# Cleobury Clarion



## **FEBRUARY 2013**

## MARKETS COMING TO TOWN

When the right people see a need they get on with the job of meeting it. That is what is happening from this month, with more to follow.

On Saturday morning, February 2nd, at 10.00 the first of Pat Williams's markets will open for business in the Market Hall. She offers stalls run by local people with a range of products from pet foods and bath accessories through to cakes and cookery and costume jewellery.

"Teas and coffees will be run by a charity, who will take the proceeds," Pat told us. "Any charity wanting to run this for a month can contact me on 07900 244 314." That debut will be followed by a repeat on March 2nd and on April 20th the offering gets even better.

That's when the Cleobury Country Farmers' Market hits the main street, based on the Parish Church and scheduled to run monthly from April until October. It will be open from 9.00 to 12.00 noon, featuring produce grown, reared, caught or processed within 35 miles of Cleobury Mortimer. Any food or drink should contain as many local ingredients as possible.

This is a major launch, supported by the Chamber of Trade, Parish Council, Parish Church and the Local Joint Committee. The matter of bringing together those diverse bodies is quite an achievement and Cleobury Country is be congratulated on having the idea and getting so much support.

It won't be just a matter of regional market traders coming along to dominate one Saturday morning a month. Local shops will be actively encouraged to take space, and as Nick Davis of Hobsons pointed out: "It's a good place to show something different and get a reaction from the public. A good way to see if it's likely to be successful in your shop."

The Farmers' Market will be organised and run by the staff at the Cleobury Country Centre in Love Lane. They will be happy to tell you more on 01299 272300.

Pat Williams, whose craft markets will lead the way from this month, will be moving her dates to support the Farmers' events as the two events work side by side and may move on to combine. That's another good sign of common sense, as two approaches to the same need blend and work together.



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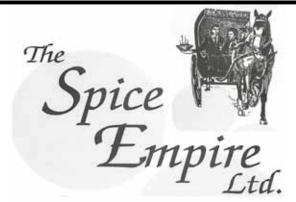
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#### **CLARION IN THE CAFE**

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# GREAT WORK BY THE GUIDES

With news still coming in of local people doing good work, it looks like the traditional Christmas season of goodwill was a very strong one in 2012. Pat Williams reports:

After some successful fund raising by the Baden Powell girls of the 3rd Cleobury Mortimer Guides, a presentation evening on December 12th saw Mark Rogers on behalf of Help for Heroes receive a cheque for £39, and Trevor Burton for the British Legion also collect £39. These donations were raised from a cake sale, staffed by the girls, outside St Mary's church after Remembrance Sunday last November.

A sponsored swim was also organised in October at Ludlow swimming pool, with all six girls swimming a mile each. That was another great result, when £125 was raised, and handed over to Alison from Wyre Forest Dog Rescue.

# LOCAL ART TALENT REQUIRED

The Parish Hall Committee is inviting proposals from a local artist or artistic group to produce a large montage at the back of the stage in the hall to depict the various groups and activities the hall is used for. This is an excellent opportunity for anyone studying art, or who has a passion for being creative, and wishes to showcase their work. Age is no barrier whether young or of more advanced years. For further information and details about the closing date for proposals please contact Debbie Fowler, Vice-Chairman Parish Committee, on debfowler@hotmail.co.uk 07813 070715.

# THE ROCK VILLAGE 'POUND THE BOUNDS'

The annual Pound-the-Bounds walks have become one of the most important fund-raising events for Rock Village Hall Committee. This year Midlands Air Ambulance Charity have again teamed up with the organisers so walkers can take part in something they love and help raise funds for MAAC.

There are walks for all abilities and the number of participants has grown year on year with over 500 people taking part. You can take part in a 25 miles, 18 miles, 12 miles or just a six miles walk. A three mile treasure trail is also being organised. The event is open to all ages and walkers can simply match a route to their ability. All routes will be way marked and each walker will be given a sheet with directions. It is almost impossible to get lost, but help is only a phone-call away if required.

Marshalling and refreshment stations are situated along all routes and progress of each participant is monitored throughout. Some of the terrain is quite demanding, due to inclination, stiles and, depending weather on conditions, muddy parts. But nature will be at its best. The 18 and 25 mile routes will take in a large part of the Wyre Forest, but all routes include a large variety of terrain and views.

This all happens on May 5th, so please put that date in your diaries. You can sign up on www.rockvillagehall.co.uk/events-details.php?ID=16 or try www.midlandsairambulance. com

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#### THANK YOU

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It's very comforting to know so many people care. God bless you all.

#### **CLEOBURY W.I.**

At our January meeting Ann produced some wonderful photographs of our party; we have kept some for our scrap book.

Mr. Tucker had kindly stepped in at the last minute, as our original speaker was unable to make it, and gave us marvellous view of Shropshire He is a nature conservationist and showed how, from the air, the colours of the fields and commons show what is likely to live in the area. We were all very surprised how few birds there are today compared to when we were children. Some species of trees survived in what looked barren area, but they grow to a huge size due the underground springs. Some birds are slowly returning due to people like Mr. Tucker but wouldn't it be lovely to hear the cuckoo once again announcing the start of spring? He also explained how he was well strapped into the open sided helicopter to make sure that when he leaned out of the aircraft he wasn't lost for ever over the Great Mynd.

We look forward to February and Jenny Vanderhook telling us all about her trip with the shoe boxes.

Jill Chesterman won Flower of the Month and Gill Senior the Flower of the Year. Our next meeting will be on February 12th, at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. Please contact Jill Chesterman on 01299 271671 if you wish to attend as a guest or join our happy group.

# ADVENT LUNCHES SUCCESS

The Advent Soups proved to be a great success again this year in every way. I would like to thank all who helped in any way and those who made apple pies, donated bread, butter and cream, plus those who gave donations when they could not attend. All the helpers were telling me how much they enjoyed helping in the kitchen! .

However, without all the people who came along each week it wouldn't work and your generosity and good will has made it possible for me to send a cheque for £1020 to the Windsor Drop In Centre in Salford. They are going to send information in readiness for next year so you will have some idea how the money is spent. Thank you all very much.

Shaunah Murrell

# CLOWS TOP GARDENING CLUB

February is an unfortunate month, cold and miserable but luckily only 28 days long. However, there are signs of life erupting from the ground, with crocus, iris, snowdrops and cyclamen coum giving splashes of colour all through the garden.

If you need some fresh ideas or advice for your garden, why not join us at one of our monthly meetings? The next is on Wednesday the 27th, when Ray Purdy will give a talk entitled 'Patagonia'.

A Diary Date: March 27th, Spring Show and Quiz. Further details: Marion, 01299 270475.

# HOBSONS HELP THE HEDGEHOGS

There's a rather special gathering at the Golden Cross pub on Clee Hill on the 7th. It celebrate the life Hobson's 'Old Prickly' ale, a produced special brew commemorate the 30th birthday British Hedgehog the Preservation Society with 5p paid to the Society funds for every bottle sold. Society's Chief Executive Fay Vass puts it: "Old Prickly is being put into hibernation just as real hedgehogs are thinking of emerging from theirs."

