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It gives me no pleasure to write this. Cleobury has had good things happen in recent years. Town Centre Enhancement, the Cleobury Country Centre and best sports facilities in any small town in the county.

The place has a buzz about it. Until you walk along not paying attention and collect a smelly deposit on your shoe. Plenty of people scoop the poop and drop it in one of the bins. Why can't everyone do this?

Don't blame a dog for just doing what's natural. But people who keep them really should recognise their own responsibility for making sure no mess is left.

It's sad that we have to think like sneaks, but we should be reporting them. JR

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MAY 2012



MAGIC MAURICE

The most photographed face in Shropshire? Almost since Adam was a lad, Maurice Evans has been the local Air Ambulance coordinator, pictured at all sorts of events, collecting cheques and donations for the cause.

Always modest, he'll tell you that others do the real work. But Maurice is the man we all know. And now that his health is not so good, he retired on a high note with £400,000 raised.

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6 Rockley Bank 139,995

A surprisingly spacious ground floor flat. Three bedrooms The present owner has improved it greatly and is very well presented Gardens to front and rear. A viewing is highly recommended



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The Man with a Million Dinner Plates? Tom Wraight is the friendly voice at the Crocs Away end of the phone line.

Tom Wraight is a man who enjoys a challenge. Having worked for Amodil in Cleobury Mortimer, he moved on to selling broadband door-to-door in Birmingham. A real sink-or-swim job, where he learned to deal with people of all sorts. Then came a chance to join the family business, and he moved on.

Today he's the public face and voice of Crocs Away, specialists in hiring just about everything you need for big event catering. Table linen, cutlery, crockery,

glassware, you name it, he'll hire it.

There's a big stock of equipment in store at the Kidderminster base, and if a customer asks for something a little unusual - like a recent request for eight lasagne dishes - he can normally get it next day. They are there for private functions, mobile caterers and restaurants, who can collect from Kidderminster or Crocs Away will deliver and collect. Who does the washing up on this scale? There's an industry standard dish washer back at base.

The customer pays a deposit on whatever is being hired and if everything comes back AOK, there's an automatic refund. If you've looked at the price of just crockery today, you'll know that hiring for a special event makes sense.

Tom is developing the social media contacts, with Twitter up and twitting and a Facebook page coming soon. Looking ahead, if he finds demand for something they don't already cover, the range will expand.

Crocs Away is a lean operation, with Tom looking after sales and service and mum Wendy looking after administration. And they're building a good reputation, as Suzanne Lee of mfg Solicitors testifies: "mfg Solicitors LLP

have used Crocs Away on many occasions for events of all sizes. We will continue to use them for future events and can't recommend them highly enough." This go-ahead outfit shares its base with parent company Abraxas, step dad Rob Woodward's kitchen design, supply and installation company. 14 years after it started, Abraxas is still doing the business and growing through its subsidiary. A family business that will stay that way.

ANYONE FOR BELLY DANCING?

Tina Hobin, an accomplished dancer herself, tells us she'd be happy to revive the classes she used to give at Clows Top if there's enough interest. She can offer an eight- or ten-week course and the charge is £7.00 a session, or £6.00 for concessions. If you can pay for the course up front, that comes down to £5.00.

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FOCUS ON YOUTH

Sarah Wilde joins our list of contributors, and keep us up to date on the fine work being done by Saint Mary's Youth Project:

The SMYP is growing rapidly under the inspirational leadership of Mark Greaves and his helpers. This dynamic project is open to all young people from 11 years of age.

The project provides opportunities for young people within the Lacon Childe area and the parishes in the Cleobury benefice. Activities include evening clubs for 11-14 yrs and 15-18 yrs weekly. Many activities take place outside these times and rely on fund raising outdoor pursuits, such as rock climbing and forest survival skills. Musical talents are encouraged by bands within the project. Mark aims to provide a monthly "away" activity - this April a Sponsored Abseil fundraising event took place.

SMYP would not survive without valuable help from individuals. A part time youth worker has recently joined, as Mark's success has created more work than he can cope with alone. He is supported by eight youth workers, who help at all

events and a small management team.

Funding is always an issue. We currently rely on small grants and personal donations from Parochial Church Councils and individuals. Of course, youth members contribute greatly by funding themselves on days out and summer camps whenever possible, but we strive to help those unable to contribute. Young people frequently undertake fundraising events; however increasing success means that we need to be continually seeking funds.

Will you consider supporting us? Any amount is gratefully received and forms are available for anyone wishing to make a regular donation to this exciting project that Cleobury Mortimer should be very proud of. More details from Mark on mark.stmarys@live.co.uk.

Or if you prefer to make a regular donation, Samantha Evans has the necessary forms in her Market Hall office on Thursdays. *Sarah Wilde*

TENBURY FUN DAY COMING SOON

The Tenbury Local Policing Team will present their Party In The Park a free family fun day in Palmer's Meadow, Tenbury Wells. 12.00 noon to 5.00, Sunday June 24th.

Attractions include: Trevor Hill Birds of Prey Display, Music with Sunshine Radio, Walk-about magic and balloon modelling, Circus Kaos, Bouncy castles, Vintage fair ride, Quad bikes, Skateboard demos.

Plus: Dog Show hosted by Forest Dog Rescue, Bromyard Steel Band, Swimming at Tenbury Pool for £1 from 10am - 12 noon, Food and drink, Wildside Furry Exotic Animals, Climbing wall and paintball, Classic police vehicles.

Sounds like a good day - make a note in your diary.

THE MAY FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

More about the big May 12th football event reported in the March issue:

The Junior match, for Under 14s, will kick off at 4.00 and the men's at 6.00. Many extra prizes have been donated for the raffle and a live band will be playing in the Clubhouse, where the Auction and Raffle will start at 8.00.

Local firms Hobson's, Amodil Supplies and Pineland have also joined our list of kind supporters.

Anyone willing to help out on the day will be made very welcome. Contact me on 01299 270599 or 07837 528 491

Derek Pearce



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CLOWS TOP GARDENING CLUB

The Spring Show had a good quantity of entries in each class. The daffodils and flowering shrubs were superb specimens giving a good display and the perfume in the hall was simply wonderful. The Show winners were 3rd Val Greenhill, 2nd Bob Marriott and 1st Marion Wilson, who also won 'Best Exhibit'.

The quiz was hosted by Keith Taylor with teams from Clows Top, Cleobury and Broadheath. The winners were 1st Broadheath, 2nd Clows Top and 3rd Cleobury. The winning team went home with prizes of some summer flowering bulbs for their gardens.

The Club would like to express many thanks to Derek Walker for judging the show and to Keith Taylor for compiling and hosting the quiz.

If you need some fresh ideas or advice for your garden, then why not join us at one of our monthly meetings.

Diary Dates

May 19th: Plant Sale & Coffee Morning

May 23rd: Speaker Bill Auger, will give a talk on 'Soft Fruits'

June 27th Speaker Adrian James, will give a talk on 'Bodenham Thru' The Seasons'

All at the Victory Hall.

CLEOBURY W.I.

Members gathered for our April meeting with an official from Shropshire Council, who talked on "Love Food, Hate Waste." Joy Blizzard presented some gruesome figures about the amount of food wasted in our county. The Council had researched the waste collected from households only, so the figures did not include restaurants and supermarkets. The tonnes shown were astonishingly high and Joy went on to explain how we could cut down on waste. When shopping, only buy what you have on your list; freeze left overs to be incorporated in a new dish; do not buy on impulse and several other hints.

We were amazed at the different things we could freeze: excess cream cheese or Brie - grate remaining hard cheese. Pasta sauce? Pop it in the freezer, and so the list went on. Most of these things just need a quick whisk before using, but think of the time saved when you only need a sprinkling of grated cheese to garnish a dish! Joy brought with her some useful recipes that only used left over food and some handy measures to make sure you do not cook too much rice or spaghetti and these were much appreciated by

the members. A thoroughly enlightening talk.

We had two splendid Easter bonnets which were of equal measure but our speaker finally chose that of Jenny Vanderhook. The flower of the month was won by Jill Chesterman, 2nd was Gill Shorter and 3rd Liz Smurthwaite.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday the 8th in the Parish Hall.

Liz Smurthwaite

KINLET FAMILY PLAYGROUP

We would like to say Thank You to everyone who supported our Easter raffle. We raised £200, amazing considering the size of our Playgroup.

Thank you to all of our families who donated a prize, and to some very generous local businesses. We can't wait to use the funds for additional improvements to Playgroup.

This half term we will be looking at Healthy Living, to introduce diet and exercise in time for the Olympics! We can't wait to try some fun, healthy recipes and create some challenging obstacle courses!

