
The Cleobury Clarion

NEW LOOS AT LAST



They should look proud, this is another forward step for the town.

From left: Gary Godsall of contractors Harpers, Martin Ellis of Shropshire Council and Councillors Mike Reiner, Sean Thorogood and Geoff Hainsworth.

The new public toilets in the Childe Road West car park were officially handed over on April 19th, after some delays. We are told the ceremony was delayed because the floor tiling in the smart new block was not to the correct specification and when

the first set were taken up there was damage to the underfloor heating, which meant even more remedial work.

The toilets are very smart, with Ladies, Gents and Disabled units, and a nappy changing table in both Ladies and Gents. Automatic lighting, hot air hand dryers and a timeswitch to open and close the block. At first they will be available from 7.30 in the am to 6.30 in the evening, which may be changed in the light of experience.

The disabled unit will need some work to make it accessible for wheelchair users. Parish clerk Matt Sheehan, sensible chap, asked Jenny McCrorie of Cleobury Patients' Voice to just try the access and she found one of the roof supports blocked the way! The ramp up the kerb will be modified as well, as that was marginal for safety. Niggling little matters that should have been seen at the design stage.

Credit to all councillors who worked to get the job done despite cutbacks. Gwilym Butler was quite the star in safeguarding the money for us.

MAY 2013

A GREAT FIRST FARMERS' MARKET

Cleobury Country's inaugural Farmers' Market was a roaring success, with the town crowded and cars parked back up Love Lane past the school. Banners along the main road made the scene bright and welcoming, performances by Cleobury Concert Brass and the Crooked Steeple Ladies Clog Dancing group gave a happy air to the day and lots of local food and craft people filled the church and overspilled along the footpath.

It was very busy, with the bacon rolls quickly sold out and stall holders happy and asking for a longer day next time - which will be May 18th. The organising crew from Cleobury Country deserve great praise for a super job.

SADLY FOR SALE

One of the most lively businesses on the High Street, as Rachel Siddall has taken stock and decided that family come first and that she's too tired to carry on the Carrot Tops vege, fish and fruit business that she's built up so well. **See Page 23.**



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THE CO-OP SUPPORTS CLEOBURY PATIENTS VOICE



No wonder she's smiling. Katja Ward with a £2,000 cheque from the Co-op.

Cleobury Compassionate Communities have recently been awarded £2000 by the Co-Op Community Fund to help them in the valuable work they do, supporting isolated and vulnerable adults within the catchment of Cleobury's Medical Practice. Officially launched in October 2012, the organization now has 17 volunteers, including some who offer administrative skills and is growing steadily all the time. If you would like to join the team to befriend and support a client of your own, please get in touch to sign up for the next two-day training course

in June. Or, if you or someone you know would like the support of a weekly visit from a volunteer to help maintain independent living at home, please also contact Katja on 01299 270018 or call into the Market Hall Monday to Friday 10-12.

ANOTHER RECYCLING SERVICE

Cleobury's Parish Church has a large plastic container to take used printer cartridges or old mobile phones if you will just drop them in. It's all in support of Christian Aid and a far better way of disposing of unwanted stuff than just putting them in a bin to add to the problem of landfill.

AN IMPORTANT APPEAL Betsy Pratt, who has done such a good job getting the Neighbourhood Watch scheme up and running, writes:

This is a request for a new Overall Co-ordinator for the Cleobury Neighbourhood Watch. My work commitments are such that in the summer months through until October they are much greater with the Agricultural shows and Fridays and Saturdays are taken up with my Solar job.

I think it is definitely time for me to hand over the reins to

someone who has more time to spare to meet the people of Cleobury and expand the Neighbourhood Watch. I can see it being able to encompass far more than it does now, particularly in providing valuable assistance to the Police Commissioner in his work.

We have got the defibrillator and I am trying to get it installed for the AGM, which is on May 1st, starting at 7.30, in the Methodist Church Hall. I am always prepared to offer assistance where I can.

Betsy Pratt

betsypratt5@hotmail.co.uk

EARLY NOTICE

PC Tracey Wood has news of a Family Fun Day scheduled to happen in Tenbury next month:

Tenbury Safer Neighbourhood team are running their free Family Fun Day on June 23rd at Palmers Meadow, Tenbury Wells, running from 12.00 noon until 5.00. This year's line up of entertainment includes Sunshine Radio, Disco Daddy, Simply Magic, Trevor Hill Birds and Animals as well as the usual free bouncy castles, go karts, vintage fair ride plus much more.

Forest Dog Rescue is also hosting a dog show at the event. It's a great day out for all the family - hope to see you there.

PC 61 Tracey Wood



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LOOKING FOR A HOME



Becky Reid-Senton of Birchill Dog Rescue with a big smile and a trio of mature dogs that need a home.

This assorted trio of mature dogs was recently brought in from a home where the domestic situation couldn't accommodate them. They're three good old friends, saved by Birchill Dog Rescue ten years ago and looking for another home.