The celebration will start at 7.00 and there will be a BHPS and Hobsons shop where you can buy hedgehog goodies and a bottle or two of the brew. At 8.00 the cheque will be presented and celebration food will be served, including hedhehog shaped bread donated by Richard Swift's bakery. It sounds like a great evening in prospect.

Final word goes to Fay Vass: "The partnership has worked really well and Old Prickly has picked up a number of fans during the past year. We hope to see it again at some point in the future, but for now it's farewell. We're very grateful to Hobson's for coming up with this special beer and for pledging 5p from every pint bottle to our charity."

No representative of the local hedgehogs was available for comment, as they were all still fast asleep.

#### **SILLY BITS**

"If life was fair, Elvis would still be alive today and all the impersonators would be dead." Johnny Carson

"The first piece of luggage on the carousel never belongs to anyone." *George Robert* 

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#### THEY'VE DONE IT AGAIN Another clutch of awards for Hobsons



The men behind the success. Centre is Robert Higginson, Hobson's original brewer, left is barley grower Richard Farquharson of Seison near Wolverhampton and right Geoff Thompson of Lindridge, who grows the hops.

The Campaign for Real Ale's West Midlands Beer of the Year competition was another success for Hobson's, with their Best Bitter winning the Champion Bitter title. To add to that, their famous Mild took the Bronze Medal in the Mild category, while Old Henry was awarded Silver in the Strong Bitter class and Bronze in the Real Ale in a Bottle. They'll be needing a bigger trophy cabinet at the Tenbury Road brewery soon.

To celebrate the success of this local product, there was a ceremonial sipping of pints at the Kings Arms, with ex chief brewer Robert Higginson honoured for his production of the original. And the very first barrel delivered was to the Kings Arms, back in 1993.

As Hobson;s have a policy of using local products, barley supplier Richard Farquharson of Seisdon and hops grower Geoff Thompson of Lindridge were also invited and thanked for their contribution to another success for the town's multiple award winning brewery.

It's Hobson's 20th year in business this year, so keep an eye open for further celebrations.

# KINLET FAMILY PLAYGROUP

We welcome two new faces to Playgroup: Ellie and Paige joined us in January and have quickly become part of our group.

February sees our children welcoming in the Chinese New Year - Kung Hei Fat Choy to everyone. We enjoy tasting different foods and encouraging the children to help us prepare our yummy snacks.

Valentine's Day is another festival we will be celebrating this month and the children will be making some very special things for their loved ones.

We currently have space in our sessions. We are open Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in term time and welcome children from two upwards. Come and see us or call 07794 166514.

Zoe Pearson

# THE HISTORY SOCIETY Robert Hodge has a suggestion

History has a habit of creeping The Cleobury on us. Mortimer and District History Society researches local history from very early settlements to the early years of some of our members. Our meetings Wednesday recommence on February 6th in Neen Savage Parish Hall, which has ample parking. If you have an interest in local history and would like to know more, come along for 7.30pm.

#### NIGHTINGALE FUND MEETINGS

Sunday the 24th of this month will be busy at the Sports and Social Club. At 8.00 in the pm meeting of there's a the Nightingale Nursing Fund supporters to discuss the annual Fun Day that raises money for this excellent cause. And straight after that, they'll be discussing the charity football matches that honour the memory of Dave Broome and Dereck Martin as thev raise money for the Midland Air Ambulance.

Good planning sense, having both events on one evening and saving the supporters' time.

# THE DECEMBER FESTIVE SHOP, AT THE FIGHTING COCKS

This was a wonderful evening with many people actively shopping for presents on December 6th. The grand sum of £400.00 was raised for the Nightingale Nursing Fund cause.

Many thanks to Diane Newsham for organising the super event and to all the stall holders for their support and to everyone else for being so public spirited in their purchase of raffle tickets.

As you know, the total goes towards care at times of medical crisis, bringing nursing into the homes of those who need it. It is all for care locally, within the Cleobury Mortimer, Ditton Priors and Highley Medical Practices.

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# THE FOOTPATH ASSOCIATION

Happy 2013. The snow lies on the ground with more to come and looks beautiful over Clee Hill and Brown Clee. Our family is anticipating a walk with the dogs and grandchildren to see what animal prints we can find and to build a snowman!!

We were lucky with the weather for our Boxing Day and New Year's Day walks. Although wet and muddy as usual, the sun broke through on both occasions and we missed the rain. New Year's Day brought out over 40 walkers including children. Susan led a lovely walk towards Mawley Hall, however we turned left after crossing the river and walked towards the road. Our walk led us back along the river and back to the King's Arms where we chatted and munched our way through a good buffet, celebrating the start of 2013.

Talking of 2013, the dates of our parish and social walks can be found on our website. We have a few new members but would love to see more joining us. Our social walks take place once a month, on a Saturday and we continue to meet for the Parish

walks on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month, 10.00am at the church.

If you would like to see stunning scenery away from the roads and feel a little fitter from the exercise (forgetting the food and drink afterwards) please join us. You can just turn up for the Parish walks or further information can be obtained from our website:cmfa.co.uk.

Our group also helps maintain the footpaths. If you would like to help us or have a problem with a footpath please contact: susan@eaglelane.co.uk.

#### **LOOKING AHEAD**

If you like to organise your social life well ahead, this is for you. On Friday April 19th there will be a Quiz Night at the Cape of Good Hope in Billingsley. It's for a good cause, raising funds for the Parish Church.

Teams of no more than four people can compete, with a charge of £7.50 per person to include a hot meal of meat or vegetable curry or fish and chips. Add in the evening's fun and some great prizes and that's good value.

To register your team and order their food requirements, call Zoe Baggott on 07974 808817 or email zoebaggott@hotmail.com.

#### AN APOLOGY

From the Burwarton Charity Group that their mouse racing scheduled for January 19th had to be cancelled. They've promised to let us know the new date, so watch this space. Or should we say watch this mouse hole?

# THE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

November saw our A.G.M. and buffet, when the committee were re-elected. In December our usual Christmas gathering celebrated a successful year with goodies provided by our members. We had great fun doing a quiz on gardens and gardening topics which Judy had devised. Our January meeting on 'Plants for difficult places' was an illustrated talk by Sue Russell. Sue is able to give this knowledgeable talk as a result of trial and error when she and her husband began a nursery on some unused ground. She covered many areas such as darkness, wetness and deprived soil and the accompanying pictures showed us just what can be done with perseverance. Those present found her talk informative. Our next meeting is on 11th February and will be about wild flowers. Liz Smurthwaite

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Mark (left) and Duncan, the Purslow Brothers. In their everyday working clothes.

The third generation of Purslows, Mark and Duncan, run a Cleobury business well off the High Street. But bigger than you think, with eight full timers and a range of services that takes them around a 50 mile radius and sometimes beyond. "Duncan had delivery in London for a chap who wouldn't deal with anyone else," smiles Ingrid, aka Mrs Duncan Purslow.

They're best known as coal merchants, the delivery truck and crew a very familiar sight. But there's a lot more in this operation, like Calor Gas supply, logs and kindling, building materials, tarmaccing

and groundwork including concreting, paving and JCB work in preparation. They also operate as hauliers for Hanson's Clee Hill quarry, and carry loads of tarmac and aggregate for other companies. And if you want a decorative stone aggregate for your driveway, they have a range of colours in stock.