Spaces are filling up fast for the final term of this academic year, and we are taking bookings for September now. Please call us on 07794 166514.



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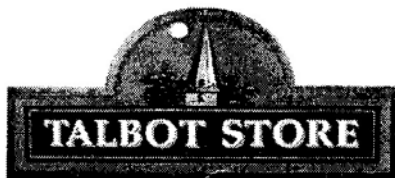
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ANCIENT AND MODERN MEET HERE

This is a booklet review, really. 50 pages of advice on keeping clothes looking good, in a handy pocket-size that measures just 15cm by 10. Or six inches by four if you're more likely to be interested in the maintenance of leather shoes than the best use of eco balls. They're both in this intriguing little source of advice.

Author Claire Leavey has used plenty of good old-fashioned tips as well as a modest selection of more modern stuff. She leads the reader around the matter of dry cleaning only with details of a more natural method. But it will take more time; the choice is yours. You'll find patterns for

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THE READING GROUP

"Adventures on the High Teas" by Stuart Maconie provoked a multitude of comments: interesting, irritating, tedious, opinionated and quite entertaining being just a few. Much of the information was good but members pointed out many different errors.

Overall view "not too painful" but didn't live up to the Observer quote on front cover.

This month we have a novel, "Water For Elephants" by Sara Gruen, which can, of course, be obtained from the Cleobury library in the Cleobury Country Centre in Love Lane. We will gather there on Monday May 21st at 7.30pm to discuss the book.

Deana Kimber CM 271754

DOUBLE FLICK NEXT MONTH

Flicks in the Sticks is more than wonderful value, it's a service that can flex to meet its customers' requests.

The last time they showed a Johnny English film, the younger supporters asked for more, so they booked 'Fully Loaded' for the June 9th regular slot. Then the more senior people asked to see 'The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel' and Val Breakwell decided to make June a double treat and show that on the 30th, before the service takes a break for two months. That's good service.

HAVE YOU TRIED?

The Rosie's Kitchen range of chutneys currently in stock at Carrot Tops on the High Street? They're produced by Rose Bond, just along the road at The Wells, and really are delicious.

I'm currently finishing off a jar of Cleobury Christmas Chutney, which blends apples, sultanas, apricots, onions, bananas and ginger with warming spices.

On a sandwich of Steve Hems' ham in Crusty Cob's G I bread, it's a real treat. And there are other novels blends that I am going to try when this one is empty. Can't wait for what promises to be another treat for the taste buds.

JR



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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 Adam House, Birmingham Road, Kidderminster, Worcs DY10 2SA. The closing date for applications is June 24th.

YOUTH FORUM REPORT

Richard Morley brings us up to date:

Many of our activities have changed over recent months, a good thing in that we continually move in response to the needs of young people in the area. As we aim to help young people integrate with their communities it's only right we share details of recent activities and plans for the future. For those who don't know

about us, Youth Forum has been a member of the Youth Partnership for Cleobury for five years and has developed many projects for the benefit of local young people. Like us working with Lacon Childe school on a peer information project called 'Safer Nightlife,' a leaflet for young people about staying safer on the streets at night. We have also been developing activities for the skate park area, where a group of local young people with our support have formed a committee and are keen to take on responsibility for certain aspects of the site, including making improvements.

If you see two adults walking around with torches on a Friday night it's probably my colleague Sandra and me. We work with young people, making sure they are safe and not disturbing any residents. We ask them to consider other people and generally speaking they are well behaved. The young are often labelled with causing problems, mainly because they are an easy group to target and often visible as they usually socialise in large numbers.

We are recruiting for a new project in May, which will seek the views of local young people and get them to come up with

practical solutions to some of the difficulties. We hope this will be a benefit to them and the wider community.

Lastly, I'd like to mention volunteering. If you're an adult and want to help in anyway (we run over 20 projects across South Shropshire), we will be able to provide support and training - drop me an email if you want to talk about helping out: richard@ssyf.net

Richard Morley

NEW ART COURSE

Stef Connolly, whose Art 4 The Terrified has helped to bring out the talent from the nervous, has a new course starting on May 7th. It's in the Market Hall and offers six very focused weeks on Drawing Animal Heads in Pencil. The hours are 3.00 to 5.00 and the fee is £65.00.

You'll need to book a place for this one. Stef's number is 07706 736 400.

CARER'S EVENT

Wendy Duley writes:

There will be a Drop In Surgery for Carers, organised by Carers' Support Shropshire, on Wednesday May 16th from 11.00 until 2.00 at Cleobury Mortimer Library.

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Wendy Duley

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Philip Dunne MP - Letter from Westminster

Last month I hosted two conferences in the Ludlow constituency focussed on generating growth and jobs for our local economy. I am determined to do what I can to help invigorate our economy here in Shropshire to stimulate companies in the private sector to grow and generate jobs.

Tourism is the third largest sector of the local economy in Shropshire. We attract nearly 1.1 million domestic visitors every year and 112,000 visitors from abroad spend at least one night in the county each year. But the county ranks only 38th out of 47 English counties in terms of visitor numbers. Given the landscape, hospitality and tourism attractions that we have, especially in the south, this is not good enough.

There is enormous potential to expand tourism and I wanted to showcase this to those who help attract visitors to the county. With Shropshire Council and Shropshire Tourism I arranged for Tourism Minister, John Penrose MP and the Chief Executive of Visit England to speak at a Tourism Summit held in Much Wenlock. This was well attended and delegates gave positive feedback. There are many businesses which benefit from the tourist pound, with 13% of jobs in the Ludlow constituency supported by tourism.

Over the next few months, Britain will host the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, the Cultural Olympiad, Torch Relay, Olympic and Paralympic Games. Once in a generation events which will shine a spotlight on this country to potential

visitors around the globe. But 2012 is not simply a celebration of London, but one that will benefit the whole country, including Shropshire which will host several high profile events. The iconic Olympic Torch Relay will pass through 11 communities in Shropshire later this month, including Ludlow, Clee Hill, Cleobury Mortimer and Far Forest.

There is innovation and investment in the tourism economy locally. In the last few weeks I joined the Tourism Minister at the official opening of the new 135 pitch touring caravan park outside Ludlow, estimated to bring £2 million of new business into the area. I also met the new mutual society owners of the Longmynd Hotel in Church Stretton, who expect to boost occupancy from their walking groups by one third. Over £500,000 has been invested in the new museum at Much Wenlock to provide a focal point for visitors to the town caught up in the Olympic story. The new Beer, Banger and Bread Festival at Ludlow last month added to the array of festival attractions we have in South Shropshire.

Businesses in Shropshire have made a major contribution to the 20% growth in exports over the past two years, but there is always more that can be done. I am determined to play my part in helping to facilitate growth and jobs across the county.

Philip Dunne



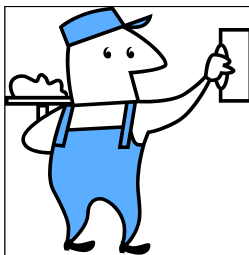
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The Severn Edge Vets Pets Page

As an update to last month, I can report no more fish problems! They are back to full fitness following their trauma in March.

This month I thought I would inform you about the preparations we need to make in readiness for the summer holidays. Summer brings trips to the park, national parks, camping, and, of course more exotic holiday plans, but where do our furry friends stand with all this?

Most parks will allow dogs on their ground, though some have strict rules on keeping dogs on a lead, usually due to livestock grazing some of the fields that you have access to. All this can involve car journeys. Most dogs will be fine on car journeys, but some will succumb to motion sickness, with obvious consequences.

In dogs we have two major ways of controlling motion sickness. We have tablets to ease anxiety for pets that have nervous travel sickness, and tablets that ease the effects of 'true' motion sickness. It is important to have a chat with us next time you are in, to try to assess which type of travel sickness your pet suffers from, and we can certainly try to help.

It is worth mentioning that the modern travel sickness remedies have very few side effects, and most vets now will steer well clear of sedating or tranquilising your dog to travel, choosing instead more modern, more effective remedies.

If you are planning on travelling further afield you may be considering putting your dog into kennels, or your cat into a cattery. We need a little notice to get vaccinations all up to date for kennels and

cattery, especially if it has been over 12 months since their last vaccination.

Please be aware also that a lot of kennels now ask for your dog to be vaccinated against Kennel Cough in addition to the usual annual vaccinations. Again, if your dog is due to go to kennels, and does not have an in-date Kennel Cough vaccination, we need at least 2 weeks notice before you travel, so we can get the vaccine administered, and let it have time to work before he or she goes into the Kennel environment. Ask your Kennels if they require the vaccination.

