

The Cleobury Clarion

PROGRESS OF A SORT

The long standing argument about the new Medical Centre is beginning to produce some positive signs. Mainly, it should be said, because doctors at the Centre and the Cleobury Patients Voice have brought the whole matter out of the shadows and into light.

Good news is that the Parish Council has appointed a valuer to act on their behalf, chartered surveyor Eileen Claridge. She is reported to have assured the Council that the matter will get her utmost attention, in view of the time scale involved. Opinions seem to vary on just what that time scale is, but with the Primary Care Trust due to be closed, there would obviously be a need to get their signed and sealed commitment to financing the project before they go.

April's Council meeting saw the pre-meeting public discussion period last more than an hour, with solicitor Justin Parker fielding the

questions and explaining the council's position.

There was a strange moment when the council was asked if it intended to take notice of the feeling reflected in the petition presented after the March public meeting. We haven't seen the petition, was council chairman Ken Reynolds' reply, to stunned disbelief. Jenny McCrorie's husband helpfully handed a copy to every council member. We have to hope that the members will read it.

THANK YOU

If you want a measure of the big heart of Cleobury Mortimer, talk to people trying to raise money for charity. I have recent experience of that generosity with the Porky's Pledge campaign to raise funds for the Severn Hospice.

Money is still coming in, but with people coming up in the street and promising more, I can say with confidence that the Hospice will get a cheque for at least £500. Thank you, everyone.

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MOUNTAIN RESCUE

Carol Franklin has recently been hobbling around on crutches and then a walking stick. This is her story of the injury and about Mountain Rescue from a user viewpoint:

Last November my husband Bob and my friend Barbara decided to go to Snowdonia for a few days walking, staying at West Bromwich Mountaineering Club's cottage in the Nant Gwynant Valley.

We set out on a clear day to go to Yr Aran, a minor peak south of Snowdon, which we know well. We started up the Watkin Path, which leads to Snowdon, and halfway up there is a left fork which leads to Yr Aran. On the approach we were aware of a light dusting of snow, but this did not concern us.

We got to the top, had something to eat and drink and admired the sun filtering over the sea in the far distance. We began to feel the cold and decided to descend to the cottage for dinner, one or two glasses of wine and the wood burning stove. We were within a few yards of leaving the snow behind and reaching grass, when I slipped on a slightly raised stone and broke my ankle; my foot went one way and my leg stayed where it was. I couldn't believe this had happened after many years of mountain walking. Bob decided to go down and alert the Llanberis Mountain Rescue Team and they contacted RAF Valley who scrambled a helicopter. In what seemed a few seconds Bob had disappeared and Barbara and I were left on Yr

Aran. As we tried to keep warm we became aware that what had been a lovely day with clear skies was becoming rather menacing, with flurries of sleet in the gathering darkness. We had heard helicopters and aircraft activity during the day, but although we were willing them to come to us, they all seemed to be going the other way.

Just as I was wondering what a night on the mountain would be like, as it was now 5.00 and dark, the rescue came out of the gloom. Within a few minutes we were both hoisted up into the helicopter, with Barbara's last words being that she didn't like flying! We were taken to Bangor Hospital, where the nurses wanted to know if the pilot had been Prince William. My response was that I didn't know or care, I just wanted to get to hospital.

I cannot praise RAF Valley and Bangor Hospital enough for the treatment I received; they were truly professional. Please note that Llanberis Rescue Team is funded by donations only and if anyone wants to know their address, please contact me on CM 270362.

Carol Franklin

FAMILY SEARCH

I live in Norfolk and am researching my ancestors, who might have lived in the Cleobury Mortimer area. My father's surname was Bradford and he was born in Kinlet in 1913. I believe he had somewhere in the region of 13 brothers and sisters all born in this area. I would be very interested to make contact with anyone who may have

known the family (or may be related) email: barncottage17c@hotmail.com

Shirley Ellis

COME & SING FAURE REQUIEM & VIVALDI GLORIA

A rather special event will be held in St Mary's Church, Kidderminster, on May 21st.

Ann explains:

We would like to invite as many singers as possible to come and join us for this event which is being held to help raise money for Trinity Methodist Church Restoration Fund. As you may know, the church was the victim of an arson attack and although now re-opened, it still has some way to go with its fund raising.

Singers will meet at 2.00 p.m. for practice during the afternoon and then have a break for tea; the performance will begin at 7.00 p.m. If you can't sing, don't worry, we are also looking for a large audience!

Anyone wishing to take part should contact us as soon as possible. We have hired music, so if you don't have your own copies you can still come and sing. We look forward to meeting you.

Ann on 01299 404226 or email lymanhughes34@aol.com

ROCK PATHFINDERS

The May walks will be on Thursdays, starting at 10.30am.

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Made it. Doctor Baldwin with faithful bicycle poses with Paris's most noted landmark behind him. He looks remarkably fresh.

BY BICYCLE FOR BLETCHLEY

I recently completed a 300-mile sponsored cycle ride to Paris, to raise funds for Bletchley Park, Britain's WW2 code-breaking centre. I rode with old college friend, John Cutler, and we started from John's home near Northampton, on Friday March 25th, so had already covered 25 miles by the time we reached Bletchley Park for an official send-off. In bright sunshine, Trust Director Simon Greenish, and other staff and visitors, waved flags and cheered as we left the Park heading south.

After 130 miles we reached Newhaven, where we caught the ferry to Dieppe, arriving in France on the afternoon of the 28th. Blessed with good weather, and not a single puncture, we had no problems over the 120 miles, which brought us to the Eiffel Tower on the 30th. As elderly gents, we had no wish to attempt any speed records, so

were quite content with daily runs of 50 to 60 miles, with a maximum of 63.

I started training in November, and slowly built up the distance. One hitch occurred in January, a crack in the frame of the bike borrowed from retired postwoman Daphne Tuck. She was very good about this, even though the bike was a write-off. Luckily, another friend stepped in to lend a virtually new bike.

I originally saw cycling to Paris as a physical challenge, but my wife, Myfanwy, pointed out that it was also a great opportunity to publicise Bletchley Park, and to raise funds by seeking sponsorship. The Trust gave its blessing, and advised me to use the JustGiving website. I also sought local backing, and have been surprised and delighted by how many people have sponsored this trip (over 130 so far), amongst them donors from USA, Canada, Poland, France and Norway. A full list of

sponsors to date can be seen in the Bookshop window. The list is still open, and the sponsorship still rising, but it looks as if the ride will have raised around £4000 for the Bletchley Park Trust.

It shows what broad support there is for Bletchley Park. I have had donations from people I don't even know, so it's by no means just personal loyalty from friends and relations. Thanks to the weather, the trip went well, and thanks to the sponsors, it was well worth while.

Mark Baldwin

UPDATE AND THANKS

Margaret Coleman adds to a report in the April Clarion:

I would like to thank everybody for donating prizes and cash to the Charity Bingo I organised on March 24th. And the Sports and Social Club, who let me hold the event there.

Dave Morris gave me a drink and did the calling for me that night; the ladies from Severn Hospice gave me some lovely flowers. Finally my thanks to all who helped on the night, selling books of tickets. The final total was £350.

Margaret

GREAT RESULT FOR SAVE THE CHILDREN QUIZ

A Quiz Night to raise funds for the Save the Children charity at Neen Sollars village hall on April 1st had a good turnout. Even better, it raised £470 for the cause.

And the good news doesn't stop there. The event was supported by Lloyds TSB, whose chosen charity this is; they matched the profits with a donation to round the figure up to a very impressive £940.

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THE ARABIAN NIGHTS

Another outstanding production at Lacon Childe School. Valerie Reynolds was there:

Most people know the plot. The King, betrayed by his unfaithful wife, takes a succession of brides; all are executed after just one night.

After one thousand young women have been beheaded, he marries Shahrazad, a gifted storyteller. She tells him a tale just before daybreak which is so fascinating that the King spares her life for just one more night in order to hear the end. Shahrazad continues to tell spellbinding stories, until the King decides that her life is too important to him to be lost to the executioner's axe. The cast performed six of the tales, some familiar like Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves and others less well known like the story of the Envious Sisters.

Before a stunning set, the talented cast of young teenagers rose to the challenge of a very demanding script to give the audience a very professional performance. Each one of the 23 actors displayed great maturity and maintained the responsibility of remaining in role, even though almost all of them played more than one part.

Credit for this impressive entertainment must go to the school's Expressive Arts department. Simon Wrafter was responsible for the set, design and posters, Judi Brown provided highly effective lighting and Cath Evans created

beautiful costumes. To musical director and composer, Ben Craig, goes credit for leading the young musicians to new heights of excellence.

But none of this would have been possible without the expertise of the Director, Arthur Short. He demanded the highest standards of commitment and respect from young performers who took complete responsibility for the performance once on stage. Yet another triumph for Lacon Childe School.