Moving this range of stuff in bulk is a serious business and their pair of MAN eightwheelers has just been joined by a similar size Renault truck that cost close to six figures. "The next level of exhaust controls is coming in 2014 and you have to be ready for it, there's nothing to be gained by standing still," explained Mark of a pretty hefty investment.

This family firm was started by grandfather Edward in the 1920s and he was succeeded by Derek and then Duncan and Mark. So how do they survive and thrive in the cutthroat 21st century, with discounts on offer on almost every website?

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including around with nothing to do, and JCB possibly with machinery hired They also for the day and doing nothing. I iers for suppose you could call it aarry, and customer service."

> Being reasonable extends to relations too. David Phillips and Kevin Lighfoot came back with their morning deliveries completed and Ingrid asked if they'd mind filling some bags with coal before starting the afternoon round. No hesitation, no argument, they just got on with it, a 'Thank you' ringing in their ears. "We try to treat the staff as we'd like to be treated," she explained. Hence the happy atmosphere in the place.

> I have personal experience of the Purslow personal touch, from same-day delivery of sand and cement for a brick-laying job, to a new tarmac drive put down in under two hours and coloured gravel for a path there when they promised.

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## **Clarion Clippings - The Local News**

#### CHARITY AUCTION, FEBRUARY 13TH

This is about the big hearts that are all around us. Kieron and Chrissie Edwards's three year old son Jack has been diagnosed as suffering from leukaemia. So the Farlow and Oreton Playgroup arranged a party to raise funds for the family and it sold out in days.

Next on the schedule is a Charity Auction at The Old Lion in Cleobury at 7.30 February 13th. The group were given so many good items to raffle for the cause that they chose to hold an auction as well. If you've got something you'd like to donate as a prize, you can drop it off at Jean Basham, The Iron Lady's place, at 2 Love Lane.

If you just want to add to the collection on the auction evening, the organisers will be there from 6.30 until the 7.30 start with a bucket. Please give generously, as this town always does when it sees a family facing a problem like this.

#### A NEW GROUP - CRAFTS AND CHAT

We love our crafts and enjoy crafting while we have a cup of tea and a chat. Please come along and join us with your own craft. Any crafts are welcome from knitting to painting and everything in between. You will need to bring your own equipment; there are tables and chairs at the Market Hall and we will bring tea and coffee.

We would like to share the crafts and skills that we have learnt and hope to show you some that might be new to you including fleece spinning, tatting, sketching or sewing a jumper seam.

What crafts do you love? Could you show us something new?

We meet in the Market Hall, Cleobury Mortimer from 10.00 to noon each Friday. There will be a small charge to cover room hire and coffee.

Questions to Mary on 271885. *Kate Pearce* 

# THE FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S

Our final event for 2012 was the Christmas Market. The church was decorated and bustling with people enjoying the occasion, the layout enabling them to move more freely around the stalls. Father Christmas was kept busy until he had to switch on the town's Christmas lights.

The event raised just over £2,000, to be shared between the Friends and St Mary's Church PCC. Thanks must go to all those involved in helping to make it a successful and enjoyable occasion.

Our first event this year will be the Snowdrop Walks at Mawley Hall, by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Galliers-Pratt, on Sunday February 24th. Admission is £2.00 per person, including free parking. Walks will be available from 11.00 to 4.00, the last one starting no later than 3.00. Details of routes will be provided on arrival and light refreshments will be available.

Further events coming include the AGM 7.00 on March 7th in the Market Hall, and March 9th we have Make a Box of Cakes, an event for children and families.

Alec Osbaldiston

#### A BIG THANK YOU

Lesley Burnside of Cleobury News would like to publicly thank David Reiner for his public spirited work clearing a way through the icebound pavement on High Street during the evening of January 19th. You may remember that was the first real snow of the winter.

"I came out of the shop at 8.20 and he was clearing a path we could walk along, right down to the KA. He was still at it after ten o'clock," Lesley told us.

Mr Reiner, take a bow.

#### AND ANOTHER

The Nightingale Nurses would like to give a big Thank You to the Cleobury Sunday Night Dominoes and Darts League, plus all the players and public houses that support these events, for the donation of £1655. The Nightingale Nurses are here to provide help in the local community and we would find it difficult to continue without this wonderful support.

A special Thank You to Roger Gittins and the Bell Inn, who included profits from their other functions to make this such a large amount.

Gill Shorter

# BIG MEETING COMING UP

Cleobury Rural Local Joint Committee will meet at 7.00pm on February 21st at Lacon Childe School. Present will be new Police and Crime Commissioner Bill Longmore, the Medical Centre builders with all plans, Shropshire Council Leader Keith Barrow to update us on the Trading Arm of the Council, plus the Secretary of the Association of Parish and Town Councils to talk about the May elections.

Please come along and have your say on these importantt subjects for the future of this area. For more information, ring me on 01299 271 186.

Madge Shineton



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## The Severn Edge Vets Pets Page

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My old Labrador was particularly good at appearing in your face just after you had fallen over. I'm sure she would have laughed if she could!

Bubbles, however, does not like the snow. He was fine indoors, sitting in the window, chasing the snowflakes as they fell, but as soon as the front door was opened, he was no-where to be seen! Once convinced, he ran around the house, front to back, and straight back into his catflap. I guess it is all a bit much to ask him to get used to going out, and snow within a month. Over the weekend, he seemed to prefer to keep to the foot of the bed in order to sleep.

With the snow in mind, please be extra aware of where your dog is walking. The grit put down on the roads and pavements can be irritant to their paws. So please be careful to wash their feet when you get home to try to ease the irritation. Just wash their feet in plain water. No soap or shampoo should be needed.

Another winter worry for our pets is antifreeze. Please be extra careful when topping up the car with this substance. Most brands of antifreeze are extremely toxic to cats and dogs. Worse still, they taste sweet – encouraging pets to drink lots of the chemical if it is found. So please be

extra careful with how you store spare antifreeze, and where you put old antifreeze out of the car. If you have a leak under the car, please get it fixed, and make sure the driveway is washed regularly to minimise the chance of any pet getting access to it. Unfortunately, once exposed to the toxin, it is rare that we can save the life of the affected pet. We will, as ever, do our best, but more often than not, the damage to the kidneys proves to be irrevocable.

This month at Severn Edge Vets is Love your Pet month. We are offering 40% off nail clipping at all of our surgeries. Please call your local surgery to book your appointment. We also have an exciting talk happening at The Punch Bowl pub, Bridgnorth at 7:30pm on 12th February. The talk will be on equine laminitis and its underlying causes, with a magnificent guest speaker Dr Jo Ireland from the Animal Health Trust. Please call our Equine Clinic at Aston Munslow to book your place 01584 841080.

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Bayton Church of England Primary School staff, children and families are delighted to have received a judgement of 'Outstanding' from OFSTED in December. Although we believed that we were outstanding, it is wonderful for OFSTED to have actually affirmed that for us! It has been five years since the previous inspection, when we were graded as Good, so to have improved to Outstanding in every area; for Achievement of Pupils, Quality of Teaching and Learning, Behaviour and Safety of Pupils and Management and Leadership was a fantastic outcome.