May at Severn Edge Vets comes along with a promotion for flea treatment with our recommended product 'Frontline Combo'. As a one month promotion we will be offering "Buy 3, get 1 Free". Please remember that if we have not seen your pet in a long time, we will need to see them for a free weight check in order to dispense the right dose of flea treatment for them.

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This may seem a simple activity but it promotes so many things for a child to learn; melting the chocolate and then seeing it solid again helps with science skills, taking it in turns to mix the mixture in the bowl, reading numbers from the recipe card, communicating with each other, listening to an adult, recalling the ingredients as some of the children knew from last time we made some, counting the number of eggs on the top, colours of the eggs and so I could go on..... every day things in a child's life can be a valuable learning experience

Holiday club was a bustle of activity as always, with hamma beads, paper mache, fairy cakes, easter egg hunt with clues, skipping, football, climbing and board games.

The children have returned after the Easter break full of enthusiasm as school draws ever closer for the four year olds. Phonics sessions are thoroughly

enjoyed by the children and we are having some brilliant items bought in from home to contribute to the letter of the week table. There are also optional "homework" sheets for the children to take home which again we have had a fantastic response to-I think the parents are learning too-and this week we have introduced reading books to the children. This may all seem a bit 'old' for a four year old child, but it is good preparation for the school routine and is being embraced by both the children and their parents at Little Learners'.

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Stacey

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One of the after-school clubs run at Bayton Church of England Primary School is the Choir, run by parent Mrs Helena Evans. Our talented

children have been working hard since it started last September, singing at the Bayton Senior Citizens' lunch before Christmas and at the Mothering Sunday Service at Mamble Church and finally taking part in the Worcester Competitive Arts Festival in the Under 10 years category. This was their first competition as a group and they won a very respectable second place! In fact the Adjudicator commented that they "have done really well indeed to have done so much since September".



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ON THE MOVE

Cleobury Mortimer Playgroup have moved from their established base in the Market Hall. They now occupy a class room in the Primary School, where fitting out the place will be helped by the £370 raised at their Coffee Morning in March.

It does make sense for nursery age children to be near a primary school, to take some of the mystery out of the big move up to the next stage when they are still at a very tender age. Not to mention that the staff will no longer have to clear all their equipment away into storage as they did when the busy Market Hall needed the room for an evening meeting.

POSITIVE MOVES

The monthly face to face business meetings at Cleobury Country Centre are a continuing success story; the Centre is joint sponsor with the Chamber of Trade Peter Roper hosts these gatherings, which are open to all local businesses, whether they are Chamber members or not. For example, on April 17th Frazer from OGL Computers of Kidderminster came to see what it was all about and was well impressed.

The two hours are focussed on what businesses do and what they are finding the most

successful way of building trade. Estelle Pugh reported that the Tenbury Wells branch of Ashley's Bakery is a great success, with sales growing.

It's obviously a place for new ideas and the current project in development is a Loyalty Card scheme, to be promoted by the Chamber of Trade. Expect an announcement soon on that one.

If you're a local trader and want to talk and exchange ideas or problems, you'll be welcome. It's on the third Tuesday of the month, starting at 6.00 and ending at 8.00. Book a place with Clare on CM 272300 to be sure there's enough tea to go round.



This is Ashley's Bakery's new shop in Tenbury Wells, attracting very favourable comments from customers and generating good sales. Local lad making more good.

BIG CHANGE AT TUFFINS

The takeover of the Tuffins Group by the The Midland Counties Co-operative is not exactly fresh news, but the official transfer happened on April 30th, the day before this edition was on the streets.

In a letter to all account holders, Deputy Chief Executive of Trading at the Co-op, Andy Cresswell, promises that business will continue as normal. What we can reasonably expect in the Cleobury branch is that the store improvements, that have long been approved by officialdom, will be put into action soon.

The queues at the ancient tills and at the fuel pumps in normal times confirm how popular the place is. The staff are unfailingly courteous and helpful and surely deserve a more modern working environment.

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IT COULD HAVE BEEN SO MUCH WORSE...

Stewart Mumford had a near miss last month. He was walking his dog Rocky out on Catherton Common when his right knee gave way. He was carrying an old injury and the healing had been a troublesome process, but nothing had indicated this sort of crisis. 150 metres from his Landrover, unable to move with the extreme pain, a mobile phone in need of a charging point and it would soon be dark.

He tried standing up, but all his weight on one leg dictated that he lie down. Twiggy he is not and the good leg was protesting. He called his friend Neil, who followed the barking of Rocky to find Stuart on the ground and unable to move. A 999 call brought a First Responder, who realised this was a stretcher job and called for an ambulance. His head torch was used to signal the ambulance crew to Stuart's location.

The track Stuart was on was too narrow to use a stretcher. So after the possibility of calling in the Air Ambulance was dismissed because it was dark, his friend drove his Land Rover down through the bracken. The ambulance crew gave Stuart a dose of laughing gas before straightening his leg and lifting him into the vehicle, his injured leg sticking out of a side window. Two hours after the 999 call he was in the ambulance and off to hospital. There they diagnosed a torn hamstring, put him in a knee brace and let him out at half past midnight. He used their phone call Neil again. Good old Neil.

"It staggered me that I was no more than 150 metres from the ambulance and couldn't get there," Stuart recalls. "It showed

me that if you're going out on your own, you need to have your mobile on you, properly charged. And I'm going to carry a card in future, with my details and contacts listed."

It will be about six months before he's fully recovered, and he's not driving until he's quite sure he can do it safely. So visits to the shops from his house high up in Whitcomb's Orchard are a problem.

That's where the Cleobury community spirit kicks in and helps. "People have been so good, coming round and helping me. It's such a great place to live."

Will he take Rocky out on Catherton Common again, with his mobile fully charged? He smiles: "Unfortunately I am a bit daft on occasions, as we all are," he admits.

Stay near the phone, Neil.

CLEOBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL FETE

This is always a lovely, friendly event, organised by the Friends of the School and this year it's on May 25th, from 5.00 to 7.00, to fit in with most parents' working days.

There will be a Big Bouncy Slide, Five a Side football, lots of games to play, plus food and a bar to keep Dad smiling.

If you fancy having a stall to show off your club or association, or to sell your crafts, there are a few spaces left at £10 a time. More information from the school on CM 270313 or talk to Kim Stanley on CM 271800.

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Lyn herself has just taken over the coordinating role and is already a keen member. She reckons her fuel bill for the past winter was £100 less than last year. And oil prices have not gone down in that time, as you've probably noticed.

Lizzie Thain at the Community Council can tell you more - she's on 01743 342167. And Lyn Young is on CM 271506.

DODDINGTON FRIENDSHIP CLUB

We had a very enjoyable outing on April 10th. Last year the daffodils were in full bloom, but this time they were over. We were compensated with the blossom on the route as we made our way to The March Hare (or The Mad Rabbit) at Broughton Hackett, for lunch. Afterwards we went on to Webbs Garden Centre and returned via a different route, again with lots of blossom.

On the 17th we had cartoonist Malcolm Whittall to entertain, who had us all drawing as soon as he started his programme. The laughter, and in some cases tears, had to be heard and seen to be believed.

Malcolm will certainly be asked to do a follow up next year. Visitors to the club and new members are always welcome to our gatherings. Call me on 01584 890 414 for times, venues and dates. As you can see, our aim is to enjoy ourselves.

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What it will not do is help with an organisation's running costs. If an organisation simply wants help with a specific youth project, the foundation will want details. The trustees meet twice a year, the next time in June

So if you have a young people's venture that needs help, the contact is Karen Nixon, Secretary to the Trustees, Legal and Domestic Services, The Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury SY2 6ND.

Telephone 01743 252724 or karen.nixon@shropshire.co.uk

WHOSE GREENGAGES?

There's a mystery at New House Farm. Margaret Robinson recently found a pair of very young greengage trees on the doorstep. On them is a card to Michelle, with love from Sheila, but nobody of either of those names lives there or works nearby.

These are obviously a gift to a keen gardener, and Margaret would like them to be in the rightful owner's hands. If she doesn't find that owner soon she'll pot them out as a temporary preserving measure until Michelle the Greengage Lady can be traced. If you have a clue, Margaret would be glad to hear from you on CM 271769.

THE LADIES' LUNCHEON CLUB

Our next meeting is on May 9th, with a new venue. It's the Royal Fountain, in Clebury's Church Street, where they have a good reputation for food and hospitality

Please ring me on 01584 890 414 for details.