Valerie Reynolds

EMPLOYMENT LAND OPPORTUNITIES

Cllr Gwilym Butler has some interesting news for land owners:

Shropshire Council currently has two schemes running where grants can be awarded for creating economic improvements in an area. The first covers Cleobury Mortimer market town only and the other the rural surrounding parishes.

If a land owner has land or properties which may be suitable to convert into business use for small or incubator units there may be opportunities for the Council to grant aid monies on a match funded basis to get projects off the ground and help create local growth and employment.

Anyone who would like further information please contact me, Cllr Gwilym Butler on 07800589178 or e-mail Gwilym.Butler@Shropshire.gov.uk.

THE PRIMARY SCHOOL FETE

This very popular gathering will be a little different in 2011. Kate Ramsey explains:

We are trying a new format this year. The fete will be on Friday May 20th, from 5.00pm. As part of the event we will be holding a Pet Show, organised by Trophy Pet Foods and an Under 11's football tournament. We will still have all the usual stalls: welly wanging, tombolas, cakes, ice cream, books, a bouncy slide, hot food and a bar. Everyone is welcome.

Kate Ramsey

Chair, Friends of CMPS

CLEE HILL COMMONERS A.G.M.

Deana Welding writes to advise that the Clee Hill Commoners Association will be holding their Annual General Meeting at Cleeton village hall, starting at 8.00pm on May 24th.

Further details from Deana herself on 01584 890894 or 07887 612 788.



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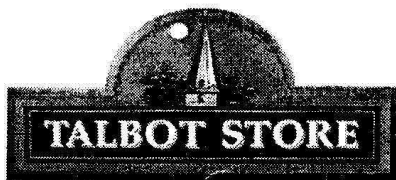
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MAY IN THE FOREST

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The warm midday sun will bring hordes of insects to the hedgerow May blossom to feed on the nectar, while the common brambles fulfil the same function in the woods.

Meanwhile, the butterflies are beginning to seek out places to lay their eggs. Violets are particularly important as food plants for the fritillary butterflies, but the silver washed fritillary lays her eggs not on the violet leaves but hidden in the bark of an oak tree nearby. Orange tip butterflies lay eggs on garlic mustard (Jack by the hedge), and the caterpillars of brimstone butterflies will already be munching alder buckthorn leaves.

You can enjoy a real feast for the senses on the Dawn Chorus

Walk with Rosemary Winnall on Saturday May 7th. Adults and children of eight or older can join the walk which starts from the Visitor Centre at 5.30am (by which time the birds will be in full song) returning at 7.30am with an optional bird ringing demonstration afterwards. Bring a picnic breakfast to eat on the balcony of the new Community Discovery Centre. £8 per person, places must be booked on 01299 266929.

May 31st: Pond Dip and Minibeast Hunt. Dip a net in the Discovery Centre pond and find out what lives there, then go on a hunt in the forest to see what lives on dry land. £3.50 per child, booking essential.

Friday June 3rd. Den building. Make yourself a sturdy weatherproof shelter in the forest out of natural materials. £3.50 per child, booking essential.

Also on June 3rd is a Community Discovery Centre Open Afternoon. A chance to try out our Positive Solutions Sustainability Trail around the new building. 1.00 to 3.30pm, no booking required. *Linda Iles*

CLOWS TOP GARDENING CLUB

This year's Spring Show had good entries; congratulations to

members for their support and the best show for a few years. The hard winter gave a good display of daffodils.

Winners were; 3rd Dorothy Twyman, 2nd Judith Lawson and 1st Marion Wilson, with Best Exhibit won by Margaret Taylor. The Club would like to express thanks to Cyril Norman for judging the show.

The speaker for the evening was Ray Sturdy with a talk entitled Worcester Remembered. Slides showed life around Worcester and surrounding villages in the early 1900s.

Please don't forget our Plant Sale with coffee morning and Bring & Buy sale on Saturday May 21st, 10.30am at Clows Top Victory Hall.

Diary Date: May 25th, speaker Mark Zenick, will give a talk on Day Lilies

MAWLEY GARDEN OPEN

The lovely garden at Mawley Hall will be open on Sunday, May 15th from 12.00 to 5.00. The views from that high point are simply stunning.

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After April's business, members sat enthralled as Ellie Targrett told why she and her two siblings decided to retrace the route their father had taken through the mountains to Sweden when he escaped from the Germans during World War Two. Her father was Norwegian Minister in charge of Fishing when the Germans invaded and like many other Norwegians he became unhappy with the way they were being treated, so joined the resistance. He was able on his many journeys to photograph the German activities, transfer them to microfilm and send the information out of the country under a postage stamp. Unfortunately, he was arrested by the Germans and sentenced to death. It was on the journey to his execution that he managed to escape and made for the mountains. He travelled through snow and ice and made his way through streams so he left no scent for the bloodhounds. Several of his countrymen helped him with shelter, food and maps and eventually he made his way over the border into Sweden and safety.

The book *Another Man's Shoes* is so called because when

his children retraced his steps they met children of some of the families who had helped their father and one from the first such family presented Ellie with a pair of shoes, the very ones her father had been wearing when he made his escape. They would have been no good in the mountains and they had given him a pair of walking boots. Retracing his steps was a very emotional journey over very difficult terrain and the children wondered at the accomplishment of their father. He must have been a very determined man and his children were equally determined to follow in his footsteps.

Ellie brought with her many other interesting artefacts as well as his shoes and the photographs of the mountainous route showed us the difficulties they all encountered. A truly riveting story.

Flower of the Month was won by Heather, with Stella second and Liz third. Flowers in a Wine Glass was won by Julie.

Our next meeting is on May 10th, in the Parish Hall.

Liz Smurthwaite

KINLET FAMILY PLAYGROUP

After the Easter break we welcomed the children back and

began Summer Term by holding an event for our families, "Spring in Your Step". We thoroughly enjoyed a leisurely walk to Kinlet Church and the chance for children, staff and families to mix in an informal atmosphere. Thank you to all who attended.

Kinlet School will be holding their summer school fete and dog show on Saturday 14th May, starting at 10.00am. Please contact the school for more info.

And do check out our new website for any info on Kinlet Family Playgroup, at www.kinletfamilyplaygroup.co.uk

Zoe Pearson

THE MAVIS CARTWRIGHT MEMORIAL

The Friends of Cleobury Mortimer Library have chosen the winners of the 2011 Mavis Cartwright Competition. This year it took the form of a drawing to recommend the children's favourite book.

Under 7 years:

1st George Hall; 2nd Peggy Griffiths; 3rd Robbie May

Under 11 years:

1st George Adams; 2nd Sam Lloyd; 3rd Tom Forrester.

The overall winner was George Adams

Jenny Robinson

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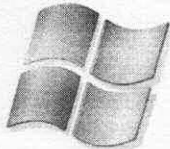
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Philip Dunne s Letter from Westminster

The wedding of the heir-but-one to the throne provides an opportunity for celebration, national rejoicing and reflection. I write before the event, but have seen plans for the day, including the pageantry in Westminster and street parties in many parts of the country. Any marriage is a joyful event for the couple concerned and their family and friends. This one of course is even more special.

The eyes of the world will be on Britain that day. Prince William as second-in-line to the throne is not only likely to become our Monarch in the fullness of time, but he is also in line to become Head of State for many Commonwealth countries around the world. The Prince and his bride provide the opportunity for new generations of young people to understand the principle of constitutional monarchy which has served Britain so well. Their adult life has been lived in the 21st Century - they are the contemporary face and represent the future of the Royal Family in Britain.

Britain does pageantry well, and never more so than when it involves the monarch and her family. In the past, pageantry emphasised Britain s role in the world - now it will create a spectacle linking our past to the present and to which many other nations aspire, but few can come close to emulating. One of the things I remember most

vividly from the Royal Wedding in 1981 was being in a crowd of half a million people watching the fireworks in Hyde Park the night before. This left a lasting impression on me of how the country can use such occasions to pull together in celebration. I shall be watching on television, as will millions in this country, and many more beyond, and wishing the happy couple well.

Some have called for the Act of Succession to be revisited to change the traditional rules which govern who becomes sovereign. Any change would affect Commonwealth countries as well as our own and would therefore be painstaking to achieve. My own view is this should primarily be down to the Royal Family to initiate themselves if they wish to see a change. I have seen at first hand the positive galvanising effect that members of the Royal Family can have in bringing people together in common cause, whether supporting a good cause or charity, our armed forces or in Britain s trade or national interest.

I am full of hope and enthusiasm that the next generation of the British Royal Family, as already being demonstrated by Prince and Princess William of Wales in the exemplary way they have conducted themselves during their engagement, will continue this strong tradition.

