleased with the silver lettering and the thoughtful way he'd set the rear window sign to one side and maximised the rear view.

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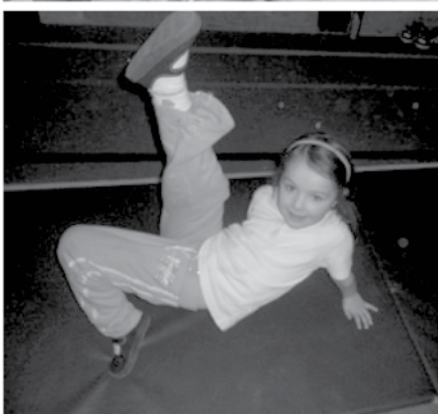


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	09.45	Parish Communion, Parish Church		CM 270624	
	09.00	Mass, St Elizabeth's, Lower Street	Canon Walsh	01584 872906	
	10.30	Cleobury Country Archers, Lacon Childe Sports Field	Lesley Burnside	CM 271374	
	10.30	New Life Church – for venue call	Derek Morris	CM 270787	
	11.00	Morning Service, Methodist Church	Rev H Roberts	01584 819649	
Mon	08.00	Kinlet Family Playgroup, Kinlet School Mon to Fri		07794 166514	
	08.00	Chorley Family Playgroup, Stottesdon School Mon to Fri	Zoe Day	01746 718769	
	09.00	Peter Rabbit Nursery, Lacon Childe School Mon to Fri	April Rogers	CM 271418	
	09.00	CM Playgroup, Primary School, Mon to Fri	Jane Preece	07816 193933	
	09.30	Morning Workout, Sports Hall	Deena	CM 271317	
	10.00	Age UK, Monday Club, St Mary's Place	Sarah Wilde		
	15.45	Gym Club with Ann Davis, Lacon Childe Mon & Wed	Don Carter	CM 270312	
	17.30	Cubs Meeting, Old Pump House, Church Street	Kate Pearce	07772 102986	
	18.30	Karate Club, Lacon Childe School	John Nelson	CM 879210	
	19.00	Tai Chi Class, Lacon Childe School	Rose Jacks	01584 875544	
	19.30	Rangers Meeting, Old Pump House, Church Street	Helen Smith	CM 270912	
	19.45	Bingo, CM Sports & Social Club	Alan Evans	CM 270114	
	20.00	Women's Clog Dancing Classes	Linda Small	01746 718624	
	Tue	10.00	Nippers, Moths & Tots, Methodist Hall, Church Street	Emma	CM 272959
		14.00	Friendship Club, Parish Hall, Church Street	Janet Rolston	CM 270353
		15.45	Ballet Class, Lacon Childe School	Liz Broadway	CM 251246
17.00		Sports Roundabout, Sports Hall, Love Lane		CM 271317	
17.30		Beavers Meeting, Old Pump House, Church Street	Becky Keeley	CM 271416	
18.45		Bridge Club Hopton Wafers Village Hall	Wendy Duley	CM 270562	
19.00		Bell Ringers' practice night, St Mary's Church	Liz Walker	CM 271808	
19.30		Modern Dance Sequence Club, Lacon Childe School	E Wrigglesworth	01562 822291	
Wed		10.30	Over 50s Relaxing Exercises, Doddington Village Hall	Freda Childe	01584 891180
		16.45	Gym Club for 6 & over, Lacon Childe School	Don Carter	CM 270312
		17.15	Brownies Meeting, Old Pump House, Church Street	Rebecca Barnes	CM 272945
	19.00	Guides Meeting, Old Pump House, Church Street			
	19.00	Yoga Class with Anna, Lacon Childe School	Don Carter	CM 270312	
	19.00	Zumba Class with Emma Forni, Lacon Childe School	Emma Forni	01746 862842	
	19.30	CM Concert Brass Band practice, Parish Hall	Stella Wilcox	CM 270560	
	19.30	New Life Church prayer meeting. For venue call	Derek Morris	CM 270787	
	19.45	Choir Practice, Parish Church	Philip Engleheart	CM 270627	
Thu	09.30	Little Tiddlers, Kinlet Family Playgroup, Kinlet School	Zoe Pearson	07794 166514	
	14.00	Scrabble Club, St Mary's Place, Non residents £1.00	Jo Booton	07969 104808	
	16.45	Cleobury Comets Netball, CM Sports Centre term time	Mandy Smith	CM 271809	
	17.30	Brownies Meeting, Old Pump House, Church Street	Rebecca Barnes	CM 272945	
	19.00	Bell Inn Band improvers rehearsal, Bell Inn, Lower Street			
	19.30	Tums and Bums, Lacon Childe School	Don Carter	CM 270312	
	19.30	Adult 7-a-side Football League, CM Sports Centre	Dave Hives	CM 271317	
	20.00	Bell Inn Band rehearsal, Bell Inn, Lower Street			
	20.00	11-16s Badminton Club, CM Sports Centre		CM 271317	
	21.00	Over 16s Badminton Club, CM Sports Centre		CM 271317	
Fri	10.00	Tiny Stots, Chorley Playgroup, Stottesdon School	Zoe Day	01746 717769	
	10.00	Tiny Tots, Parish Hall	Bettina Poole	CM 271868	
	17.30	Rainbows Meeting, girls 5-7 years, Old Pump House	Jean Basham	07792 813774	
	19.00	Scout Meeting, Old Pump House, Church Street	Chris Andrews	CM 270937	
	20.00	Badminton, CM Sports Centre		01584 881359	
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We went along to one of regular work parties. They were replacing a stile on the path along the River Rea beyond Pinkham. The old one had to be cut down in an urgent moment to get a stretcher to a walker who had fallen and broken a leg.