Alison Osborne

THE FOOTPATH ASSOCIATION

Another lovely walk through our beautiful countryside on April 1st. The Jack Mytton Way took us along daffodil lined tracks towards Reaside with views over the River Rea and Neen Savage Church. The lambs, with a spring sun on their backs, gamboled around the fields and buzzards soared overhead sounding their eerie calls. It was April Fool's Day but fortunately our group felt more privileged than foolish to be out on such a

lovely morning. We returned via Chilton, along the river to Neen Savage and arrived back in the town, ready for lunch.

Our work parties have also been out and about this month, led by Susan. We worked alongside Shropshire Council people to put in a new field and pedestrian gate. This now makes for a completely stile free route from either Lion or Eagle Lane via Clarvers to Bayton Lane.

If you would like to help us maintain our footpaths contact susan@eaglelane.oco.uk.

Please join us. We walk on the first Sunday of each month leaving the Parish church at 10.00 am. The walks are usually 1½ - 2 hours and can be tackled by all ages although some stiles and hills can be encountered. Our next Parish Walk will be on Sunday May 6th at 10.00 am.

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The Clarion Monthly Social Calendar

Date	Time	Details	Contact	Telephone Number
Tue 1	2.00pm	Doddington Friendship Club meet in the village hall. Speakers Sheila and Roy Routledge on "Scattergories"		
Wed 2	10.00am	Walk for Health leaves the Fitness Centre for a social stroll	Ian7.30am	01694 722077
	8.00pm	Whist Drive at Doddington Village Hall	Sonia Pearsall	01584 890874
Thu 3		GREEN WHEELIE BINS EMPTIED		
	10.30am	Rock Pathfinders meet at the Hampstall Inn, Astley Burf, near Stourport, DY13 0RY or OS reference 813678 for a 2-3 hour walk in the local countryside	Alan	CM 400304
Fri 4	7.30pm	Bingo Night at Cleeton St Mary Village Hall		
Sat 5	10.00am	Horticultural Society Plan Sale, Market Hall. SEE PAGE 41		
	7.30pm	Flicks in the Sticks has a ticket-only night for Steven Spielberg's "War Horse". Book yours with	Val Breakwell	CM 270830
Sun 6	9.00am	Car Boot Sale at Forest Dog Rescue, Green Gap Kennels, Fr Forest		
	10.00am	The Footpath Association walk out from the Parish Church. SEE PAGE 27		
	11.00am	Local Produce Market in Load Street, Bewdley	info@bewdley.org.uk	
Mon 7	3.00pm	Art 4 The Terrified restarts at the Market Hall. SEE PAGE 15	Stef	07706 736400
	7.00pm	Parish Council meeting in the Market Hall. You may speak on local issues before the meeting starts.		
Tue 8	7.30am	St Mary's Breakfast Club eat at the Golf Club then tour Mawley Town Farm		
	7.30pm	Cleobury WI meet in the Parish Hall, to hear about "The Country Diary of an Edwardian Lady"		
Wed 9	11.00pm	Walk for Health leaves the Severn Hospice Shop.	Ian Pearmain	01694 722077
	12.30pm	Ladies Luncheon Club meet at The Royal Fountain, Church St	Alison	01584 890414
	8.00pm	The Royal British Legion meet at the Bell Inn, Lower Street	Ron Breakwell	CM 270830
Thu 10		BLACK WHEELIE BINS AND RECYCLE BOXES EMPTIED TODAY		
Fri 11		Smallholding Series of courses, covers keeping cattle. At Uncllys Farm in the Wyre Forest. Please book.		CM 266929
	7.30pm	Bingo Night at Cleeton St Mary Village Hall		
St 12		Coach Trip to Windsor, tickets £14/£6 children	Margaret Gregory	01584 891464
	10.30am	Family film show at Methodist Hall, Church Street	Rev Helen Roberts	01584 819649
	4.00pm	Football Tournament on the Sports Field, with entertainment to follow. SEE PAGE 7		
Sun 13	12 noon	Open Day, Mawley Hall and Gardens. SEE PAGE 43		
Mon 14	7.00pm	The Horticultural Society meet in Talbot Carp Park to travel to Gladderbrook Farm		
Tue 15	2.00pm	Doddington Friendship Club welcome artist Diane Jennings. See Tuesday 1 st above		
	6.00pm	Chamber of Trade sponsor informal exchange and talk evening, Cleobury Country Centre. SEE PAGE 23		
Wed 16	10.00am	Walk for Health leaves the Fitness Centre, Love Lane	Ian Pearmain	01694 722077

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The May Social Calendar - continued

Date	Time	Details	Contact	Telephone Number
	11,00am	Carers' Drop-In Surgery in the Library, Love Lane. SEE PAGE 15	Wendy Dley	CM 270562
	8.00pm	Whist Drive at Doddington Village Hall	Sonia Pearsall	01584 890874
Thu 17		GREEN WHEELIE BINS EMPTIED		
	10.30pm	Rock Pathfinders, Bell Inn, Pensax, WR6 6AE. OS Ref: 236687. See 3 rd above		
	7.45pm	Whist Drive at Sports & Social Club, Love Lane	Alan Evans	CM 270114
Fri 18		Smallholding course on Pruning Plums and Cherries. Includes practical work in local orchard. Book a place.		CM 266929
	7.00pm	Berrington Hall at Night. Tours of Berrington Hall, near Leominster		01568 615721
	7.30pm	Reid Warblers Concert, in aid of the Royal Defence Fund, Queen Elizabeth Hospital. Tickets are just £3.00.	Pat Smith	CM 270833
	8.00pm	Bingo Night at Doddington Village Hall	Sonia Pearsall	01584 890874
Sat 19		Plant Sale and Coffee Morning at Victory Hall, Clows Top. SEE PAGE 9		
Sun 20		First day of National Smiles Month. Come on, look happy!		
		Masterclass Walk and write with author Paul Evans on Clee Hill. SEE PAGE 25		
Mon 21	7.30pm	The Reading Group meet in the Library. Cleobury Country Centre, Love Lane. SEE PAGE 13.	Deane Kimber	CM 271754
Wed 23		Clows Top Garden Club, Victory Hall, Bill Auger talks about "Soft Fruits". SEE PAGE 9		
Thu 24		THE OLYMPIC TORCH PASSES THROUGH CLEOBURY; SEE POSTERS FOR TIMING		
	8.00pm	Whist Drive at Neen Savage Village Hall	Clare	CM 270173
Fri 25		Smallholding Course in Wyre Forest on Poultry, including keeping Old Foxy at bay. Book your place.		CM 266929
	5.00pm	Cleobury Primary School Fete, with a load of attractions for parents and youngsters. SEE PAGE 25.		
	8.00pm	Bingo Night at Doddington Village Hall	Sonia Pearsall	01584 890874
Tue 29	2.00pm	Doddington Friendship Club present Anna Meredith's "History of Food and Drink". See Tue 1 st above.		
		AND LOOKING FORWARD TO JUNE		
Sun 3	11.00am	Local Produce Market, Load Street, Bewdley	info@bewdley.org.uk	
	2.30pm	The British Legion's Jubilee Parade assembles in the Talbot Yard for a 3.00pm church service		
Wed 6	10.00am	Walk for Health leaves the Fitness Centre, Love Lane	Ian Pearmain	01694 722077
	8.00pm	Whist Drive a Doddington Village Hall	Sonia Pearsall	01584 890874
Fri 8		BLACK WHEELIE BINS AND RECYCLE BOXES EMPTIED		



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Clarion Clippings - The Local News

NATIONAL SMILES MONTH



Head dental nurse at the Cleobury Dental Surgery, Cassie Wellings shows off the Smiley sticks that will be handed out to children.

National Smiles Month is from May 20th to June 20th and the Dental Surgery will naturally be backing this promotion to encourage adults and children in better oral health. They'll be organising a raffle, with a top-of-the-range Oral-B electric toothbrush worth £215 to be won. All proceeds will go to the local Kemp Hospice. Tickets are £1.00 each, from the surgery reception.

There will be stickers and Smileys for the children, and the team of dentists will be happy to arrange inspections and assess any dental work you may need. All in the interests of better oral health and less toothache. A good, positive idea from a practice that is now in its fourth year and has grown from two qualified dentists on the strength to a fourth joining them this month.

They started as a brand new NHS dental facility, with funding from the local Primary Care Trust to provide a service

that the area badly needed. The cost of building and setting up the surgery was borne by Doctors Ann-Marie Bard and Peter Lloyd, who made a big commitment by providing room for growth.

They have since been joined by Doctor Robert Thorley and later this month Mrs Nicola Tyler-Westwood takes on her two days a week position. This success has seen the number of NHS patients grow to the limits of the funding they are paid, and they could take on more if the money was available.