Philip Dunne

Heather Kidd s Local View

The demise of our Schools

As you read this we will be facing the closure of some if not all the schools on the Shropshire Council list. Shropshire s education has been under funded for years and the Council s answer is to close a number of schools and take funding from the small primary schools to improve funding for the larger primaries such as Cleobury. This may close more small schools.

The coalition Government has refused to allow this change in Shropshire this year. The Council has now found a way of increasing funding to the larger schools without change to small school budgets. All this as the cost of school transport climbs £10.2 million and £15,000 added for every 1p rise in fuel. You must wonder why we don t wait for the Government s new funding for schools across England. Lord Hill, an Education Minister, wrote to me in February, stating that the government was going to make funding more transparent and help make sure they would

reduce the funding differences of similar schools in different areas.

Then why are we continuing to close schools? Some will close for educational reasons when numbers drop too low, but the rationale behind these closures is not on a particular number of pupils and numbers vary school to school on the closure list. We know from the hundred page Cabinet document that other schools may well follow these.

No robust work has been done on the impact on the rural communities they serve. The Council has not given communities any idea how they will measure this. Some villages could lose shops and other businesses. The impact on other council services will not be calculated until it is too late.

The very least the Council should do is carry out this work and balance the damage of a closure against other costs. And wait to see what the coalition comes up with - our MPs appear hopeful that it will deliver for us.

Heather Kidd



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THE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

On April 11th the branch gathered to hear member Gill Guest talk about Garden Design - Tricks of the Trade. Most of us knew she had trained as a designer and looked forward to some interesting tips. Gill accompanied words with well chosen photographs and began with the view out of the window above the kitchen sink! We spend a lot of time in this area and the question posed was 'Where do you see the most?' When you have established this point, create an interesting foreground, then a middleground and lastly the background. This gives you an inviting picture to look at, to sit and admire with a cuppa during a busy day. These depths can be created by using tubs, seats and different heights of plants.

Circles retain the eye longer, so a circular border or pond will engage the viewer more than a straight line that leads the eye to the end of your garden, where hopefully you have something of note to be seen. Diagonal lines make a garden look larger and a snaking path gives one a sense of journey. All these facts were supported by pictures of gardens, many of which can be seen in the locality. Gill completed her talk by showing us well positioned pots to create a focal point or to hide something; she also had some good uses of trellis to disguise objects such as oil tanks. Her last hint was not to put pots on manhole covers, as it draws attention to them rather than offering disguise. Her solution

was to hide the offending cover with pebbles of varying sizes and place a strategic pot to one side or corner, very effective and easy to move if necessary.

Gill was able to give advice to many members and we all gained a lot from her presentation. An evening well spent.

Liz Smurthwaite

A DOGGY DAY AT KINLET SCHOOL

Children at Kinlet School recently entered a competition to create the front cover of the programme for the School May Fair and Dog Show on May 14th. The winning entry was drawn by brother and sister, Harriet and Gregory Smith in Class 1.

The event starts at 10.30am with registration for the different dog classes. These include Waggiest Tail, Scruffy but Adorable, Most Like its Owner, Most Appealing Eyes, Best Dressed Toy Dog, Best Behaved and will finish with Show Champion with 1st and 2nd prizes. The day will also include music by local Irish band The Ranters, maypole dancing, face painting and a variety of refreshments including burgers, home made cakes and ice cream.

Debbie Lambert. Chair of the Parent Teacher Association, said: 'We held a dog show last year to help raise funds for the school. The event was so successful that we decided to do the same this year. We need lots of people to come and bring their dogs - it doesn't matter if they're pedigree or a Heinz 57 - they may be the winner'.

Sally Barras

FLOWER FESTIVAL

There will be a Flower Festival in Saint Mary's, Cleobury Mortimer, over the weekend of May 14th and 15th, open from 9.30 on Saturday and 11.00 on Sunday. It's organised by The Flower Ladies of the church and admission is free, with donations invited to the church flower fund.

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Details and applications forms can be obtained from Lloyds TSB Bank, Cleobury Mortimer, from Lacon Childe School, or from F P G Hill, Clerk to the Trustees of the Fund, at Carlton House, Worcester Street, Kidderminster DY10 1BA. The closing date is June 24th.

THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

We were saddened in April by the death of Daisy Biggs, who with her husband George was associated with the Club for many years.

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Plans are under way for a joint celebration of Easter and the Royal Wedding. *Janet Ralston*



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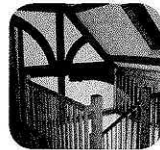
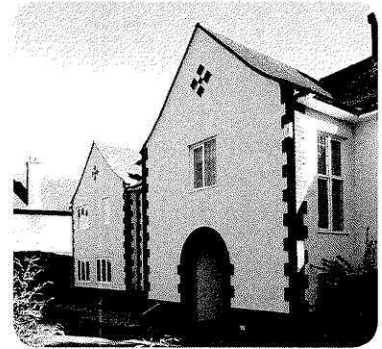
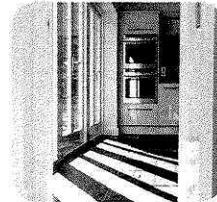
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A couple of seasonal warnings:

As the weather has been so unseasonably warm, do be aware of how hot it can get and NEVER leave your pet inside a car. It can take as little as 20 minutes for a dog to die in the intense heat of a car. If you think

your pet is suffering from heat stroke contact a vet straight away.

Pets with either white fur or sparse coats are more prone to sunburn. Apply sunscreen to areas such as ear tips and noses use a cream rather than a spray.

Gardening season is upon us and another warning about slug pellets. Try and use pet safe pellets whenever you can as the ordinary sort are extremely poisonous. If your pet eats any they must see a vet immediately.

Small pets such as rabbits and guinea pigs that are outdoors need to be provided with shelter from the sun and fresh water at all times.

Staff news

Catrin Sanderson and Beverley Mills gave birth to daughters in April. Both mothers and babies are doing well.

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Elayne Jonas

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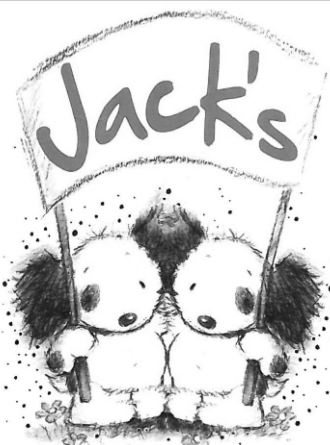
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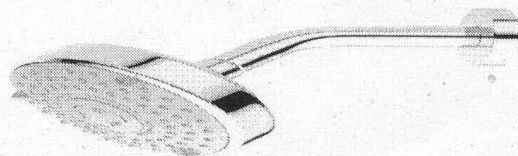


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CLEOBURY MORTIMER NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Over 60 residents crowded into the Methodist Hall on April 13th for the inaugural meeting of the Cleobury Mortimer Neighbourhood Watch, which currently has around 90 residences on its books and is growing daily.

Members were welcomed by co-ordinator, Betsy Pratt, and PC Tony Sewell talked about the importance of people helping the police by keeping an eye out for strangers acting suspiciously, unfamiliar vehicles parked in unusual places anything that might indicate a crime might be committed. He was supported by Chief Inspector Alan Edwards, who felt it was important for members of the community to look after each other, for the police and residents to work together, and to foster community spirit. He emphasised that Cleobury Mortimer is a low-crime area, with 49 recorded crimes between April 2010 and March 2011, of which 41 were burglaries; these were mainly committed by the same people who had probably travelled in to the area. Therefore residents have a clear role to play in reporting any intelligence they have to the police.

Interesting presentations were made by ADT Fire and Security Alarms and Smartwater, a non-hazardous, non-toxic water based solution that contains a unique forensic code. Invisible to the naked eye, it glows under UV light. Property marked with Smartwater can be traced back to the owner as the unique code is registered to that person. It provides forensic evidence that can be used in prosecution of criminals. Members of the Neighbourhood Watch are able to get a reduction in the cost of alarms and in the purchase of a Smartwater home kit.

If you'd like to join the Watch, contact Betsy Pratt on betsypratt5@hotmail.co.uk or pop along to the police station, leaving your details at the desk or in the blue post box on the wall.

Flo Hadley

LEGION BACKS WINDOW DRESSING COMPETITION

Part of the celebrations of the 90th anniversary of Cleobury's branch of the Royal British Legion, all shop-owners in the town's main street are invited to take part in a shop window competition this summer.

Although the various 90th anniversary events will be spread from May until November, the main celebrations will take place in the second week of July. On the

last day of that week, Saturday the 16th, the displays will be judged and certificates awarded. The theme the Legion would like traders to take is 'Our Armed Forces', at any time during the period 1914 to date.

Other events in the second week of July will be an exhibition of militaria and Home Front material, a band concert and fish & chip supper, a 1940s Enigma evening at the brewery, a church parade and a film show.