Among the many aspects noted in the report is that children in our Reception class make rapid progress in their personal, social and emotional development. Children build on this learning foundation and leave the school in Year 6 "achieving exceptionally well" due to the teaching in literacy and numeracy being of a consistently high standard throughout the school. It also praised our popular 'Forest School' where children are encouraged to collaborate in practical tasks and develop independence in learning to assess and manage risk. Furthermore, pupils' behaviour was seen to be "typically exemplary" - they are "confident yet polite, work very hard in lessons and are proud of their school and their achievements". We are very proud of them too.

#### What next?

Now we have our Outstanding status, we do not intend to sit back and relax, there's always room for development and further improvement. As a whole school we are planning how we shall implement the new National Curriculum from next September. Our vision is to engage the children in their own learning even more, through a creative curriculum approach, integrating subject knowledge and skills meaningfully in stimulating topics that they have expressed the desire to learn about.

To learn more about our "Outstanding" school and to read the Ofsted report, visit our website at <a href="www.baytonpri.worcs.sch.uk">www.baytonpri.worcs.sch.uk</a> or contact us on (01299) 832393. Due to a family relocating, we now have places in years 1 and 5, and places available in September's Reception intake.

#### Sarah Brown

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## **Happenings on High Street**

**NEW NAME, NEW FACE** 



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There are changes at Mortimer Finance following the takeover last October of the business by Bromsgrove based Newell Palmer. The most obvious is the new man in charge, senior consultant Chris Gledhill.

"We'll add our own portfolios and our enhanced services," he explained. "Our portfolios have been running for five years and are being taken up by numerous clients. They're managed by an investment committee drawn from an experienced team of advisers from across the Newell Palmer Group."

"I'm getting to know our customers in the area and we'll

be holding a series of seminars outlining what we can offer later in the year, for up to 50 people to keep it personal. Referral by local people is the best advertising we can have and it helps to build footfall through the office."

There have been no great fanfares to announce the merger of two respected names in the finance business, more a gentle process of face-to-face meeting and getting to know people. It's certainly been a smooth transition, as telephone Klaire at the Wolverhampton office has noticed: "The nicest takeover in my experience," she told Chris.

A new arrival and a very welcome one, destined to fit in nicely. The company will offer independent financial advice, on a fee basis, to existing clients. And to new clients, who are welcome to visit the office. For anyone interested in having a no obligation meeting with Chris, all you have to do is call 01299 2 7 1 4 7 1 or e m a i l Chris.gledhill@npfp.co.uk

#### ROYAL FOUNTAIN REVIVAL

Things have been stirring at the Royal Fountain, that homely pubright in the heart of Cleobury. It has changed hands and is now owned by Al and Helen Rodgers, who moved here from Malvern.



The Rodgers: Al, Morgan and Helen have moved into the Royal Fountain

They've both worked in the bar trade before and have spent time renovating the cellar to stock a range of real ales from Ludlow Brewery and the West Country's Otter, to draught Guinness.

They'll be making a feature of the gardens down to Pudding Brook, with spring planting to make it an ideal spot to take in the summer sun as a family.

There will be a pre-opening party for family and immediate neighbours on February 1st and they open for business on Saturday the 2nd with a range of wines and ciders to complement the beers, plus bar snacks. The dining room will come later, when they're fully established. How nice to have that lovely pub open again - look in and try it.

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## **Clarion Clippings - The Local News**

#### A MESSAGE FROM MARION



This is why she rescues cats.

Marian Parsons with Kumar, a
beautiful 15 week old Bengal kitten
Marion Parsons has two sides
to a busy life. The first is
running the Newbridge
Nursery at the eastern edge of
Cleobury Mortimer, the second
is rescuing unwanted cats and
finding them new homes.

The cat rescue service grew out of a disaster with her plant nursery, when the floods of 2007 washed away most of the greenhouses on the riverside site, taking that summer's stock with them. Her answer was to reduce the area given over to flowers and begin to build what she'd long wanted to do - a rescue home for cats.

It started with just one pen, with room for eight unwanted animals looking for a home. place has grown organically, with the latest pen bringing the capacity up to 50 individual places and another unit especially for older animals under way. The story behind that one is typical of the support that drives this article she just wants to everyone who's helped her. The timber for this latest building

was donated by M&M Timber in response to an appeal direct to Nigel Poyner.

"I want to thank the local people for all their support and Tuffins for letting us put our cat food donation unit on their forecourt," she says. "It's a struggle to keep the place going, but we do get a lot of income from donations." Even with the local generosity that brought in money in the second half of 2012 she still had to find more and spent £7700 in that same period, part of it from her own pocket. "I've got two pensions, so I use some of that," Marion explains.

She took in 144 cats in 2012 and found new homes for 95 of them. And she does that carefully, checking people out before handing over an animal that may have suffered ill treatment earlier in its life. All cats that are five months or older are neutered before they are rehoused.

Her caution is understandable. While we were walking around the housing pens, admiring the heating in the recovery unit and the good conditions all the animals enjoy, partner Mike Longmore took a phone call from a man wanting to buy cats. Mike explained that this is a rescue operation, not a place that sells animals. Only then did the caller explain that he wanted to buy the cats to eat! He was reported to the police.

Looking to the future, Marion wants to move away from the big animal charities that operate with a bureaucracy that lacks flexibility. Like the accommodation pen supplied to one charity's standard specification at a cost of £3,500. Her own units, built locally by

Hollywood Sheds cost £1600. That £1900 difference would buy a lot of food; you can see why she's looking into setting up her own charity.

The rescue business doesn't impose upon the nursery side, still popular despite a slight reduction in size. The only sign of its existence is the occasional pussy wandering amongst the plants, looking happy in its temporary home.

Marion Parsons is on 01299 270701.

#### **BUS PASSES**

#### Councillor Madge Shineton has brought common sense to a frustrating situation. Steve Todd explains:

Users of the 9.27am service to Ludlow will be aware of problems with the acceptance of over 60's bus passes as these are not officially valid until 9.30. On a number of occasions, elderly residents have not been allowed to board, causing distress. As the next 292 does not arrive until 11.05, this means that a morning trip to attend a medical or dental appointment, is not possible.

This matter has been taken up with Councillor Madge Shineton who has persuaded Shropshire Council to allow the use of passes on the 9.27 service. Apparently, if more than 90 minutes elapses before the next service – in this case the interval is 98 minutes – then use of passes may be allowed.

Shropsire Council have advised First Bus of this change so there should be no further problems.

Many thanks to Madge Shineton for resolving this so promptly.

Steve Todd

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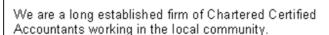
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## Letter from Westminster - Philip Dunne MP

During winter months demand for health services rises, a natural consequence of wintry weather on an increasingly elderly population. This also leads to increased demands on the ambulance services which get patients to hospital, especially our emergency ambulance services.

In Shropshire the increase in demand seems to have been particularly marked this winter. 999 calls to West Midlands Ambulance Service here in Shropshire have risen 10% over the previous year. Service chiefs were expecting an increase, closer to the 4% rate at which 999 calls have been rising on average each year in recent years.

In December there were a number of incidents, some brought to my attention by the families of those concerned, where ambulance attendances were unacceptably delayed. I met concerned residents at my advice surgeries in the New Year and received petitions from residents in Bridgnorth and Highley, which had been collected rapidly following incidents involving delays.