Apart from the dentists, the Surgery employs five nurses and one hygienist and the town's shops benefit because they draw people here. Another positive addition to the community.

This next item is unedited, because it is so unusual. You should hear this news from Rev Helen Roberts in her own words:

POPCORN CHURCH?

And why not? Newly licensed to show DVDs to the public, the Methodist church are taking the opportunity to hold screenings of popular family films. The licence limitations mean that they cannot specify the film due to be shown on a particular date, but can let people know the type of film and any age guidance. Family films will focus on U classifications, so expect lots of animated fun.

'This is not in competition with Flicks in the Sticks - all our films will already be out on DVD,' explained Rev Helen

Roberts, who is co-ordinating the film shows, 'We do however aim to offer an entertainment option that is low cost and local - both are important in these belt tightened times'

The first shows are planned for 12 May and 9 June - Saturday mornings at 10.30. More will be arranged over the summer holidays. Children should be accompanied; entry is by donation which will support the recent work on the hall. Watch out for the banner outside the church, contact Rev Helen on 01584 819649 or join Cleobury Methodist Church on facebook for dates.

Editor's Note: *Congratulations to the church on this imaginative step forward. We will be happy to carry all the film dates for them in the Clarion.*

THANK YOU

To everyone in the community who asked about my daughter in law Emma and the latest addition to our family.

Ava Isabel arrived at 2.20am on Friday April 20th, in the Worcester Royal Hospital. As I write this I have only seen photos of a lovely young lady who will bring happiness to our house when they both come home. And thanks to the staff at the Worcester Royal who gave such loving and careful attention to mother and child.



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I am very pleased to report that year on year overall reported crime has seen a very encouraging fall of 38 percent, with burglaries at dwellings down 71 percent and other burglaries down 67 percent. Criminal damage is down 33 percent, theft and handling is down 45 percent, despite the recent increase in the value of metals. The one category which shows a reported increase of 3 percent is violent crime, however this apparent increase is because a much higher percentage of violent crime is now being caught on the CCTV systems in places like public houses, where previously this could have not been detected or reported.

These encouraging results would have not been possible without the support and communication with the police on the streets, in the schools, in the station (which is manned for a couple of hours each morning Monday to Saturday), via the facebook or via Neighbourhood Watch and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped in this achievement.

Most readers will be aware that the Olympic Torch will be passing through Cleobury on the A4117 on Thursday May 24th between 2.40 pm (at Hopton Wafers) and 3.00 pm at Newbridge. Between these times it is expected that the route will be very busy and therefore, if you have appointments, you need to take this information into consideration.

There have been issues with a number of teenage girls in relation to the High Street. These matters are in hand and anyone with information can contact me on the below numbers in confidence.

The vehicles congregating on the Social Club car park have also been a challenging issue. Two of the drivers will have received notices that if they continue with poor behaviour in their vehicles we will next time seize the vehicle. They will have to attend court and we will ask for the vehicle to be crushed. Keep the reports coming and I'll see you around town.

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Clive Davies' Westwood Diary

WESTWOOD FARM 22 April

Is the natural way the best? Short question, probably a long and involved answer. However, this was behind much of the of a recent radio farming programme. The topic was pig production and to an extent comparing that of Denmark and the UK. The UK has more involved regulation when it comes to intensive livestock methods. The Danish pig industry is big; there are more pigs in Denmark than people! Most of this meat producing set-up is from stock kept indoors at all times and on a massive scale. The radio interviewer was clearly hinting that there were many issues here to do with health, welfare and ethics. The health considerations of intensive pig production are clear cut. The animals ARE healthy. They have to be. If one animal gets a bug, they all do. There can be no corner-cutting here. Health concerns are an absolute priority for these pig units. From a welfare point of view, again the pigs have to be well enough cared for so that they will perform well for their target use of meat production. It is in the interests of everyone involved, from the moral, productivity and business sense that welfare is suited. From an ethical perspective, that's perhaps more open for debate. The one thing that was not mentioned in the programme was human food retail price. It is what so much of the particular drivers around various methods of food production centres. If we wish for a stack it high, sell it cheap scenario intensive production is required. If we are more selective in our food use and wish to consider more than just supply and price, then more costly production methods can have their day. There is a dilemma here and it is uncertain where the

ground lies. What is clear is that in these days of austerity the sale of many 'Organic' products have declined. That's the case in UK, while back in Denmark it seems moves are afoot to get nearer to the much stricter regulations but not to the extent that brings them fully in-line with the British. Quite clearly a far from a level playing field when it comes to the pig meat industry. One of the growth areas in Britain is the less intensive outdoor pig production methods. While these systems look fairly easy in their ways, there are many challenges. All livestock need energy input to achieve output. One of the advances of the Agricultural Revolution of the 1700's was that farmers realised better performance comes from livestock if the feed regime contained more than nature provided. Thus supplementary feeding began. Crops were grown for livestock when they were not otherwise available, like during the winter-time. Today, this is an exact science when rations are formulated and fed to ensure economically viable production. Or as near as it can be achieved! So, for the British outdoor pig there are benefits when compared to his Iron Age cousin. He can have time rooting around in the soil, but if there aren't enough pickings there, someone will come along at fairly regular intervals with some tasty, body building morsels. Surely this must be win-win. Well there can be difficulties and it seems that for all the advanced science available one of the greatest threats to the idyllic outdoor pig pen is from the health challenge and particularly TB which is more and more spreading from wildlife to our extensively kept livestock. There is a problem here. Nature is fighting back.

Clive Davies



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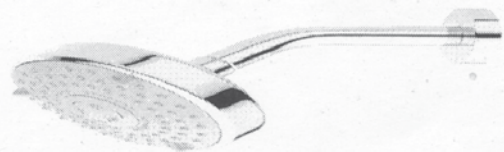
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CLEOBURY MORTIMER CRICKET CLUB

Nick Jones explains a drastic change at the town's clubhouse:

NatWest CricketForce is an England and Wales Cricket Board initiative, aimed at rejuvenating cricket facilities throughout England and Wales. The aim is to do this by encouraging supporters to give back to their local club by volunteering to undertake renovation work in club houses and grounds.

Cleobury Mortimer Cricket Club enjoyed amazing success from its second NatWest CricketForce event held on April 1st. After gaining league promotion last year and continually striving to play at the highest level possible, the demand for better ground facilities increases the higher you progress up the league structure. Scheduled jobs included assembling a new score box, erecting a fence (to stop losing balls in the hedge),

developing sight screens and painting the club. Contributions from M&M Timber, Build Centre and NatWest Bank have enabled the club to develop its facilities and we believe we now boast some of the best cricket club facilities in South Shropshire.

Thank you to all who volunteered and contributed to the event. The first league game is Saturday May 5th, with a 1.30pm start. For more details, visit our website at: www.cleoburymortimer.play-cricket.com

Nick Jones

THE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Derek Walker is always a good speaker and members welcomed him to our April meeting. His slide show told how his garden evolved at Larford House, he having just retired from his nursery business and looking for a level site to develop a new garden. He found Larford House with a very definite slope and he and

his wife planned a layout with the help of a constructor and developed the beautiful garden you can see today.

Derek loves tulips and plants about 20,000 a year with other varieties in the underplanting. At the moment he is unable to plant because of a tulip disease and his garden will not be open to the public this year. The slides he showed were magnificent, the range of colour and types of tulips wonderful to see. The garden has a world wide reputation and many of the vistas he showed us have been featured in worldwide magazines, so visitors come from all over the world. He and his wife have also developed a woodland site to encourage wildlife, especially birds; this is a favourite of children. We are all waiting for the chance to go and witness the beauty of the garden.

Please do not forget our Plant Sale on May 5th and our next meeting on May 14th.

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"I did 13 years in the Royal and Merchant Navies as a wireless operator, came out in 1991 and then decided if I could send a signal from Australia to Whitehall, I could do a decent job locally," Alan Smith smiles. 14 years ago he started his aerial business; knows this area well, knows the problems and has the solutions.

"Reception around here is medium to good since the digital switchover," he explains. "There are a few blind spots, but a lot fewer than before."

Most of his work today is installing home distribution systems to give TV points around the house. And if you need an aerial for any service, he can instal the solution very fast. "90 percent of the jobs I can do then and there with what I carry in the van. But if it needs a really tall pole, I can come back here and get it."

He covers an area roughly within 15 miles of Cleobury and that includes servicing eleven caravan sites. They tend to be in valleys, so his special knowledge comes in handy to make sure the weekend soccer matches are on screen and clear for the residents.