Mark Baldwin

WHO S THAT RINGING THE BELLS?

The bells in Cleobury's parish church are a popular venue with ringers from other towns, who sometimes fancy a change.

On May 21st the tower hosts a visit from a Kidderminster group of ringers, and you'll hear them in action from 10.00 to 10.45, and on the 30th visitors from Banbury will be heard from 2.30 to 3.15.

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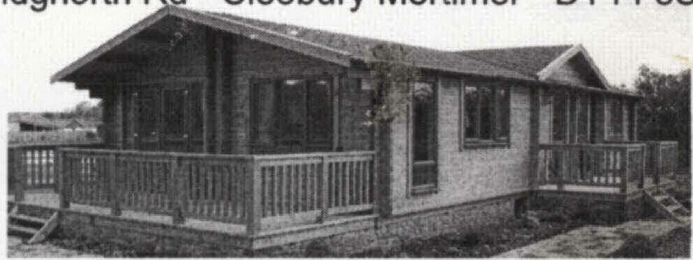
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THE FOOTPATH ASSOCIATION

Our team of volunteers have installed a new kissing gate just off Mortimer Hill -we also intend to install a gate at Whitegates, so that there will be a route from the town to the Bayton Road which is both attractive and without stiles.

Our next walk will be on Sunday May 8th (to avoid the Bank Holiday weekend) and all are welcome to join us at 2.00pm outside St Mary's. If the current dry weather holds, we can promise a most attractive walk.

Many of the landowners who own farmland close to Cleobury have serious problems with dogs being walked on their land. Particular hotspots are the field by Cleobury Meadows, from Walford Bridge to Papermills and Rockley Bank, Eagle Lane and Clarvers, and the paths at Sadlers Barn. When should a dog be kept on the lead? Always, where there are sheep in a field. It is against the law for it to be at large.

Where the field has no livestock in it, in theory you may have the dog off the lead. However, the dog should keep to the line of the

right of way, otherwise it is trespassing. Hence, unless you can ensure the dog walks by you, you should keep it on a lead. However, some landowners do not mind if the dog wanders a bit, but if there is a sign asking you to keep your dog on a lead, it should be obeyed.

If a field has cattle in it which show an unhealthy interest in your dog, the National Farmers Union recommend that you let the dog go to find its own way out, if it is faster than the cattle.

When should dog mess be picked up? The answer is almost always. It isn't only on hard surfaces that dog mess is a nuisance. It is not nice for a sheep or cow to be happily grazing on grass only to take a mouthful of dog poo. So you should carry poop bags with you and use them all the time.

Then you should TAKE IT HOME with you, not shove it in the nearest hedge or hedgerow. It will not rot down! It is very unpleasant to be cutting a hedge or strimming a hedgerow only to be splatted with dog mess. Something that has happened to quite a few people locally.

Graham Simpson

THE READING GROUP

Our reading task for April was Clive James's *Unreliable Memoirs*, the initial part of his autobiography and first published in 1981. A number of members were reading it for the second time, and most found it less amusing when seen through more mature eyes and greater life experience. A clear majority would not recommend it.

Lionel Shriver's *We Need To Talk About Kevin* will be a more demanding title. Opinions will be expressed during this month's meeting at the Library in Love Lane, starting at 7.30 on Monday the 16th. New members are, of course, very welcome.

CHAMBER NEEDS CHAPS

At a sparsely attended AGM of the Chamber of Trade on April 18th, Lesley Burnside was again voted in as Chair. She wants to see new blood to help guide the town's commercial future and would like volunteers to join the committee. Willing to help? Contact Mrs Burnside at Cleobury News on CM 270279 by May 9th, please.

It seems the future of the Guy Fawkes Bonfire and Fireworks Night is in doubt unless a new venue can be found. What a loss that would be.

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One of the regular jobs at Hill's was supplying and fittings inn signs for Smith's Brewery. One job was at The Bell in Cleobury, and Bob remembers it well:

Our ladders weren't long enough, so we parked the van on the pavement and stood on the roof to do the job!

His apprenticeship interrupted by National Military Service, Bob went back to complete his training, but didn't get his indenture papers because of that break. He worked on at Hill's until it closed and tried a variety of jobs until he and Cath moved their young family out to Bewdley, then on to Cleobury in 1977. One of his first sign writing jobs here was for Gordon Hems butchers shop in 1978, and a third of a century later it's still there. Proof that a quality job is cheaper in the long run: I think I charged him about fifty bob, laughs Bob. That's £2.50 in modern money.

He had worked as a volunteer at Severn Valley Railway, and in 1979 a railway inspector who knew his work phoned and offered him a job running the Carnforth depot of the new Orient Express Company. A twelve months contract turned into nearly three years, with older son David helping with the coach painting; he still does when there's a lot of work to get through.

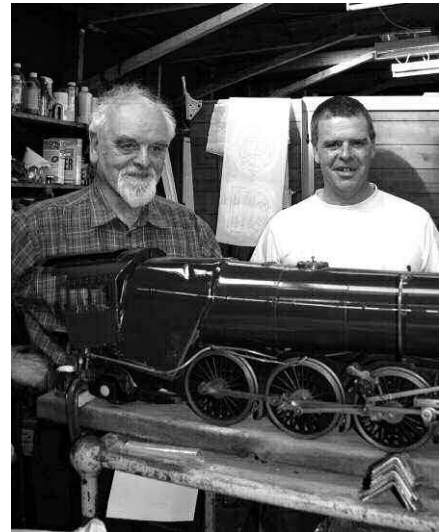
In 1983 youngest son Ralph came into the family business and was straight in at the deep end as the pair of them repainted the Royal Train at Madame Tussauds Royalty and Railways exhibition in the old Windsor Station.

Ralph learned from Bob and is another skilled man with no paper qualification to show. So how long did it take him to learn the craft? You're learning all the time in this job, he explains. You never stop.

First Bob and now Ralph are the contracted coach painters to the Orient Express company, with 11 Pullman luxury coaches, three luggage carriages and a generator unit car to keep up to a very high standard. The trains gleam as they carry another load of lucky passengers across Europe in cosseted comfort.

Those carriages need proper care to stay looking so good, and scratching from trackside growth can mean a revarnishing within two years. If the chemicals used to clean the roof are allowed to drip down the sides, the scarring has to be carefully rubbed out of the varnish and the protective coat refinished. You can't go down to the paint, or you'd end up with different shades on the panels, Ralph explains.

They use sable brushes for signwriting and bristle for coach painting, keeping abreast of paint developments to advise customers what gives the best result. Ralph showed us the special brush cases he carries in the car, one selection for enamel, the other for varnishes. Each sable set costs about £200 and



Keeping the tradition. Ralph has taken over from Bob after careful parental training.

their useful life varies according to workload; about four years is the most you can expect if you're working them full time.

Mention of full time brought up the matter of working hours.

About 45 hours a week, he suggests after some thought. It varies. We had this job in Somerset and I started that at 9.00, got it finished, then drove on to Battersea to do an urgent job and finished there at about 11.00 that night. If it's urgent, it's what you do. When these two work together their output is truly impressive. A 60 feet long coach, which stands about 8.6 tall, will have its two sides painted or varnished in just six hours. That's close to 1,000 square feet given a quality finish that shines like a mirror.

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Date	Time	Details	Contact	Telephone Number
Sun 1	10.00am	Charity Car Boot Sale at Forest dog Rescue, Green Gap Kennels, opposite old Horse and Jockey pub, Far Forest. www.forest-dog-rescue.org.uk		
Mon 2		Cleobury Mortimer Library closed today		
Tue 3		With a little luck and a skill beyond the Editor's understanding, the Clarion should be available on the web. www.cleoburyclarion.co.uk should prove that we've moved into the 21 st century. Hooray!		
Wed 4	10.00am	Walk and Talk walks meet at the Sports Centre for a half hour or hour walk and back for refreshments.		
	2.00pm	Thru the Door informal service for toddlers and parents at Cleobury's Parish Church	Gabrielle Eve	CM 270510
	8.00pm	Whist Drive at Doddington Village Hall. Good parking facilities.	Sonia Pearsall	01584 890874
Thu 5	10.30am	Rock Pathfinders walk starts at Talbot Hotel	Alan	01299 400304
Fri 6		GREEN WHEELIE BINS EMPTIED TODAY		
	8.00pm	Bingo Night at Cleeton St Mary Village Hall	Eula	01584 891200
Sat 7	3.00pm	Puppets at Farlow & Oretton Village Hall for kids 3 to 103		
		Open Day to show off new barn conversions, Detton Hall Farm		
	5.30am	(Yes!) Dawn Chorus Walk in Wyre Forest		01299 266929
Sun 8	2.00pm	The Footpath Association gather at the Parish Church. New faces welcome.		
Tue 10	7.25am	Breakfast Club meets at Lacon Childe School, where Richard Morley talks about South Shropshire Youth Forum.		
	7.30pm	Cleobury W.I. meet in the Parish Hall, Church Street. Talk: "Benefits of Aloe Vera".		
Wed 11	8.00pm	The Royal British Legion meets at The Bell Inn, Lower Street		
Thu 12		BLACK WHEELIE BINS AND GREEN RECYCLE BOXES EMPTIED TODAY		
	7.00pm	Lacon Childe School holds its Annual Prom with lots of unusual transport		
Sat 14	10.00am	Summer Fete and Dog Show at Kinlet Primary School		
Sat 14/ Sun 15	9.30am 11.00am	Flower Festival in the Cleobury Parish Church 9.30am Saturday, 11.00am Sunday		