I visited the site of one accident at the entrance to the Severn Centre in Highley with a local parish councillor and discussed the accident and slow arrival of the ambulance with Severn Centre staff who assisted on the day.

This gave me a personal perspective for meetings later that day when I discussed ambulance cover in South Shropshire directly with the Chief Executive of West Midlands Ambulance Service and the General Manager responsible for Shropshire, together with the Ambulance Commissioning Director responsible for the West Midlands which I had convened in my office in Ludlow.

I had also arranged separate meetings with ambulance chiefs for members of families from Bridgnorth and Ludlow who had suffered delays for emergencies affecting their relatives. I am pleased to say that as a result of the concerns of Shropshire residents, the Ambulance Service took rapid action.

In mid-January WMAS added two new high dependency crews with ambulances based in Shropshire, which will provide greater capacity for emergency crews to respond to 999 calls across South Shropshire. The service has also placed South Shropshire on a higher priority rating and relaxed overtime rules for its crews in the county.

I can reassure local residents that these delays do not result from budget cuts. In fact the WMAS budget for the current year is some 3.8% higher than the previous year, reflecting recognition by the commissioning bodies within the NHS of increasing demand for services.

There have been suggestions that ambulance delays have resulted from the reconfiguration of ambulance services as physical stations have been closed in Bridgnorth and Craven Arms as WMAS adopts the 'make ready' system of ambulance deployment used successfully in Staffordshire. I have been told consistently by WMAS that it is able to deploy ambulances around the county without the need to maintain a pattern of buildings, which should free up more resources for frontline services.

This intuitively makes sense, but I am determined to ensure rural Shropshire receives at least as good a service. So I have asked for regular reporting on the number of ambulances available and actual response times being achieved in South Shropshire under this new system compared to the previous system. I also want to publish information of performance in Shropshire against guidelines, rather than relying on information about WMAS achieving targets across the region. I will continue to monitor the improvements that have already been made.

I would like to thank ambulance service staff for everything that they do given the significant increases in 999 calls in Shropshire. It is very important for the public in Shropshire to continue to have confidence in our emergency services, who do an exceptional job, often in trying circumstances, especially in winter.

Philip Dunne MP

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## The February Social Calendar

Date	Time	Details	Contact	Telephone Number
Sun 3	10.00am	The Parish Walk starts at the Parish Church and takes you to scenery you don't normally see walking on the roads. Good social atmosphere		
Mon 4	8.00pm	Faith in the Pub meets at the KA to hear about a prostate cancer experience. Officially men only, but ladies do overhear sometimes		
Wed 6	7.30pm	The History Society begin their 2013 year at Neen Savage Village Hall, with all the curious and historically inclined welcome.		
Thu 7	10.00am	GREEN WHEELIE BINS EMPTIED TODAY  The Knowle Sports Association sale is back in action – don't forget.		
	7.00pm	An evening to celebrate the life of Hobson's 'Old Prickly' at the Golden Cross on Clee Hill. Presentation of a cheque to the Hedgehog Preservation Society at 8.00. SEE PAGE 7.		
Mon 11	7.30pm	The Horticultural Society meet at the Methodist Church Hall to hear about wild flowers		
Tue 12	7.30am	St Mary's Breakfast Club gather in the Cleobury Café to hear about St Mary's Youth Project		
	6.00pm	Open Evening at Kim Stanley's Health and Beauty. Features the local launch of the SpaFind natural therapy range. SEE PAGE 57.		
	7.30pm	Cleobury W.I. meet at the Parish Hall to hear Jenny Vanderhook tell about her trip to Eastern Europe with the Christmas Shoe Boxes		
	7.30pm	Severn Edge Vets host a talk by Dr Jo Ireland at The Punch Bowl, Bridgnorth. It's all about equine laminitis and you can book a seat	Booking	01584 841080
Wed 13	12.30pm	Cleobury Ladies Luncheon Club gather at Addisons to dine and chat	Alison Osborne	01584 890414
Thu 14	8.00pm	The Royal British Legion gather at the Bell Inn, Lower Street BLACK WHEELIE BINS AND RECYCLE BOXES EMPTIED TODAY		

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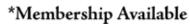
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#### The February Social Calendar - continued

Date	Time	Details	Contact	Telephone Number
Thu 14/		Training programme for Co-Co volunteers, who will go out and	Katja Ward	CM 270018
Fri 15		help the community.		
Sat 16	8.00pm	A great night in prospect at the Sports and Social Club in Love		
		Lane, with the dynamic Barry McQueen entertaining.		
Wed 20	6.00pm	Free Business Networking meeting at Cleobury Country Centre,	Clare Todd	CM 272300
		a great opportunity to meet other local businesses.		
	7.30pm	The History Society meet at Neen Savage Village Hall		
Thu 21		GREEN WHEELIE BINS EMPTIED TODAY		
	10.30am	Rock Pathfinders Social Walk, starting from Running Horse pub,	Alan	01299 400304
		Long Bank, Bewdley DY12 2QP		
	7.00pm	Local Joint Committee Meeting brings some big names to Lacon		
		Childe School hall, where you can ask questions. SEE PAGE 17		
	7.45pm	Whist Drive at Sports and Social Club	Alan Evans	CM 270114
Sun 24	11.00am	Snowdrop Walk at Mawley Hall. £2.00 per person, parking free.		
		SEE PAGE 17		
	8.00pm	Meetings in the Sports and Social Club about the Football Fun		
		Day and the charity match that supports the Air Ambulance.		
		SEE PAGE 9		
Mon 25	7.00pm	Cleobury Patient s' Voice AGM, Market Hall	Jennie	CM 271383
Wed 27	7.45pm	Clows Top Gardening Club475 meet a Victory Hall. Speaker Ray		
		Sturdy on Patagonia		
Thu 28		BLACK WHEELIE BINS & RECYCLE BOXES EMPTIED		
		TODAY		
		AND LOOKING FORWARD TO MARCH		
Tue 5	2,00pm	Doddington Friendship Club's AGM is at the Village Hall		
Thu 7		GREEN WHEELIE BINS EMPTIED TODAY		
Fri 8	8.00pm	The excellent Pentabus Theatre are at Farlow Village Hall. SEE		
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# The Lacon Lottery is Coming



Lacon Childe School's Parent Teacher Association is having an image overhaul and getting serious about extra fund raising activities. With budget cutbacks hitting the school, they have taken a look at their activities and come up with some good ideas to raise a little extra.

The first is the new and distinctive logo that you see above. An easy way to identify their events once people get to know it. It won't raise money in itself, but it will raise the PTA profile.

New chairman Tracey Rochelle has some experience of running a lottery and she's got one lined up for the school. It will run for ten months a year, from March to December, and a ticket to be in it will cost £10. That covers every draw, so the cost comes down to £1.00 a month, with 50 percent of the funds raised forming the prize fund. So if just 200 people buy a ticket the monthly prize becomes £100.

You can get the tickets by calling Tracey on 07917 142923 or look in at the school website: www.lacon-childe.org.uk/parents/pta

The second fund raiser is a rather special evening on March 26th, when Gulf War veteran John Peters will talk about his experience of capture and treatment by Saddam Hussein's forces. If you have a long memory, you may recall John's face on the TV screen in 1991, when the Iraqis showed him as their captive, his gaunt face evidence of the treatment he suffered.