There's a side to his service that puts him above most installers. I had personal experience of this when he replaced the ancient aerial on our house and made the TV reception much better. So it was a surprise when he rang the doorbell one day and explained that he'd noticed the aerial was moving slightly, and could he just nip up and retighten its

mounting. No charge, no inconvenience, just a man concerned that his work should carry on giving the best service.

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The little red Citroen van is a familiar site, with his ladders on top. Nothing big and flash, just good knowledge, prompt response and keen prices. You can see why he keeps busy.

Jim Reynolds

Alan Smith: CM 270007

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A JUBILEE PARADE AND CELEBRATION

The Cleobury branch of the Royal British Legion is planning a special Diamond Jubilee parade on June 3rd. And they'd like the whole community to join in their celebration.

They'll gather in the Talbot Yard from 2.30, ready to march along Childe Road and along the High Street for a 3.00 o'clock service in the Parish Church.

Then they'll move on to the Market Hall for refreshments,

to which everyone who attends the march and service is cordially invited.

If you'd like more details, call Jim Hulme, the man in charge, on CM 270261.

SEEKING NEW FEMALE FRIENDS

I'm 43 years old and have recently moved to Cleobury Mortimer. I'm looking to meet new female straight friends for general socialising.

It would be good to hear from you..

Laura : 07795 327 171

MAWLEY HALL OPEN

Here's a rare treat, Mawley Hall and Gardens open on May 13th. Open from 12.00 noon to 5.00, with access to the gardens costing £3.50 and to the historic Hall £8.50. The Grade 1 listed Hall was built in 1730 and has one of the finest preserved Baroque interiors in the country.

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MAY IN THE FOREST

One of the strangest feathered inhabitants of the Wyre Forest is the woodcock. People familiar with the quieter parts of the forest, especially its little stream valleys, may occasionally see them in flight but it would take a very sharp eye indeed to see them on the ground. Their plumage of mottled browns and greys is a perfect camouflage amongst dead oak leaves in the scrapes on the ground which form their nests. Their long beaks are adapted to probing soft mud for worms and other invertebrates which are slurped up without taking the beak out of the ground.

In "The Natural History of an English Forest" Norman Hickin describes watching woodcock rising up from the forest at dusk to come past his cottage on their way to feed in wet ground further afield. My only sighting was when I was with a group of school children along the stream that forms the Forestry Commission's eastern boundary and, to our amazement, a woodcock came flying up the valley through our group at shoulder height. That flight was silent, but at this time of the year the males make a special display flight known as "roding". They fly a circular route at dusk making some very odd noises. I have to quote Hickin here: "...every so often the wing beats

miss and at that precise moment a peculiar sound is uttered by the bird and variously described as a croak or a groan followed by a high-pitched whistle. Whereas the hen makes the whistle on occasion, but never groans or croaks."

For the more familiar but no less remarkable bird sounds you really should join the Dawn Chorus Walk on May 5th (see below). It's worth making the effort to rise early for an unforgettable experience.

Thursdays in term time - Forest Friends for pre-school children and carers. 10.00am for an hour of forest-based play and activities. £3.00 per child. No booking required

Tuesdays and Sundays 11.00 to 12.00 noon Free Health Walks for fitness-improving exercise and companionship. Come at 10.30am to register on your first walk.

Saturday May 5th - Dawn Chorus Walk with Rosemary Winnall. 5.30 to 7.30am. £8 per person. Adults and interested children of 8 years and over. A forest walk to enjoy the delights of the dawn chorus at this special time of year. Bring a picnic breakfast to eat on the balcony of the new Community Discovery Centre. Booking essential 01299 266929. Places limited.

*Linda Iles
Forestry Commission*

THE BIG BIKE RIDE



Our curate Kelvin Price and local man Max Lambourne are combining to make a bicycle ride from Edinburgh to Cleobury in July, to raise money for the Saint Mary's Youth Project. They will combine with soldiers Craig Hasson and Craig Womersley, who will be doing it for the military charity Care for Casualties. They start from Edinburgh on July 2nd and aim to be back here by the 7th.

You can donate to Kelvin and Max's ride on www.justgiving.com/Kelvin-Price or, as Just Giving take a percentage for themselves, you could make out a cheque to Kelvin and either hand it to him or leave it at the Parish Office in the Market Hall on Thursdays.

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Our Parish Council held the Parish Annual Meeting on April 16th, when Keith Barrow, Leader of Shropshire Council, was the guest.



Keith Barrow impressed his small audience with straight talking and a willingness to listen and explain.

TOP MAN HAS SMALL AUDIENCE

Here's something about the Leader of Shropshire Council that the public didn't see when he visited our Annual Parish Meeting.

You might expect the man with the top job in the county to arrive in a chauffeur driven limousine. Not so. He parked his VW Golf and asked if this was the Market Hall. No overblown ego with this man.

He spoke well, explaining that the unitary authority was the most cost effective way of running the county, and how some of the old District Councils would have struggled in the current financial situation. He

was the man in the hot seat when it was announced that Shropshire would have find savings of £96 million.

There have been redundancies, never a nice task to face, but the first trimming saved £5 million. To encourage the thinking, councillors took a cut in their own payments and travel costs, while free lunches have been cut. So far, the total saving has reached £32 millions and the Council is trying to rebuild reserves that had dropped to just £2 million. Then a problem like the collapsed bridge at Ludlow crops up, which cost a million to put right, and the reserve is halved. Hence the need to build it up to a realistic figure.

It was a surprise to hear a Conservative councillor say he doesn't believe in privatisation, but this one did. As Mr Barrow explained, local councils have little control once a contract is signed and any profit goes out of the area He wants to see services operated in partnership with outside contractors, with any share of profits ploughed back into the community. It's a process called Profit for Purpose.

Looking ahead, he explained that the usual Government grant to local authorities will end and they will have to generate their own income through rates and selling their services elsewhere.

After answering questions, Mr Barrow sat down to a round of applause.

Councillor Madge Shineton reported on the fight to keep local primary schools open, though Hopton Wafers is due to close as its pupil roll has fallen to just 10. She stated firmly that new town toilets are coming and outlined plans for the Olympic Torch visit on May 24th. Cllr Gwillam Butler then explained that £45million was available for new employment developments, such as the new units at Tenbury Road Business Park. There is a plan to pave the area between the War Memorial and the Parish Church, to form a town centre square. More power will be given to Parish Councils to develop their own areas, if they are willing to take up the challenge. He emphasised the need for the town's business people to support the petition for better Broadband provision.

Parish chairman Sean Thorogood reported that the parking review is in process and there will be a referendum about it. There then followed a series of local reports, with dog fouling the most serious matter.

A good meeting, but many reports took too long. And it was disappointing that so few people wanted to hear about the town's future.



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THE CHRISTMAS BOXES TRAIL

Jenny Vanderhook, who does a devoted job every Christmas to gather presents for impoverished children in faraway countries, had the chance to travel and see where the Christmas Boxes went and meet some of the children

I'd never been to Central Asia before, so I didn't know what to expect. Before we went on our trip we had an orientation day near Cambridge, where we all met for the first time. I was surprised to see Dave there; he helps at the Kidderminster Warehouse where all our shoe boxes go, so we travelled together to Heathrow. After a nine hour flight we landed at Manas, the American airbase; nearby is a Russian airbase in the only country in the world to have both super powers like this.

For the next eight days we were kept busy visiting churches, schools and kindergartens. We first had entertainment of a sort and then the distribution of shoe boxes. Such fun, but at the same time so moving; twice I had to move away as I was in tears. Our leader Alan had seen it all before and comforted me. Mostly I was busy handing boxes out and then photographing the children. Some wanted their box opened at once – hat on and lolly in mouth, but others shook their heads and wanted to take it home unopened. It all made wonderful pictures.

We were a team of nine from England, joined by three lovely girls who were interpreters. Our time in Kyrgyzstan was at the end of their very long winter. It starts to snow in October and we had snow our first night there. Summers must be hot as they grow a lot of apricots. Unfortunately we were never offered any. The scenery was stunning, long mountain ranges and a beautiful Lake Issyk Kul. Five hours to travel from one end to the other. In all our travels over eight days I never saw a flower and the only birds were rooks and a few pigeons.

Once in the countryside there were plenty of domestic animals roaming everywhere cows, horses and a huge flock of sheep. The difference between town and country was very marked and it seemed empty to us, a country much the same size as England with only five million people.

I shall always remember this trip and in particular a young boy about six years old at the end of our first distribution. He was dressed in his best Sunday suit and had started to leave but ran back to us and said 'Thank you' probably his only words of English with a big smile on his face.