Two Alans, Russell and Geoff working up a sweat to clear the remains of the old stile.

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Susan Sharp was in nominal charge, sorting out the equipment and signs in a happy, get-it-done atmosphere. She puts in many hours as a member of CMFA and a representative of the Ramblers Association, as well as organising the working party programme and striding out quite a bit herself.

Susan explained the Snip and Slash signs that encourage walkers to carry secateurs and cut back intrusive growth that can block paths if not controlled. A simple extension of what you do in the garden.



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We left them working to go to another job, meeting Roy Powell on the way with tea for the workers. He estimates that up to 200 walkers a day pass along this path in the busy season.

At the end of the day we looked in to see the kissing gate neatly installed:



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August in the Wyre Forest - Linda Iles



The female Meadow Brown. One to be looking out for along some of the lanes in the area.

The Wyre Forest provides us with such an array of rare or remarkable flora and fauna that it is easy to overlook the common. Many of us who pay attention to the natural world have been concerned about falling populations of butterflies, but if you walk across any field, rough grassland (or "rough" in the golfing sense) you are almost certain to see the aptly, if not imaginatively, named meadow brown. The photo shows a female which, unusually in the animal world, is larger and more colourful than the male. The false eye spots on the fore wings are assumed to be a device to

frighten off predators and must have been proved by evolution to be successful, although they may be snatched by determined birds.

Meadow browns are really a grassland species but I feel justified in including them in an article about the forest because you can encounter them at this time of year at Lodge Hill Farm, Park House, along Tanners Hill and St John's Lane or any other patch of long grass where they can lay their eggs and the caterpillars can subsequently feed through their long eight or nine month development. I am puzzled to read that they have only four functional legs, in common with the fritillaries. The fore legs are small and brush like and presumably have some function in feeding. Their relative, the speckled wood, is to be seen in the shadier environment of woodland rides.

I am writing this on a hot summer's evening. A breeze that sprang up has died again and it no longer seems to threaten thunder. On cloudy, warm nights like this there will be plenty of flying insects about to feed bats

such as the pipistrelle and brown long-eared species that frequent the forest. It would be a good night too to set up a moth trap with its bright light to attract them into a receptacle where they will await identification. There is a surprising variety of day and night-flying moths, many of them very beautiful. (See "Curious incidents in the garden at night-time" by Allan Shepherd for an educational and entertaining read on the subject).

Meanwhile, with the kids off school, a day in the forest is a perfect way for everyone to unwind, explore and enjoy nature. Why not get the imagination going with the Forest Fairy Trail on 22nd August to find if there are fairies (or pixies) in the forest? Follow a trail, look for their homes, and join us for some craft activities. It costs £3 per child. No booking is required, just come to the Forestry Commission's Discovery Centre, Callow Hill at 10.30am (until 12noon). All children must be accompanied by an adult. For further information phone 01299 266929.

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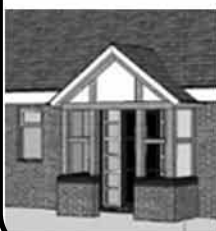
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There was a wonderful cake made by Helen Booton, which included the wind turbine, a pint of ale and a delivery van. It was a pity to cut it up, until you tasted it. Drinks naturally flowed, including orange juice for the drivers. Nick thanked everyone for coming, Kate Pearce for organising the

gathering and the brewing staff for such a good job done.