This is an evening for Over 18s only, as he talks about his experiences in an ugly theatre of war, followed by a frank question and answer session. There are just 95 tickets available, at £7.50 each, and they are on sale at Cleobury News and the Library. The charge includes tea and biccies.

At the end of the evening, John will draw the first Lacon Lottery winning ticket to get the fund raising off to a rather special start.

Before all that, there will be a presentation of cheques for £250 to the Acorns Hospice and Onside on February 25th, before the 6.45 committee meeting. Acorns Hospice for children is well known and respected for its work, while Onside is a Worcester based childrens charity.

This is another great thing about the PTA, who give £500 from their profits at the annual Borders Classic Bike Show to local charities. All volunteers, working for the good of others.



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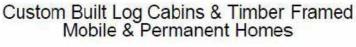
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### The Farming Page. Jenny Everingham writes From The Farmhouse

We welcome Jenny Everingham as the third from her, she sees her place as firmly based never play on or near machinery. in the farmhouse.

Just when you thought you could relax into late middle age, they're back. Offspring, that is. Number One Daughter with her two children. She grew up on the farm, but the nippers have only visited, so living here is a previous townie lifestyle.

ideal time for moving to a farm, especially "every cloud, etc!" Grampa's field beans were harvested so late that the heap is still providing a soft landing for flying leaps off a big bale in the barn. Getting your wellies full of bullet-like beans is great fun, though the kitchen floor department.

Similarly, there is endless play potential in water. Having permission be every child's dream. The boat-shaped padding pool from their old garden has proved as good at keeping the water out and floats beautifully on the flooded areas of fields. It has even been on a short voyage down the brook!

Of course, there are health and safety member of our all-female team of farming implications to all this. The children do not contributors. No technical farming news play round the farm unsupervised, and

The Christmas lists were interesing this year. After the usual toys, electronic gadgets and chocolate, the 10 year old asked for 'chickens' and the 6 year old added 'a calf of my own.' Thanks to the generous help of friends and neighbours, three assorted hens are now in residence. Having arrived in the panto season, they rejoice in the names of novelty - so far. Quite a change from their Snow White, Maid Marian - and Clucker! Enough to give the poor creature a complex. You might think winter would not be the However, they have provided us with a few eggs and are religiously visited twice daily with the weather we've been having, but by Master Ten. They provide excellent recycling of vegetable scraps. The other day war broke out over a few wizened grapes. Grampa is still the main carer for the orphan calf, though Miss Six has called her 'Bonnie' and likes to help with the bottle feeding. Our granny's excitement is wearing a bit thin on household also includes five cats and two gerbils. More of a zoo, really.

And then it snowed.

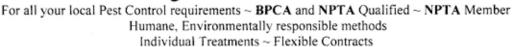
Excitement: Off the scale! Tobogganing, (expectation, even) to get wet and dirty must snowballing, walking through a blizzard: brilliant fun! Lessons learned about getting really cold, and that clothes serve a function other than decorative. And we must test out out the paddling pool's potential as a sledge.....

Granny, aka Jenny Everingham



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As well as the usual activities of an AGM there will be a talk on "The Changes to our NHS and how they will affect our communities in and around Cleobury Mortimer," given by Sue Arrowsmith of Cleobury Mortimer Medical Centre

A display of the proposed New Medical Centre in Cleobury Mortimer. Matrix Medical, the developers, may attend. A discussion on the proposed Changes to the Community Health Serivces in and around Cleobury Mortimer.

The meeting will be followed by a Buffet Reception. For more information contact: Jenny McCrorie 01299 271383.

#### FROM THE BANDROOM

Cleobury Mortimer Concert Brass held a very successful Christmas Concert in the Parish Hall at the end of December. The Hall was packed to capacity and mulled wine and mince pies were served on arrival. A buffet supper was enjoyed in the interval. The programme consisted well of known Christmas music and Carols As is traditional, the band gave a large Christmas Hamper for the first prize in the raffle and the lucky winner was Mrs Ann Jones. .

The band is currently very busy rehearsing music for new programmes this year and in addition to this has entered the Midlands Regional Brass Band Championships which will be held at Bedworth in March.

The band would like to wish all our friends a Very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Stella Wilcox

### YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU

Have you heard of Cleobury Compassionate Communities or Co-Co as some folks call it? We are gradually becoming known as word spreads about the difference you can make to someone nearby with just a small amount of your time. If you would like to join our growing team of volunteers, we would love you to apply for our

next two day training programme on February 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>.

Co-Co was launched last autumn following a successful six month pilot in 2011. We work in partnership with Cleobury Medical Practice, which refers most clients to us, and with the Severn Hospice. Our aim is to provide free community support for the frail and isolated at home, helping them to maintain independence and links with the community. A regular visit from volunteer provides companionship, prevents isolation and opens doors to local people, activities, and other support groups when needed. As a volunteer, your weekly visit might involve taking a client shopping, helping with jobs or just providing friendship over coffee.

We currently have 14 volunteers, most of whom have been carefully matched with a client and find great fulfilment in volunteering. As referrals increase, so more volunteers are needed to meet the demand.

The two-day volunteer training programmes, held four times a year (weekdays or weekends to suit), prepare you for giving support in the right way. If you can spare just two hours a week please contact me on 01299 270018 or visit the Market Hall Office Monday to Friday 10-12.

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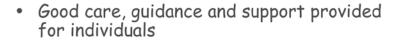
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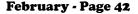


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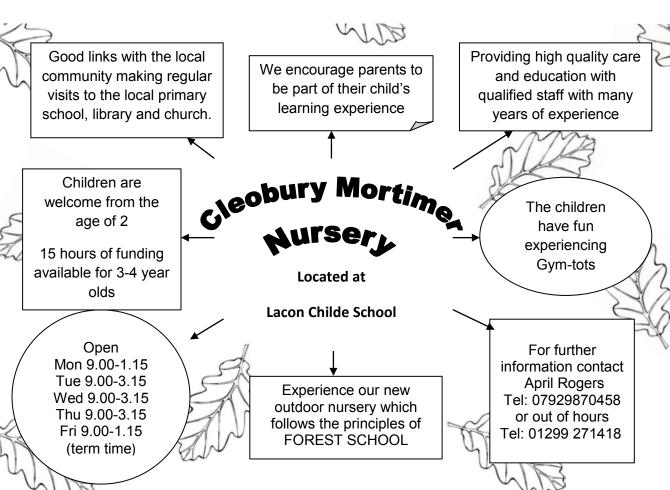


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### **The Clarion Weekly Social Calendar**