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Sun 15	12.00pm	Open Day at Mawley Hall Gardens. £3.50 a head, for charity		
Mon 16	7.30pm	The Reading Group meet at the Library, Love Lane, to gently argue		
Wed 18	12.30pm	Ladies Luncheon Club, CM Golf Club	Alison Osborne	01584 890414
	8.00pm	Whist Drive at Doddington Village Hall.	Sonia Pearsall	01584 890874
Thur 19		GREEN WHEELIE BINS EMPTIED TODAY		
	7.45pm	Whist Drive at Sports & Social Club, Love Lane	Alan Evans	CM 270114
Thu 19 To Sat 21	7.30pm	Ludlow Assembly Rooms offers the Oscar winning "The King's Speech	Box Office	01584 878141
Fri 20	5.00pm	A New Look for the Primary School Fete, including Trophy Foods Pet Show		
	8.00pm	Bingo Night at Doddington Village Hall.	Sonia Pearsall	01584 890874
Sat 21	9.30am	Open Day at Moffats School, Kinlet, with tours by the pupils.		
	10.30am	Plant Sale and Bring n' Buy, Victory Hall, Clows Top		
	7.00pm	Big Choir Occasion at St Mary's Church, Kidderminster	Ann	01299 404226
	8.00pm	Alan Williams brings Country and Western to the Sports & Social Club		
Tue 24	8.00pm	Clee Hill Commoners AGM, Cleeton Village Hall	Deana	01584 890894
Wed 25	7.45pm	Clows Top Gardening Club hosts Mark Zenick, talking about "Day Lilies" at Victory Hall		
Thu 26		BLACK WHEELIE BINS AND GREEN RECYCLE BOXES EMPTIED TODAY		
	8.00pm	Whist Drive at Neen Savage Parish Hall	Clare Ratcliff	CM 270173
Fri 27	8.00pm	Bingo Night at Doddington Village Hall.	Sonia Pearsall	01584 890874
Sun 29		The Cleobury Country Ale Trail offers food, drink and Shropshire Countryside in one beautiful day. Starting from 10.00am at Kinlet Hall	Tickets	CM 272300
Mon 30		Cleobury Mortimer Library closed today.		
		AND LOOKING AHEAD TO JUNE....		
Wed 1	8.00pm	Whist Drive at Doddington Village Hall.	Sonia Pearsall	01584 890874
Fri 3		GREEN WHEELIE BINS EMPTIED TODAY		
	1.00pm	Wyre Forest Community Discovery Centre Open Afternoon		


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Clarion Coppers - PC Tony Sewell

There has been one burglary, which we believe is not related to the others; there is a suspect for the offence. Not much in the way of other crime this month.

The first Neighbour Hood Watch meeting was held at the Methodist Hall on April 13th. Over 50 people turned up to see presentations from ADT and Smartwater. The meeting was a great success with the watch gaining momentum. The NHW Facebook site is also going great with over 640 friends.

CSO Nick Morris is back with us ready to get back into the community. Since his return a known male found it funny to ridicule and swear at him. This will not be tolerated and I will be looking to get this male before the court and look for a banning order from licenced premises around the town and a fine. Nobody deserves to be abused at work and whoever does will be dealt with robustly.

There have been a number of minor anti social behaviour incidents from local children, they have been banned from the library for the time being and warned about their conduct,

which is changing for the better Do you know where your child is of a night time, and who they are with?

A local male was also found to have purchased alcohol for youngsters outside the local off licence premises. He has been identified and issued with an £80 on the spot fine. An expensive night out for him.

We have been continuing our speed enforcement, this time on the outskirts of the town on Sunday mornings to reduce the noise and speed for local residents.

On good notes, young people from Lacon Childe School have joined me litter picking on the field, together making a difference in the community that we live in. It has been great for me to be able to walk around and talk with the local community and listen to their concerns, with a view to finding a solution, whatever the problem.

This is a great town, full of good people with one of the lowest crime levels in the country. Let's work together and keep it that way.

PC 3977 Tony Sewell



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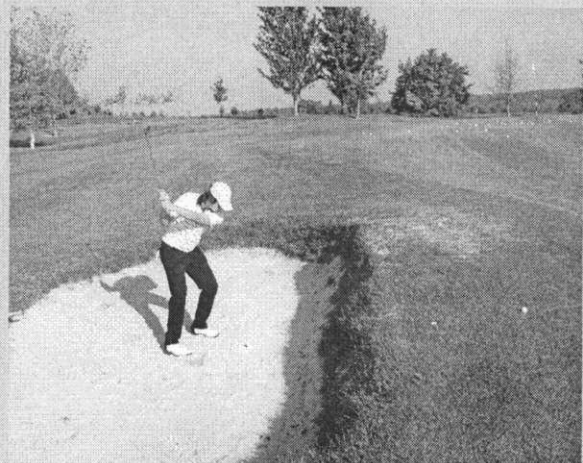
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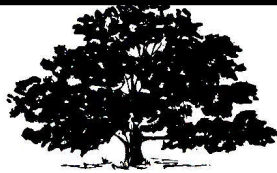
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LARGESSE OF THE LODGE

Every year the Cleobury Mortimer Lodge of Freemasons hosts a rather special evening, when they hand out cheques to a range of local good causes. In a welcome speech that traced the history of the Lodge from its 1950 origins in the Market Hall, retiring Worshipful Master Kevin Gwilliam explained how this habit was established.

As the Lodge had to quit the Market Hall when its electrical wiring was condemned, Rupert Galliers-Pratt offered free use of a room at Mawley Hall. The rental money was set aside and donated to causes within the community. The Masons have since moved on to the Golf Club, but kept their generous habit,

and this year each cheque was for £325.

Mrs Bavita Williams collected one for the Primary School, with four pupils there to chorus their thanks. Rosemary Abbiss explained what a help the money would be to Nightingale Nurses, whose workload has increased with the current cutbacks in care. Steve Todd told about the £50,000 the Friends of St Mary's are aiming to raise to rewire the Parish Church, and Wendy Dallington reminded us that our local First Responders have to raise the money for the equipment they use as volunteers who can save lives. And finally Ingrid Purslow said that all members of the Scouts and Guides will benefit from this kindness.

It's an outstanding example of people helping others in the community, recognising just some of the work that goes on behind the scenes every day.

HEALTHY HIGHLEY

Highley Patients Group are arranging an event on 17th May at the Severn Centre between 6.00 and 9.00pm. The Medical Centre will offer ten minute check ups to check cholesterol

levels, blood pressure and the like. We also expect advice from Slimming World, Highley Pharmacy on stopping smoking, The Stroke Association, Walking for Health and Dementia.

The Doctors will be present for an informal discussion on any concerns that you have. Admission is free.

Mike Moore, Chair, Patients Group

DAVID TAKES OVER

David Taylor has taken over as Musical Director of the Bell Inn Brass Band, after Steve Gittens resigned because of the pressure of work. A local man, David is probably best known as the cornet player at the town's Remembrance Day parade and he led the band recently, when they played for Red Nose Day. Ex Lacon Childe School, he read Band Studies at Sheffield University and has played with some of the top bands in the area.

The band rehearse at The Bell on Thursday nights, 7.00 to 9.30, and welcome new players and visitors who would like to listen.

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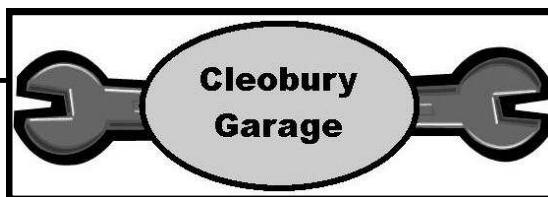
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SEVERN HOSPICE

It's some birthday that has High Street traffic slowing to see what all the fuss is about. That's what the Severn Hospice shop managed when they held their first anniversary celebration in April.

Town Crier Reg Chapman and escort Gill were as immaculate as ever and after the usual bell ringing Reg told the crowd that they could donate goods and sign a mandate for the charity to claim back tax. When he explained that would bring a tear to the taxman's eye, there was a big cheer for the idea.