It was worth going all that way just for the experience with one little boy. *Jenny Vanderhook*

THE BOWLING CLUB

One month into the Season, the Green is fantastic thanks to the Groundsmen.

Four League Teams have been in action. In the Ludlow League we have two teams. Cleobury have won all four matches, with top scorers Club Captain Chris Cowdell, Graham Kitchen, and groundsman Phil Pack, who obviously knows all the best places to bowl on the Green. Their next Home Match is on Thursday May 3rd against Bromfield.

Mortimer, the other team in the Ludlow League have lost all four of their Matches. Top scorers are Jim Bourne; Roy Broome and Ken Reynolds.

Two of our other teams play in the Highley League. Cleobury 'A' have played twice, won one and lost one. Top Scorers Chris Cowdell and Graham Kitchen. Their next Home Match is on May 1st against Islanders 'A'. Cleobury 'B' also play in the Highley League and have played one which they won. Their next Home Match is on May 8th against Highley 'B'. Top scorers: Roy Broome; Howard Broome; John Cadwallader;

Our Ladies Team play in the Ludlow Ladies League and their first Home Game is on May 23rd May against Craven Arms. All Home League Matches start at 7.00.

You are all welcome to come and watch around the Green at Ronhill.

One last League Competition, which is on most Sundays for Club Members. The current leaders are the Marksmen Team, Captained by Phil Pack.

Dave Harley

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People want to live here in Cleobury Mortimer. A friendly place, where most people smile and say Hello. Lovely country, good shops, lots to do, excellent services.

But there's a down side. Dog muck. Too much of it, on pavements, in play and sports areas, a nuisance if you happen to step in it, a serious threat to children's health if they should get the faeces in their eyes.

That's not a laughing matter. No one is suggesting a child would deliberately do such a thing, but if they should tumble and get the soiling on their hands - and that does happen - it's a crying child's natural reaction to rub their eyes and try to dry their tears. The result can be blindness if the dog is carrying a particular parasite; Jeremy Hall of Severn Edge Vets wrote about this risk in April. If a professional tells you it's a danger, you'd better believe it.

The primary school recognise this risk and have stopped using the playing field next to the school because of the dog fouling there. And that field is where a special poo bag bin has been installed by Severn Edge Vets!

Don't blame the dogs. They just do what nature says they should. But an owner who leaves the mess lying there and walks away is offending everyone. Poo scoops cost very little, the bags that go with them are cheap and sometimes free. There are a lot of bins with labels saying you can put poo bags in there.

Yet when the working party was clearing the River Rea ready for the recent Duck Race, someone had thrown their dog's poo bags into the river; eight of them. They deserve an award for Filthy Habit of the Year.

The solution is to report anyone you recognise allowing their dog to foul and not clear it up. Report them to the police if you know their name. If you can take a photo with your mobile, do so and pass that on to the police as well.

This shame on our community will not get better unless we stand up and act. Don't get into a row with the offender, don't shout and be rude (though it's very tempting), just tell the police, the people with the authority to act if we give them the evidence.

If you want to get a supply of the plastic bags, talk to Severn Edge Vets on CM 271967. Come on, all you dog owners, let's clean up.

TAKE BACK THE REINS

Stottesdon based Country Treks is taking part in the 'Take Back the Reins' scheme to get people out on horseback. Owner Steph Eddies-Davies says it's a great way to improve fitness and an alternative to the gym. Well, you can bet the scenery's better.

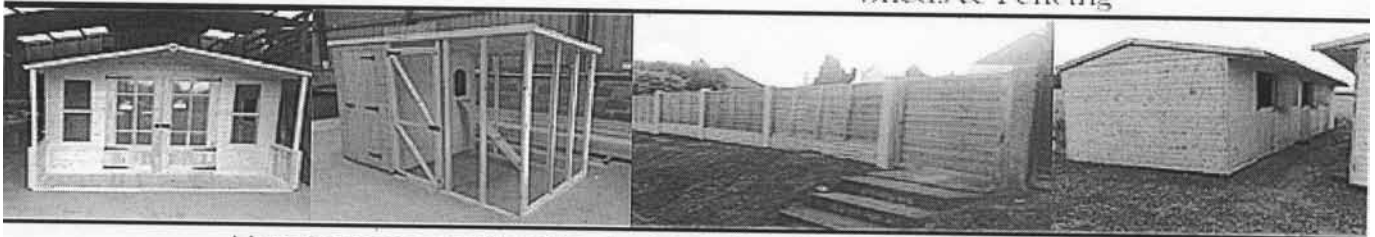
According to the British Equestrian Federation's Hoof organisation, riding can burn the same calories an hour as a 30 minute jog at six miles an hour. It works the main muscle groups in the body as you take in the Shropshire landscape.

Country Treks is offering a seven week Take Back the Reins course for £25.00 each hour and a half session. If you have young children, bring them with you to enjoy the Pony and Play sessions at the same time. You'll learn about riding and horse handling, as well as tacking-up and untacking. And bear in mind that Country Treks have a lot of room for novices to learn the basics or for experienced riders to find their old skills on a cross country ride.

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MASONS HELP MAURICE HIT HIS TARGET



The happy representatives of local causes who collected cheques on March 29th. Rear row L to R: Rosemary Abbiss, Diane Waddington, Guy James, Dorothy McBride and Maurice Evans. Front row: Edward Purslow and Danielle Andrews.

It was a happy evening at Cleobury Golf Club on March 29th, when the Cleobury Lodge of Freemasons handed over cheques to outstanding local causes. Worshipful Master of the Lodge Guy James did the honours, explaining to visitors that the Masons raise funds for charities and other causes every year, feeding the proceeds back into the community. This year a total of £1650 was presented on the night.

Diane Waddington of the Friends of St Mary's Church, Rosemary Abbiss of the Nightingale Nursing Fund, Dorothy McBride of the Cleobury Guides and Edward Purslow with Danielle Andrews of the Cleobury Scouts collected cheques for £300. Finally Maurice Evans of the Air Ambulance collected a whopper for £650, and explained to the audience that he will be giving up his coordinating role as a result of

ill health, and his ambition to collect a total of £400,000 before he retired had now been realised.

To round the evening off, it was announced that the evening's raffle had raised a total of £72 towards next year's giving.

HOPTON COURT IS WARMING UP

It's going to be a busy musical summer at Hopton, with The Sh*Fest kicking the season awake on Saturday the 5th of this month. This year the Fest stands alone, offering free camping over the Bank Holiday weekend for its regular fans.

The big one is the Hole In The Wall Festival, running from July 13th to 15th, with the Counterfeit Stones and T-Rexstasy the headliners. To end the weekend there's a big firework display before the fans go home tired and happy.

www.holeinthewallfestival.co.uk

GUARDING THE HILL

If you see a party of litter pickers out on Clee Hill, wearing hi-vis jackets, it's the Clee Hill Wardens.

The idea was formed in 2010 with a litter picking exercise driven by local youngsters, who didn't like the mess and the fly tipping on an historic site. They opted to stay an independent body, and Hanson Quarries helped by sponsoring the jackets.

Local archaeologist Glyn Barratt advised them to operate in pairs, have a knowledge of First Aid and acquire local knowledge to help any visitor who needed directions. George Cummings works as coordinator and he and his wife are solid supporters.

When they addressed the problem of fly tipping, farmer Richard Huffer brought along a digger to remove the bigger stuff. Small rubbish they remove and dispose of.

They meet at 11.15 on the first Sunday of the month, in the car park, for a litter pick. Other work includes walking the hill paths to spot litter and fly tipping, and guiding lost visitors. They work with local companies and PC Sean Cullings, the village bobby. He can see the effect of their work: "Definitely less litter."

They are a deterrent, and Hill Warden notices in their cars help to turn away people with rubbish to dump, to go and find a place less well guarded.

George Cummings is a busy retired man, very proud of the Hill and what the wardens are achieving. He has eight on his list and would like four more. He's on 01584891635.

And what would George like to see eventually? "No rubbish, the buildings in good condition and some civic pride."

NICE ONE, ROB

Rob Cooper of Gecko Carpentry was one of Cleobury's entrants in the London Marathon in April. He originally had an entry in last year's race, but a training injury kept him out until this year.

The day after the race he was on the e-mail to tell us he'd got round the 26.6 mile course in 3 hours, 58 minutes and 33 seconds. Even better, he raised £1200 for the Monty's Corner charity.

We hope to tell you how the other local entrants got on in the next Clarion.