Day	Time	Event	Contact	Phone
Sun	08.30	Holy Communion, Parish Church		CM 270624
	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 71879
	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
	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	Elz Broadway	CM 271317
	17.30	Beavers Meeting, Old Pump House, Church Street	Becky Keeley	CM 271416
	18.45	Bridge Club Hopton Wafters 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	Emma Reynolds	CM 272746
	19.00	Guides Meeting, Old Pump House, Church Street	Emma Reynolds	CIVI 2/2/40
	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
	19.30	Choir Practice, Parish Church	Philip Engleheart	CM 270627
Thu	09.30	Little Tiddlers, Kinlet Family Playgroup, Kinlet School	Zoe Pearson	07794 166514
	11.00	Sale of second hand goods, Knowle Sports Club, Clee Hill	Audrey Taylor	01584 890644
	14.00	Scrabble Club, St Mary's Place, Non residents £1.00	Jo Booton	07969 104808
	15.30	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	Tiercea Barries	01,12,2710
	19.15	Cubs Meeting, Old Pump House, Church Street	Kate Pearce	07772 102986
	19.30	Tums and Bums, Lacon Childe School	Don Carter	CM 270312
	19.30	Adult 7-a-side Football League, CM Sports Centre	Dave Hinves	CM 271317
	20.00	Bell Inn Band rehearsal, Bell Inn, Lower Street	Dave Hillyes	C171 2 / 1 J 1 /
	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
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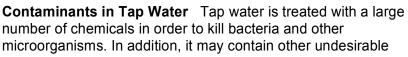
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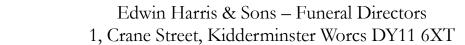
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### **Clarion Coppers - With CSO Nick Morris**

Although not many, there have been a few crimes committed in and around Cleobury during the last month or so.

On December 14th/15th a rear window was forced and entry gained to Red Hare Hairdressing Salon and stock stolen. On the same night a 47" TV was stolen from a house at Foxwood, and an attempt was made to break into a barn at Hopton Wafers, where luckily no entry was gained. Another attempt to steal property was discovered on December 20th at the Severn Trent Depot at Hollywaste, but although nothing was stolen, damage was caused to gates and a building. A child's black 'Monster Extreme' 50cc quadbike was stolen from a shed in Coreley overnight on December 19th/20th, and overnight on December 26th/27th, a car parked on a driveway in Grove Meadow was broken into and a Casio watch and an Apple Mac Pro laptop computer stolen. Two nights later an advertising sign was stolen from High Street which belonged to Edna Maes Salon. At 6:00pm on Monday, December 31st, there was an attempted robbery at Simply Fresh (formerly Talbot Stores ). One of two white males in their twenties grabbed a bundle of notes from the open till when it was open whilst a packet of crisps was being bought. Luckily, the quick thinking employee snatched the money back and told the males to leave, which they did. A man is being interviewed

regarding this incident. At 8:00am on January 2nd, it was discovered that there had been an attempt to break into the honesty box at Saddlers Barn Farm. This box is extremely secure and there had been no money in, anyway. Overnight on January 21st, four hubcaps were stolen from a Ford Fusion which was parked in St Marys Place. As always, if anyone can give information on these or any other crimes, please contact Police on 101. Recently a horse had been found caught up in barbed wire in a field above Clarvers Bank. It is thought that a dog, or dogs, could have frightened it. Please enjoy walking your dogs, but remember that you have a responsibility to keep them under control in a public place, and that it may be advisable to put leads on them when walking amongst livestock.

Most people know that Police accept property that has been found and handed in. However, there are quite a lot who lose items of their property without reporting it, which results in an amount of unclaimed property being disposed of after 28 days. We have keys, mobile phones, items of jewellery etc. handed in, so if you have lost something it is a good idea just to let us know in case someone hands it in. Recently £40 cash was returned to the finder because nobody had reported losing it. Yes, there are honest people around!

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### THE ROAD TO SUCCESS...



### February in the Wyre Forest - Linda Iles writes



With the seal still making visits top up the river to Bewdley and pickings for the badgers using higher at the time of writing, it the turf-peeling technique. The seems that nature is always Uncllys ready to prove that it has volunteer group can now add surprises up its sleeve.

on quietly with their nocturnal of countryside tasks. (As Sally, foraging and hunting with only our farm manager, says, "think a few discrete digging holes divot stomping without the polo they where showing unearthed a pignut root or other tasty morsel in the fields. This by Stefan Buczacki reveals that winter however has seen large the areas of our and neighbours' appeared in the 16th century and land despoiled; the top two came to supplant the older name Linda Iles inches of turf rolled back from "brock", which went back to the the soil below and sometimes Celtic language. Another of our pulled right away. I know that mammals to change its name is sickness is to sit under a tree." earthworms are the badgers' the rabbit, although it didn't Spike Milligan favourite (or at least, most have a name at all in this country plentiful) food and this must until Saxon times when it was he would have made it easier have something to do with the introduced. The modern name to get to the airport." answer. At a guess, the ground is was used only for the young, or Jonathan Winters so saturated with water that the kits, with "coney" being the earthworms and other mobile correct name for the adult. The even the chairs are electric." soil dwellers are forced up to the change came in the 18th century -

layer and make easy Thursday Farm "putting the badgers' turf back" Our local badgers usually get to their long and interesting list have match and dress code!")

> Incidentally, "Fauna Britannica" "badger" name

who knows why? Please let me know if you do.

I hope there will be some good, dry weather in which to enjoy the forest this month.

Health Walks continue every Tuesday and Sunday, meeting at the Forest Cafe at 10.30 for an 11.00am start. The walks are free, led by trained leaders, and are especially for those who wish to improve their fitness, perhaps after illness. They are also very sociable occasions and have a large following.

Forest Friends meet at 10.00am each Thursday in term time for an hour of forest activities for pre-school children and carers, run by Discovery Centre staff. Meet at the Forest Cafe. £2.00 per child.

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### **Clarion Clippings - The Local News**

### FREDA'S WIN PASSES TO WILLOWDENE



Presentation party. Brian Hamilton-Russell, chair of Stottesdon Parish Council, with Council clerk Freda Morris centre and Sarah Home of Willowdene.

In a fine gesture of generosity, Freda Morris, clerk to the Parish Council of Stottesdon, has presented the £1500 HeartSine defibrilator she won in a nationwide draw, to the Willowdene rehabilitation centre in Chorley.

Clerks across the UK were invited to submit their names in a draw, which Freda did as a matter of course and had quite forgotten about it until she had an email telling her she'd won.

"Our name was picked at random by the CEO of the Arrythmia Alliance, who are organising a 'Hearts and Goals' campaign," explained Freda. "This equipment coached people to exert professional standards of Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation, which improves survival chances for a victim of Sudden Cardiac Arrest."

It was handed over to Sarah Home of Willowdene, who confirmed that staff at the centre will be able to receive training in its use.

### THE DODDINGTON FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Club members and visitors started off the New Year with a

visit to Wolverhampton. We made a day of it by going first to Jenny's Restaurant, where we enjoyed a three course meal before making our way to the Grand Theatre to see a performance of 'Jack and the Beanstalk." A lively and happy day to start our 2013 programme.

The next meeting is our Annual General Meeting on March 5th. Following that, on March 19th we have 'Fun With Clay', a hands-on afternoon which promises to be good fun.

Our meetings commence at 2.00 and new members and visitors are always very welcome.

Alison Osborne, Chairman

### CUBS AND SCOUTS Kate Pearce reports:

Happy New Year from the Cubs. It is the middle of winter and we have been sledging all day but we look forward to a summer of outdoor activities.