Tea and cakes were served in the shop once the crowd was allowed in, but the special window display of goodies remained where it was. You had to look very closely to realise that these were not cakes and fancies, but most of them were actually knitted. As Julie Shaw put it: "You can eat those - there are no calories at all in them."

Out on the pavement, two energetic sessions by the Crooked Steeple Morris Dancing team drew more crowds. They have an impressive way of making space each time they dance: just line up and once the

music starts, they begin their routine. Eight very determined ladies advancing like invading troops soon clears the space they need.

It was a good day, with manager Gayna Woodland smiling at the customers at the ringing of the till and at the volunteers who help to run a very welcoming addition to the town. The takings were good and between them just the refreshments and raffle added more than £200.

Long may they thrive.

Jim Reynolds

SNIPPETS - LITTLE BITS OF NEWS

The Ladies Luncheon Club has moved both date and venue. They now meet on the third Wednesday of the month, at The Crown Hotel in Hopton Wafers. Alison Osborne on 01584 890414 will happily tell you more...

Farlow and Oreton village hall hosts Freehand Theatre with Puppets on May 7th. It's called "Who's Been Sitting in My Chair?" and is aimed at all ages.

Tickets: Children £4.00 each, Adults £6.00 and Families £25. Lucy on 01746 718642 for both information and tickets...

Far Forest Dog Rescue have a Charity Car Boot Sale at their Far Forest Green Gap Kennels on May 1st. Booters set up from 9.00 and pay £5.00 a time, buyers are let in from 10.00...

Level Two Award in Food Hygiene is the subject of a

course running at the Cleobury Country Centre on the 10th of this month. Essential stuff for those working in the catering and food supply business, it costs £55.00 a head. Full details from Clare Todd on CM 272300.

New Librarian at Lacon Childe School is ex pupil Kate Pearce, who grew up in Cleobury. She's just back from Cambridge, where she worked for the police.



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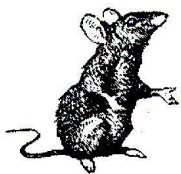
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Clive Davies' Westwood Farm Diary

What's there for the next generation? A simple question, but for farming the answer must be fairly involved and wide ranging. In fact, it is quite amazing how enthusiastic today's youngsters are. Their energy and drive is what is needed to develop innovation. Many embarking on farming careers are going about their chosen paths with the right attitude. Realistically, what are their chances of success? First, enthusiasm is vital. I have been fortunate in recent weeks to see how tomorrow's farmers are taking their future profession seriously. Firstly, I was involved with some beef and sheep courses arranged by Walford College in North Shropshire. The content was designed for farm apprentices and judging by the points and questions raised by the participants, farming is likely to be in good hands in this part of the World. All who contributed with presentations and advice could not fail to be impressed with the students' thought process and hunger to know more. It's the time of year when Young Farmers Club members turn to stockjudging practices. These are in readiness for annual competitions which get underway from mid May. The most successful competitors will then be out and about throughout the rest of the year challenging their colleagues in many events right up to the National Finals. For the seventy or so years that there has been a young people's movement in the countryside, livestock assessment has played a major part in its programme. It should be the role of those that have been there before to offer help and advice to

today's Members to continue this important activity. We have had some groups at Westwood and hope they might have benefitted from the experience. The majority of today's Young Farmers Club members are not farming themselves so agricultural related activities give a very good opportunity for those outside of farming a chance to experience what the business is about. Part of a day was spent with another group of young people ranging from about 12 years up to their mid twenties at an Aberdeen Angus Cattle Workshop. The purpose of this event was to demonstrate how best to prepare cattle for exhibition and to understand assessment of these magnificent animals. Assessment and judging were right out of the Young Farmers' book but the cattle preparation skills need experts and we were in the capable hands of Neil and Sally Lloyd from Leominster. They have taken top awards and this event gave the young participants a chance to learn from professionals. Turning cattle out in top form not only requires knowledge, but also patience and dedication. Credit to the Aberdeen Angus Society that they make such provision to help those up and coming. There will be a number of these days this summer and young people that show the most promise will be invited to take part in a weekend of competition, this year to be held in Ireland. The top prize will be an Angus related trip anywhere in the World. That's an incentive! There's a lot going on for the next generation!

Clive Davies



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SUN	8.30	Holy Communion)at the Parish Church of St Mary		CM 270264
Sun	9.45	Parish Communion) the Virgin, Church Street		
Sun	9.00	Mass at St Elizabeth's Church, Lower Street	Fr J Robinson	01584 872906
Sun	09.00	Cleobury Country Archers, Sports Centre	Lesley Burnside	CM 271374
Sun	10.30	New Life Church, for venue call	Derek Morris	CM 270787
Sun	10.30	Health Walk in the Wyre Forest, Visitor Centre A456	Visitor Centre	CM 266929
Sun	11.00	Morning Service at the Methodist Church	Miss H Roberts	01584 819649
MON	9.00	Peter Rabbit Nursery, Lacon Childe (term only)	April Rogers	CM 271418
Mon	8.00	Kinlet Family Playgroup, demountable at Kinlet School	Tracey	CM 841210
Mon	8.00	- 17.30 Chorley Family Playgroup, Stottesdon Primary	Zoe Day	01746 718769
Mon	9.00	Hopton Pre-School, Hopton Village Hall (term only)	Kelly	01584 891185
Mon	10.00	-19.00 Library open at Cleobury Country Centre	Jenny Robinson	CM 272301
Mon	9.30	Morning workout in the Sports Hall £2.00	Deena Edwards	01299 271217
Mon	9.30	Belly Dancing Class at Victory Hall, Clows Top		
Mon	9.30	CM Playgroup, Market Hall (term only)	Ceri Little	07816 193933
Mon	10.00	Day Centre Meeting £3.60 2 courses etc.	Jenny Ferriday	CM 400773
Mon	17.30	Cubs meeting (term-time only)	Karen King	CM 270001
Mon	18.30	Karate Club, Lacon Childe School	John Nelson	CM 879210
Mon	19.00	Tai Chi Class, Lacon Childe School	Rose Jacks	01584 875544
Mon	19.00	Cleobury Mortimer Ladies Rugby Team Training	Sarah Cound	07977 120272
Mon	19.15	Yoga Class, Bayton Village Hall	Linda Thomas	CM 832998
Mon	19.30	Rangers Meeting (term-time only)	Judy Ellis	01584 890759
Mon	19.45	Bingo, CM Sports & Social Club (exc. Bank Hols)	Alan Evans	CM 270114
Mon	20.00	Prize Bingo, Sports & Social Club, Love Lane		
TUE	8.00	Kinlet Family Playgroup, demountable at Kinlet School	Tracey	CM 841210
Tue	8.00	- 17.30 Chorley Family Playgroup, Stottesdon Primary	Zoe Day	01746 718769
Tue	9.00	Peter Rabbit Nursery, Lacon Childe till 3.15pm	April Rogers	CM 271418
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Tue	9.30	CM Playgroup, Market Hall (see Mon)	Ceri Little	07816 193933
Tue	10.00	Nippers (Mothers & Tots), Methodist Hall,	Emma Greenaway	CM 272959
Tue	10.30	Health Walk in the Wyre Forest, Visitor Centre A456	Visitor Centre	CM 266929
Tue	17.00	Sports Roundabout, CM sports Hall. £1 per hour		CM 271317
Tue	17.30	Beavers meeting (term-time only)	Becky Keeley	CM 271416
Tue	17.30	- 19.30 Youth Forum meets at 8 Talbot Square	Sandra	07964902549
Tue	18.45	Bridge Club, Hopton Wafers Village Hall	Wendy Duley	CM 270562
Tue	18.45	Yoga, Victory Hall, Clows Top	Linda Thomas	CM 832998
Tue	19.00	Bellringers' practice night. St Mary's Church	Liz Walker	CM 271808
Tue	19.00	Dog ringcraft class, Clee Hill Village Hall	01584 890999	or 890478
Tue	19.00	Zumba Fitness, Lacon Childe School	Faith Thompson	07517 753375
Tue	19.30	Peak Physique, Lacon Childe School	Kim Bills	01384 877702
Tue	20.00	Charles Beale Modern Dance Sequence Club, Lacon Childe	E Wrigglesworth	01562 822291
Tue	20.30	Aerobics, Lacon Childe School. £2.00	Ms K Bills	01384 877702
WED	8.00	Kinlet Family Playgroup, demountable at Kinlet School	Tracey	CM 841210
Wed	8.00	- 17.30 Chorley Family Playgroup, Stottesdon Primary	Zoe Day	01746 718769
Wed	9.00	Peter Rabbit Nursery, Lacon Childe (see Mon)	April Rogers	CM 271418