Nick Davis, the man to blame for all this success.

Nobody got the chance to publicly thank Nick himself for the remarkable job he's done since taking over the helm from his dad. Maybe we can say it now:

Thank you on behalf of all lovers of Hobsons Ales.

Jim Davis was there, quoting the money this local company pays to the Government every year through the duties on drink. It would buy quite a few ministerial limos, that's for sure.

After some excellent food by Ludlow Food Centre, the party moved on to join in the fun and games of It's a Knockout and listen to some music. We headed for Stottesdon and another event; there is so much going on this summer.

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The photo is a happy coincidence, of me on the very Rudge that won the 1928 Ulster Grand Prix, ridden by Graham Walker, Murray's father. And this month the Rudge Enthusiasts' Club will be holding their Annual Rally at Far Forest. Good ale sales expected at Far Forest Londis. *Jim Reynolds*



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THE BEWDLEY FESTIVAL

Once again we're happy to bring you the programme for the annual Bewdley Festival, which runs from October 11th to the 20th this year. By having this information now, you can pick out your favourites and get in early when the box office opens on August 3rd.

The selection on offer is quite amazing for a small town tucked away in a corner of Worcestershire. Like the opening evening with Andy Fairweather Low, whose Mum wouldn't let him stay away on tour at the start of his musical career because she thought he was too young. Since those early days with Traffic his life reads like a journey through Rock and Roll Wonderland. And here he is, playing for us locals in Bewdley, a man who never lost sight of his roots.

How do you describe Jonathan Miller? From 'Beyond the Fringe' and a medical career to a renowned TV presence he has always refused to be pinned down to one part of show business. And if you enjoy a frisson of controversy, how about the statesmanlike Douglas Hurd in conversation with Roy Hattersley and his acerbic wit? Or would you prefer the memories and views

of Simon Hoggart, parliamentary sketch writer in The Guardian?

I could go on, but space on these pages is precious and you can see for yourself how good the selection is by browsing the programme. Every time we've been it has been a delight; I can recommend it very highly.

Jim Reynolds

NEEN SAVAGE

There was a complete turnaround of the Neen Savage Parish Council at the recent election, and a brand new set of people were voted in. Democracy at work, which no one can argue with, but it did mean no experience to call on apart from the clerk's, so there was a steep learning curve to climb. But at the July meeting the clerk resigned, a very unusual step, and has refused to comment on the matter.

At the July meeting the agenda was dominated by the matter of nominating an acting clerk for the evening, recruiting an acting clerk for the interim and advertising the permanent position. We understand that chairman Malcolm Windridge moved to remove public and press from the meeting and eventually did so after putting the matter to the vote.

You do wonder why. A council normally excludes public and press if a very confidential matter is to be discussed, like wages to be paid or some very private matter. The democracy that saw the council elected seems to count for very little now.

BELATED CONGRATS



To Rector Ashley, who celebrated his 25th year as an ordained priest in June. He has been a good influence in the area, a man willing to sit and listen to people, and also able to stand and lead a service with a thought provoking sermon.

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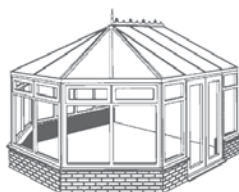
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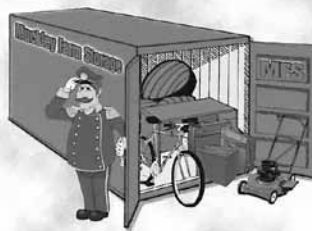


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This is a business that reaches out to distant places. The Eco Charger electric quads he sells have been delivered to the Isle of Mull and even Latvia, as well as one sold to the City of London. He thanks his website for those successes, but his enthusiasm for the electric models comes with a warning: "You have to be careful who you're selling to and the range of miles they're covering. We've found that farmers are doing more mileage than people

thought they would. The electric ones are suited to work in nature reserves and local authority use, but if a farmer enquired about one, I'd want him to have it on trial for a couple of days."

That candid approach to the long term practicality of the quads he sells explains much of his success; people trust him. So what's the feedback from users of the electric versions? "If it's used within its scope, they say it's fantastic. Use it over too big a range and there are problems." There is an indicator showing battery life left, but who watches such a thing when you're having a look at country you've not seen before?

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