Cub leaders are signed up to train to take the Cubs camping as a group. We also camp each year with our District at the Scouting site in Bridgnorth, where the leaders across South Shropshire have a wide range of skills between them and are experienced camp leaders. We are keen to go as a group, so that we can do more firelighting and backwoods cooking on an open fire.

Four new Cubs have just joined and we have a short joining-list as well as a regular intake from local Beaver groups. We have a full schedule of activities for the Cubs between now and the summer, including golf and volleyball as part of our Fitness Challenge badge. We are very grateful to the Golf Club and Sports Centre for organising these evening activities. The

Cubs are a very sporty bunch anyway and they have planned a Trophy Night themselves to share their sporting passions and successes and their favourite hobbies. We also plan to visit the fire station and have a visit from a paramedic to brush up our First Aid skills.

The Cubs would also like to do some watersports so we are looking at how we can safely get 20 children wet and entertained for a few hours. Canoeing may be the answer.

### PENTABUS AT FARLOW AND ORETON HALL

Pentabus Theatre present "For Once" by Tim Price on Friday March 8th. This is an acclaimed story about a family in an idyllic rural home, whose life is turned upside down when their son is the sole survivor of a traffic accident.

There will be a licensed bar open from 7.00 p.m and the show starts at 8 00 prompt.

Tickets cost £8 for adults and £6 young persons. (Minimum recommended age 14+) Limited Tickets, book Early: Ring 01746 718 642.

#### **FAITH IN THE NHS**

It is not right for an editor to plug an event where he is involved, but this occasion could be a great help to men of a certain age. At this month's Faith In The Pub meeting, in the KA on Monday the 4th, the editor of the Clarion will be talking about prostate cancer and his experience of diagnosis, treatment and aftercare, all with the National Health Service.

The talk won't be solemn or technical, because there's always something wry or amusing in life and questions are welcome. It starts at 8.00, but this being the KA the drinking starts a little earlier.

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#### MARY-ANNE ON THE MOVE

Mary-Anne Dyke has been serving as a chef at the Pioneer Centre, where she worked up to NVQ Level 2 in the art of preparing and cooking food. Now she's moved on to take over the kitchen at the Stable Tavern, where it seems her down to earth approach of traditional dishes prepared with fresh ingredients is going down well.

She's presenting lunches from Wednesday to Sunday, plus dinners on Saturday., Check with the pub for her exact hours; it's just off the High Street up the Talbot Passage.

#### **FAITH IN THE PUB**

Andy Stanton was the speaker at the January 7th meeting, a man who took a two week trip to visit a school in the new country of Southern Sudan. The place was founded by Joseph, a native of the area who earlier was vicar at St Cecilia's in Kidderminster. And he did it when the country was still in a war that lasted 50 years. Could there be any greater test of faith?

He took tools and school equipment, provided by local companies and friends. The place started under a tree, quite normal if no buildings are available, but now has a more permanent structure that the tools helped to complete. An electric drill with solar recharge was an enormous boost to men with only a few hand tools.

"An amazing experience. The teachers do brilliantly with so few facilities; it was wonderful to see their dedication," he told a fascinated audience. It was an hour that passed swiftly and left you humbled that people with so little achieve so much.

Any teacher who wants to establish a link can contact andystan@blueyonder.co.uk.

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If anyone can donate tools or writing equipment, or would like a list of what they need, he'd be glad to hear from you. *Jim Reynolds* 

#### THE BEWDLEY WASSAIL



The Wytchwood Morris starred and certanly drew a crowd.

Bewdley added to the New Year celebrations a few days later. On January 5th the Wytchwood Morris followed the mayor's lead as they paraded from Gardeners Meadow to the town museum. There they danced and sang as they invited the crowd to wassail the apple trees.

Wassailing is an ancient ceremony, intended to waken the trees and encourage sap to flow and help develop a good crop. There was a Wassail Cup, made by Rebecca Harris from recycled cherry wood. All good stuff for a forest and fruit area.

Organiser Ellie Hooper was happy with the first Wassail of recent times and is planning an even bigger event for next year. Great idea.

#### THE WRITING GROUP

It's the brain child of our new librarian, Vicky Alexander. A gathering of people who like to write, prose or poetry, given a subject every month to bring along whatever brief piece they've created and read it out.

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### IN BUSINESS: Kim Stanley's Health and Beauty



Kim Stanley and Leanne Newman first worked together in 2003 and have qualifications and experience in abundance.

Kim Stanley has been in the beauty business 23 years. Her first job was in Tenbury Wells, and from there she progressed into self employment at Shirley Pugh's hair salon in 1995. By 2003 she had a strong enough following to move across High Street to Number 30, where Leanne Newman joined her. Two qualified beauty therapists were needed to cope with the work load there and the pair got along very well.

There was a break in the business for the very best of reasons when Kim left to start a family, and the salon was sold. But people kept asking Kim when she was coming back, and only when her daughter was old enough to go to school did she entertain the idea. Her old premises were available and the same popular duo back there has proved to be a big draw.

The smart premises offer other services, with Jill Sharp providing physiotherapy and acupuncture and Kate Jones the wonders of Reiki. More about those ladies in a later issue.

Read the list of treatments the beauty therapy team offer and you wonder how they can those handle all different treatments, but that's a reflection of both years of experience and a willingness to train and learn. This month's celebration of their appointment as the regional specialist for Spa Find natural mineral therapy is development of their knowledge, and a tribute to their reputation.

Spa Find Skincare treatments are all based on natural products, sourced from the area of the Dead Sea. This is not part of an industrial giant, adding laboratory developed elements to bulk the product up, it is made from 100 percent natural products. It's a UK family owned business, founded in 1981 and supplied only to places who have proved they do a thorough job.

Kim bubbles with enthusiasm for the range, like the seasalt and cranberry cream she rubbed into my hand, then brushed the salt away to leave the skin feeling deeply cleaner. And she's really keen to explain how competitive the prices are:

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The list goes on. Like 250ml of toner for £15.30, compared with a normal charge of £19.00 for 200ml, a price to interest anyone in these days of tightening budgets. Or how about 75ml of day cream at £19.50, compared with the usual 50ml for anything between £30 and 40. And all Spa Find creams include a sun protector; you don't have to buy it as an extra.

Kim is recently back from an introductory course and tried the full body inch-loss treatment for herself. "I lost a total of seven inches, and that included two inches off my hips," she enthused.

The basis of this natural therapy is a range of minerals. The principals of those are magnesium, which is great for sensitive skins, which it helps to desensitise and acts as an antiallergen; potassium and sodium are good for oily or dry skin, as potassium helps remove excess fluids from the cells, while sodium hydrates flaky skin by drawing in moisture.

Calcium is regarded as an antiageing element, making the skin elastic and youthful looking; natural iodine helps the lymphatic system function. Sulphur has long been recognised as a healing mineral, particularly in the way it helps with acne and fights skin conditions such as athletes foot and verucas, while bromide is a widely recognised relaxant that calms the nerves and can have an effect in as short a time as ten minutes.

That's enough about minerals, just a sample drawn from the list of 21 to be found in Spa Find. And animal lovers should be happy to learn that nothing is tested on them and no animal product is used.

You can hear more about this new range and try its use for yourself at her Launch Evening on Tuesday the 12th of this month, from 6.00 to 8.00, when everyone will be made welcome and offered drinks and nibbles.

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