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<i>Day</i>	<i>time</i>		<i>contact</i>	<i>phone no</i>
Wed	09.00	-17.00 Library open	Jenny Robinson	CM 272301
Wed	9.00	Hopton Pre-School, Hopton Village Hall (term only)	Kelly	01584 891185
Wed	9.30	Rising Fives Playgroup, Market Hall (see Mon)	Ceri Little	07816 193933
Wed	10.00	Citizen's Advice Bureau, CM Library (appt only)		01584 876933
Wed	10.30	Over 50s Relaxing Exercises, Doddington Village Hall	Freda Childe	01584 891180
Wed	14.00	- 17.30 Library open, Cleobury Country Centre, Love Lane	Jenny Robinson	CM 272301
Wed	17.15	Brownies meeting (term time only)	Jadwiga Borns	CM 270215
Wed	16.30	Gym Club for ages 6 and over £3 (booking essential)	Don Carter	CM 270312
Wed	19.00	Guides meeting (term time only)	Bev Pearce	CM
Wed	19.00	Heartbeat Fitness, Lacon Childe School	Don Carter	CM 270312
Wed	19.00	Yoga Class, Lacon Childe School	Don Carter	CM 270312
Wed	19.30	Rugby Club Training, Lacon Childe		CM 271317
Wed	19.30	Band practice, Cleobury Mortimer Concert Brass	Stella Wilcox	CM 270560
Wed	19.30	New Life Church Prayer meeting. For venue, please ring	Derek Morris	CM 270787
Wed	19.30	Choir Practice, St Mary's Church	Philip Englehart	CM 270627
THU	8.00	Kinlet Family Playgroup, demountable at Kinlet School	Tracey	CM 841210
Thu	8.00	- 17.30 Chorley Family Playgroup, Stottesdon Primary	Zoe Day	01746 718769
Thu	9.00	Peter Rabbit Nursery, Lacon Childe till 3.15pm	April Rogers	CM 271418
Thu	9.00	Hopton Pre-School, Hopton Village Hall (term only)	Kelly	01584 891185
Thu	9.00	-17.00 Library open	Jenny Robinson	CM 272301
Thu	9.30	Little Tiddlers, birth onwards at demountable, Kinlet School	Sam	CM 271847
Thu	9.30	CM Playgroup, Market Hall. (term-time only)	Ceri Little	07816 193933
Thu	11.00	Sale of second-hand goods, Knowle Sports Club,	Mrs A Taylor	01584 890644
Thu	13.30	Cards and Scrabble, St Mary's Place, Love Lane	Jo Booton	CM 270792
Thu	14.00	Scrabble Club, St Mary's Place, £1 non residents	Jo Booton	07969 104808
Thu	17.30	- 19.30 Youth Forum meets at 8 Talbot Square	Sandra	0796 4902549
Thu	17.30	Brownies meeting (term-time only)	Jadwiga Borns	CM 270215
Thu	17.45	Cleobury Comets Netball at Sports & Social Club		CM 270317
Thu	19.00	Bell Inn Improvers rehearsal. Bell Inn, Lower Street		
Thu	19.30	Tums & Bums, Lacon Childe School	Don Carter	CM 270312
Thu	19.30	Adult 5-a-side Football League, CM Sports Centre	Dave Hives	CM 271317
Thu	20.00	11-16 Badminton Club, CM Sports Centre		CM 271317
Thu	21.00	Over 16s Badminton Club, CM Sports Centre		CM 271317
Thu	20.00	Bell Inn Band rehearsal. Bell Inn, Lower Street		
FRI	8.00	Kinlet Family Playgroup, demountable at Kinlet School	Tracey	CM 841210
Fri	9.00	Peter Rabbit Nursery, Lacon Childe till 3.15pm	April Rogers	CM 271418
Fri	9.00	Hopton Pre-School, Hopton Village Hall (term only)	Kelly	01584 891185
Fri	09.00	-17.00 Library open	Jenny Robinson	CM 272301
Fri	9.30	CM Playgroup, Market Hall (term-time only)	Ceri Little	07816 193933
Fri	10.00	Tiny Tots, Chorley Family Playgroup, Stottesdon Primary	Zoe Day	01746 718769
Fri	10.00	Tiny Tots, Parish Hall £2.00 per family	Bettina Poole	CM 271868
Fri	17.00	Junior 5-a-side Football League, CM Sports Centre		CM 271317
Fri	17.30	Rainbows Meeting girls 5-7 years (term-time only)	Jean Basham	07792813774
Fri	20.00	Badminton, CM Sports Centre. Adults £2.50,		01584 881359
SAT	8.30	Sale of second-hand goods, Knowle Sports Club	Mrs A Taylor	01584 890644
Sat	10.00	-13.00 Library at Cleobury Country Centre	Jenny Robinson	CM 272301
Sat	10.00	Telephone advice line to Citizens' Advice Bureau		01584 810860
Sat	11.00	Junior Golf Coaching for boys and girls, CM Golf Club	John Jones	CM 271628

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AT YOUR SERVICE

Stuart Thompson has decided to take a new direction in life. A skilled carpenter with years of experience in restoration on Grade 2 Listed properties, he's been doing a little part-time taxi driving recently. And he enjoyed it so much that he's sold his car and bought a VW Sharan seven seater to make a serious start in his new career. As he puts it: "If you're going to do it, do it properly." The chisels and planes are redundant - he's a full time hire car driver.

Standards are rising in the world of hired transport, with Shropshire requiring every licensed vehicle to have a

mechanical test three times a year. Stuart shows his licence on the side of the car, so there's no doubting his standing.

The new business is called Boomerang, which has a few people puzzled, until Stuart explains: "The customers will keep coming back."

STOTTESDON W.I.

April Was a busy month, five of us attending the WI Annual Council Meeting in Shrewsbury, the day before our meeting, when guests joined us at Chorley to hear John Iles from Wyre Forest's Uncolly Farm.

First to Shrewsbury, where NFWI Chair Ruth Bond inspired with a vibrant picture of the WI's involvement in global events, such as International Women's Day and the Prince's Rainforest Project. After meetings including Downing Street and Clarence House, Ruth is convinced that the WI's contribution is increasingly recognized and valued: meet her in the WI tent at Hay on Wye's Literary Festival in May.

Highlight of the day for many was Adam Henson of BBC Countryfile and Lambing Live) talking of his upbringing on a traditional Cotswold farm, his

father's work preserving rare breeds, and his own informed views on the direction of modern farming in meeting food production needs today.

At our own meeting, a very different life was described by John Iles, whose Uncolly's Farm is devoted to restoring the old cherry orchards that were a major industry from growth of railways in the late 1800s into the 20th century. John's dedication is creating a growing business in fruit and apple juice, also marketing grass fed produce from the sheep and cattle that graze the wildflower meadows and orchards. He hosts days for a whole range of groups, with opportunities to take part in activities such as apple crushing to make cider.

Following next month's visit, we will be back be in Farlow at 7.30 on Wednesday June 15th for peg loom weaving with June Emerson. As always, visitors are warmly welcomed.

Marian Wootton

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THE CLEOBURY FRINGE GETS SERIOUS

The Cleobury Fringe was born last year, an idea to boost interest in local events and give our tourist trade a lift. That launch was sponsored by the Parish Council and in 2011 The Fringe has to stand on its own two feet and pay its way.

It's off to a flying start with the top prize in the raffle. Four chances to win a day at Oulton Park with a car racing team. You can watch the activity on the track and in the pits, you can ask questions and you can have sessions on track as passenger to a professional driver. It's a stunning prize that will please any petrol head you know. If a non enthusiast wins, there's the option of giving the chance to a friend or getting brave and finding out just how fast a well prepared and driven Honda Civic can go.

This sort of experience would cost several hundred pounds if you bought it. What a bargain to get all that for just a one pound ticket.

And the Fringe organisers are looking to build on the appeal

of this star prize by inviting local businesses to donate anything local as extra prizes. It can range from food to beer, from a guided walk to free tickets for a local event. We have so much happening in this community, let's give others the chance to share a little bit of it. The contact to talk to is Geoff Hainsworth on 01299 271501 or geoff.hainsworth@cleobury.org.uk

There's a lot more than the raffle on a growing schedule for September. New will be the push to get music in our local pubs; every landlord with room for a musician has been asked and they're all keen on the idea. As you'd expect after last year's success, Beer and Brass will be back for the opening weekend and the Craft Fair is scheduled to move across the road to the Parish Hall, where there's room for more local skills to show off what they can do. A Cleobury Country blacksmith has agreed to show off some of his work outside the hall and there will be a push to get more hands-on

crafts there to fascinate the visitors.

The Classic Bike Show will celebrate it's 25th birthday on the second weekend and negotiations are under way to get a range of very special attractions. Already artist Roy Barrett has agreed to come and show off his wonderfully detailed work; his ability to break off from painting and answer questions makes him a crowd favourite at the biggest shows.