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MAY 24th - A BIG DAY FOR THE TOWN

The town will be on show when the Olympic Torch comes through on May 24th. It's a Thursday, but the main street will have no dustcarts and not one car, van or lorry will be parked there either. The police will supervise that side of the day, and there will be extra car parking at Curdale Farm, thanks to the Evans family.

Children will be bussed in from the primary schools that feed Lacon Childe, and there will be sports and games at Lacon Childe to keep them entertained before they make their way down to the town centre at 2.00. The official time for the Torch cavalcade to arrive here is 2.47, and a runner will carry the torch through the town. All the children will be given Olympic tee-shirts as a souvenir of the day.

One of the competitions for the children in the run up to the Big Day will be designing a poster that the organisers hope the town's shops will use in their window displays. And of course all the town's shops can enter the Chamber of Trade's window dressing competition to win and keep the Cleobury Clarion trophy.

Local bodies will be looking after areas along the route, like the British Legion near the War Memorial and close by will be residents from the sheltered housing in St Mary's Close and Mortimer Gardens.

If anybody wants bunting to decorate their house along the route, the Craft Club at Severn Hospice Shop are busy making some very attractive versions that you are welcome to use. Just

call in at the shop, but don't wait until the last minute, because there will be a heavy demand.

Madge Shingleton is chair of the coordinating committee and is looking for a few more marshals to help on the day - it's an easy way of getting a closeup view. To contact Madge, type in madge.shingleton@shropshire.gov.uk

It promises to be a brilliant day, and the bunting along High Street will be left in place for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebration that follows a little later. Enjoy!

LOCAL BEERS AND LOADS OF TALENT

Cleobury Golf Club's annual Beer Festival just gets better and better. The pressure of deadlines meant the Clarion could only make a fleeting visit on Saturday afternoon, when the atmosphere in the Wyre Forest Suite was an amiable reflection of 24 different beers and ciders on offer along with some very fine local talent.

The standout performance of the afternoon was Aaron Booton getting together with Lauren Wright in what was supposed to be an Open Mic session. Err, not quite, this was a duo getting together to jam a little and enjoy the music, but no way was it an Open Mic act. You'd wait a long time to hear a better version of Leonard Cohen's 'Hallelujah' than these two offered. And they only play together occasionally.

Apparently they were at college a few years back, but have little musical history together. Aaron is worth listening to, a man who puts back into the scene because he enjoys it. The young band who were on just before him had been tutored by Aaron, who taught them through from

playing and singing to setting up the sound system to best effect.

Lauren is being tipped for stardom by lots of young people, and she can certainly put over a song in jazz or blues style. If this pair is typical of the talent drawn to the Beer Festival, you can see why it succeeds.



Aaron Booton and Lauren Wright were the class of the acts we saw.

Graham Pain was naturally very happy with an event that drew players from far away. But he was most pleased by praise from veteran John Redfern, who congratulated him on giving local musical talent a chance to shine, while real ale brewers could get younger drinkers on their side. Winners all round.

And finally congratulations to David Pain, who has worked so hard to present the club and its events to the world. Another good man in the Pain clan.

SILLY BIT

Attorney: 'Can you describe the individual?'

Witness: 'Medium height, with a beard.'

Attorney: 'Male or female?'

Witness: 'Unless the circus was in town, I'm going to go for male.'

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You can't have more of a family business than this one. The Mole family bought Mawley Oak Garage back in 1958 and their daughter Diane was born here. When they sold out and moved into West End Garage in Bewdley, son Alan was born there.

Father Alf worked as an engineer in the local mine before opting for the fresh air, laying roads including new routes into Wales. His broad knowledge made him a natural mechanic and moving into the garage business was his obvious destiny.

When Alf bought the Mawley business back again in 1981, Alan started work there, extending the mechanicing skills he'd built up working on old cars as a schoolboy and learning the trade from Jim Smith, who was already established there. "I think we inherited Jim Smith when we bought the garage," laughs Alan, who's what you'd call a real hands-on engineer.

When dad died in 1988, Diane quit her job as a Senior Systems Analyst with a Birmingham engineering business and joined the family firm. Today they run the business together, having evolved it from a country garage to include car sales and the expanding Mawley Oak Travel. Not to mention the Wild at Heart florist business that does wonders for the appearance of the forecourt.

The garage side offers fuel sales and the convenience of the shop, plus servicing, MoTs and diagnostic attention to vehicles. Filling the back yard is the fleet of 14 coaches, ranging from

eight seater minibuses to the big 53 seaters for bigger jobs. They added the coach business to the garage 13 years ago, when it became clear that selling petrol was not destined to be a big earner. The coach side has grown hugely, and you'll probably know the smart white painted fleet from their wide spread work on daily school runs for both Shropshire and Worcestershire as well as carrying people over much of the country.

Coach hire can be demanding work, with vehicles sometimes coming back to Mawley in the not-so-small hours. They're parked up in the yard, until another driver takes over, possibly before 8.00 for the morning school run.

These vehicles do long hours and lots of miles, which keeps the workshop busy so that the fleet are ready and fit for use. We asked how many miles a long haul coach could do, and they both smiled before telling of a recent National Express sale of 05 and 55 registered coaches with up to 1,100,000 miles recorded. The Mawley fleet don't include any of those marathon runners, but you do admire the build quality that can give such service. It makes a 200,000 miles car seem small beer.

The downside of coaches out for such long hours is the need for contact with base. At night the switchboard diverts calls on that number to Diane or Alan's mobile, or to transport manager Paul Hill's. The Travel office is open from 7.00am to 6.00pm and the forecourt and service area open at 8.00am. On

Saturday the forecourt is open from 8.00 to 6.00. With such long opening hours they need a lot of staff, both full and part-time, and they employ 21.



Big time travel people, with big coaches to do it. Alan and Diane Mole with one of the Mawley Oak Travel fleet of 14.

As you'd expect from a family business, they give help whenever they can, like suggestions for a mystery tour one club were hoping to run. It's just part of the job to be friendly and helpful. If a party have a few days stay in one of their regular destinations, like Blackpool, the coach driver will use local knowledge to take the customers to another attraction if it's raining around the Tower. It does rain in Blackpool, you know.

So they do they still enjoy the job? "There are perks, like being able to take time off if you want to," says Alan. And with Diane's daughter Nikki running the workshop, there's another generation ready to take over. A true family business.

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SCALING THE HEIGHTS



The Training Tower at Cleobury Fire and Rescue Station



11 year old Tristan McCallum on the way down.



"Did I really abseil down from right up there?"

GREAT KIDS

It was a big challenge. 15 young people from the St Mary's Youth Project would abseil down from the 30 feet high second platform of the training tower at the fire station. If they did 147 descents that would be 4408 feet. That's the height of Ben Nevis, the UK's highest mountain. If other young folks wanted to try it, they'd be welcome too.

On Saturday morning, April 21st, they were ready to go. Mark Greaves was at the base camp to make sure every volunteer had proper harness on and was clipped to the safety ropes before climbing to the first platform. As their turn came, they climbed to the second platform, where the effervescent and ever smiling Ayesha Myrie clipped them up for the Big Drop.

It was quite humbling to watch keen young men and women step out into space, control their speed of fall with the guide rope and come gently to earth. Not a

place for anyone with a fear of heights.

While the Clarion was there, we watched Tristan McCallum make the drop twice, with what looked like practised ease. His dad said he'd done much more than two drops. Respect. And to another 11-year-old, Imogen Priscott, who did four descents after a midday start.

They kept the flow of people up until 6.00 o'clock, when the count hit 147 and the target was reached. Mark Greaves tells us that sales at the barbecue (nice bacon rolls....), gift stall and donations raised £400. The sponsors that the competing youngsters collected have yet to be counted up, but he expects to double that total for the Youth Project's funds.

Great day. Great kids!

CORINNE BELLFIELD

Everyone who knew Corinne and her unmissable laugh will be sad to hear that in April she lost a long, bravely fought battle with cancer. For years she showed no

sign of it in public, always bubbly and full of life.

She was a very able stage dancer and tutored both children and adults. One large man admitted he couldn't keep up with her pace in her Parish Hall tuition sessions.

Our sympathies go to Ron, who shared his life and an exquisite cottage with a very special lady.

THANK YOU

A very successful concert by the Severn Singers for the Severn Hospice raised £640. Chairman Madge Shingleton said the help and support for the evening had been wonderful, and a big thank you to everyone.

THE WARBLERS AGAIN

You can't keep the Reed Warblers down. They'll be in full song at the Parish Hall on the 18th, starting at 7.30. It's all to raise funds for the soldiers ward at the Q E Hospital in Brum. Just £3.00 a ticket from Cleobury News or Pat Smith on CM 270833.

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