The local footpaths will feature again and the town's status as a low-carbon centre will reflect in the Environment Champions awards. There are plans to have Enviro Homes on show for people to learn how to save fuel and its rising cost. John Carter is being persuaded (don't ask, persuasion of such a star performer can be quite brutal..) to put on another Curios and Collectibles evening.

The idea is to encourage people to visit the area and maybe stay on for a few days, to help boost tourism and local businesses. And there are more ideas bubbling up and waiting to be revealed. We'll keep you informed.

THE FOOD AND ALE TRAIL IS BACK

Another local success being repeated is the Kinlet Hall based Food and Ale Trail through local countryside with sustenance along the way. Walks start at 10.00, but you can be independent and go in your own time. £16.00 a head for adults and booking is strongly recommended. You



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THE HIGHS AND LOWS OF MARATHON RUNNING

There were very mixed fortunes for Cleobury's fund-raising runners in the Virgin London Marathon in April. Jan Perkins and Rob Cooper had both been training hard and looking determined, until Rob suffered a fractured metatarsal and was told there was just no question of running for the next six weeks. He had no option but to withdraw from this year's event, but will be back in 2012.

"All monies raised and pledged will still be collected as normal but will be carried over until next year," he explained. "Monty's Corner (Rob's chosen charity - Ed) are happy with this solution."

"By the way, I have a Barn Dance on May 27th at Kinlet Village Hall....Tickets are £5.00 per adult, which includes one child free, extra children are charged £2.00. Doors open at 7.00, there's a fully licensed bar and a finger buffet is included in the price."

No dramas for Jan Perkins, just plain hard work as she trained. She came back, tired but happy, to report: "Just wanted to let you know I survived. I would like to thank everyone who supported me for their donations. I have collected in the region of £1700, to be split between Cancer Research and Midlands Air Ambulance."

"I missed beating my previous time by just two minutes, but I'm blaming that on the incredibly hot weather and having to give my Mum and Dad a hug twice along the route!"

"I am happy to say I was part of an amazing event, but equally happy to announce that I have hung up my marathon shoes and will be more than content running smaller distances from now on."

What a contrast in fortunes. Warm congratulations to Jan and condolences to Rob, who we are sure will bounce back and do the job next year. And with all the extra long term training time he'll be able to get in, he'd better beat Jan's time.....

NEW BREW COMING

Hobson's have cooperated with the Cleobury branch of the Royal British Legion in the production of 'Old Comrade', a special brew to commemorate the 90th birthday of the founding of the local branch. Ours is one of the oldest branches, only months younger than the Royal British Legion itself.

'Old Comrade' is described as a 4.2% traditional pale ale, brewed with the finest locally sourced hops and barley. It is scheduled to be officially launched at the Legion's meeting on May 11th in The Bell Inn, Lower Street.

And what old soldier could pass up the chance to cooperate with his local award-winning brewery? Cheers!

MRS WIDDETT'S PARKING SAGA

Regular readers will know about Una Widdett's long drawn out battle with Morrison's of Kidderminster, their parking contractors CP Plus and more recently the debt collection agency chasing the lady for money no sane person would say she owed. No room for full details here, just a reminder that

you shouldn't pick on this lady and expect her to whimper with fear and give in.

After a long wrangle, she did get letters from all three of the companies involved, and extra calls from Morrisons to assure her the credit rating was clear. The credit rating matter was one more part of the bullyboy tactics Una stood up and fought against. It's a fundamental wrong to have your credit rating hit when you're standing by your innocence; good for her.

This whole nasty business has hit the national press, there's been TV coverage and the MP for Croydon is introducing a bill before Parliament to control iffy parking operators.

Una uncovered another bit of bureaucratic nonsense when she had to contact the Consumer Council before reaching the Trading Standards local office. She found she was talking to someone in the Lake District, who knew diddley squat about Kidderminster and its parking woes; they promised to put her local Trading Standard people in touch. The Shrewsbury office called, only to tell Una they couldn't deal with personal issues. She didn't want them to, she'd dealt with that side herself, but was concerned about the corporate ethics of her experience. She was told the information would be entered into a central computer system and relayed as appropriate. So that's all right, then.

Last word to Una: "One thing is that I get everything I need in Cleobury. What more can I ask? No driving and no parking." And she's still smiling. Great stuff.

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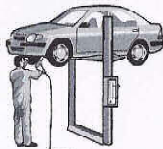
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PORKY'S FAREWELL - THE FINAL REPORT

Briefly: I weighed in at 14 stones and 6 pounds. Twelve weeks later the scales said 13 stones 5. That's 15 pounds lost, mainly through more thoughtful eating and drinking, plus exercising more vigorously.

Lulu at Arriba Wellbeing built a relaxed and friendly atmosphere every week. No frowning if you'd put on a pound or two, just a quiet word of encouragement; advice available if you wanted it, not shoved down your throat.

At the end of the course I did feel a bit of a fraud, because Gayna Woodland of the Severn Hospice show had lost as much as I did, but I was given the No 1 certificate. Apparently I'd lost the highest percentage of body weight. Whatever the written results were, I feel so much better in myself. And I can wear that suit that was much too tight.

Lulu's rather special scales said I'd lost a lot of body fat and put on a little muscle. All good stuff, but I'm too old to pretend that trimming off a bit of

weight is a major achievement. What I wanted out of this time and effort was better health and energy levels.

I have a six monthly checkup at the Medical Centre, to see if I'm still breathing and if I need stronger pills to control my blood pressure. Doctor Allsopp is not the excitable type, but he was visibly impressed at my blood pressure and took it again, to be sure. I was the lowest it's been since 2005 and he said I could reduce my inhaler intake and come back at the end of the course for another check and maybe a rethink on medicines. The blood pressure was slightly lower and he took me off one of the pills I've been taking for years. That was the best health news for years.

Lulu has just started another course at the Cleobury Country Centre. I can really recommend it. JR

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Steve Barnes in the Neff-equipped kitchen of one of his properties at Detton Hall Farm.

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His entry into the building business came 15 years ago, with the restoration of his own house, and from there he moved on to the more complex business of old barns. "Every job is a different challenge, there's no boring repetition," he says.

His latest development is out in the peaceful haven that is Detton, just three and a half miles from the convenience of Cleobury's shops. What were once big barns are now three quality houses where space and specification are amazing.

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The kitchens come fully fitted, with German Neff appliances as standard. Underfloor heating is fed by a central LPG tank that serves all three houses. And every sitting room has a wood burning stove installed. On the kitchen wall is a mounting for an I-Pod, to feed a music system with speakers in every ground floor room.

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the opportunity to install insulation to a very high specification. Steve estimates that he puts in 10 to 15 percent more insulation than the national standard.

Outside are landscaped gardens with private parking spaces, an extra communal parking area for guests, and on the far side of the houses is more parking, plus a large grassed communal area. The greatest impression is of space; there are three houses finished and just two more to be converted, all in an area of about two acres. And even the banks of the gravelled access roads are landscaped.

We were there for two hours and the only outside sounds that penetrated the double glazing were a saw as a carpenter finished a detail and a lamb calling its mother. The scenery is rural Shropshire across to the Clees on one side and down to Cleobury and its twisted spire on the other. If you want peace and comfort, here it is.

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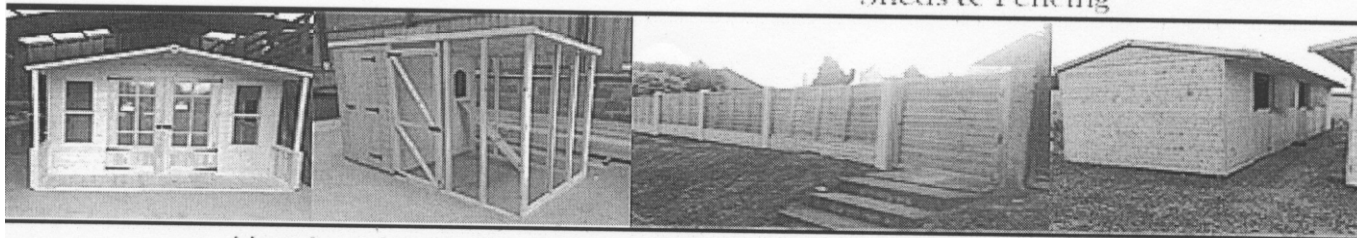
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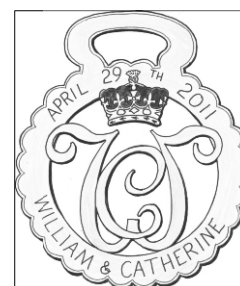
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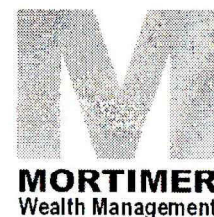
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