Delta is Staffordshire Terrier about 13 years old. Pippin is a terrier of about 16 and Monty is possibly a lurcher cross and about the same age as Pippin. They've lived together for a long time and to split them up now would be less than kind. Would you like a trio of mature dogs, all vaccinated, age related vet bills covered and just needing a friend? Call Jutta on CM 270406 to learn more about them.

AND A WORD OF WARNING FOR PET OWNERS

Jutta at Birchill Dog Rescue is worried by a growing problem with the theft of pets. In the case of thoroughbreds they can be ransomed, with the owner asked for £1,000 to get the pet back; a nasty, cynical trade. Even worse is theft of dogs to use as a bait to train fighting dogs; there are some horrific pictures of the injuries they can suffer if you search the web. Only for those with a strong stomach.

Apparently dogs left outside shops are a target and even more vulnerable are those advertised "free to a good home." Sometimes the man arrives in a van and happily takes the animal away to an awful fate. Apparently bite evidence on the hands suggests someone dealing with fighting dogs. It's more of an urban problem than in the countryside, where working dogs aren't so easily stolen, but if we don't recognise the threat then we become vulnerable.

THE READING GROUP

Our April meeting was in chairman Deana Kimber's house, as the library was booked for another event. We swapped views of 'Salmon Fishing in the Yemen' by Paul Torday, which members also knew as a film.

One of us admitted to seeing the film twice because it was so good.

The book was generally liked, with only two voices raised in dissent, but very few titles are honoured with unanimous praise. The quirky approach of using government memos, official interviews, e-mails, letters and even Hansard to develop the plot was liked and the futility of the whole batty idea brought sympathy for Doctor Alfred Jones in the role of heroic fall guy. The majority would recommend the title as a good read.

Our May meeting is back in the library, starting at 7.30 on the 20th, to consider a tale of 'Extraordinary Creatures.'

FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S

Our next event is our Wine Walk on June 14th, from 7.30 to 10.30pm. Programmes will be on sale from the committee, Cleobury Pharmacy, Cleobury News and Spire Hairdressing and include tickets for four drinks and details of the venues.

Come along and enjoy a stroll around the town, on your own or as a group and visit some or all of the venues for a glass of wine or refreshing soft drink. There will be a different wine or soft drink at each venue for you to enjoy. *Alec Osbaldiston*

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CLEOBURY W.I.

Our Soup Lunch in March made £280, to be shared between our yearly charity and WI funds. The response from everyone in Cleobury Mortimer was marvellous.

For our April meeting our speaker showed us how she made scrap books out of old photos, for family or friends.

This month's speaker is Diane Jennings who will paint two pictures as she talks, then raffle them off.

Angi Gregory

CLOWS TOP GARDENING CLUB

For many gardeners, May is one of the best months, with the freshness of spring and the promise of an even better summer full of colour. A wide selection of summer bedding plants will be on show at the nurseries and garden centres. But resist buying too early unless you have a frost free greenhouse, conservatory or cold frame to keep them in. The majority of these plants are still quite tender.

The March Spring Show & Quiz was cancelled because of the snow and icy conditions.

We have a great programme of speakers as well as Evening visits to local gardens this year. The Annual Coach Trip will be to Birmingham Botanical Gardens and Winterbourne House & Gardens.

Don't forget our Plant Sale on May 18th, 10.00 to 12.00 noon, at Clows Top Village Hall.

Our next meeting on May 22nd features Cliff Wood with a talk entitled 'Question Time'.

Pauline Bowen

BLOOMING GREAT IDEA

This is a great fund raising idea from the Marie Curie Nurses. Why not start thinking ahead to

Summer and celebrate the warmer weather by organising a Blooming Great Tea Party with friends and family, all for a great cause?

This year they need your help to make the Blooming Great Tea Party bigger and better. Get together with family and friends at home, or get your colleagues involved and tuck into your favourite slice of cake and raise the much needed funds for Marie Curie Nurses. From a tea party fit for a queen to a competition bake sale at work it doesn't matter how you get involved, just eat cake!

You can hold your tea party at any point in June or July. Register today and receive your free fundraising pack complete with balloons and invitations and get scoffing!

Go online at www.mariecurie.org.uk/teaparty or call 08700 340 040.

TOURING EXHIBITION IN BEWDLEY

There's been a rather special exhibition in the old Foundry Studio at Bewdley Museum and it's still open until Sunday the 6th, 11.00 to 4.00 every day. "Words and Pictures - Book Arts and Fine Art Prints" is its rather ponderous title, but it combines the exhibition with craft classes led by recognised masters of their disciplines. Amanda Fitzwilliams on 01544 260149 can tell you more.

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Just give us a call or pass on this information to someone who may need our advice. We are always happy to help, whether it is a one off visit or a number of visits until we have done everything we can to help you out. Our numbers are below; keep them handy, just in case you need them:

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KINLET FAMILY PLAYGROUP

After a busy beginning to the new Summer Term, we have settled in and enjoyed looking at seasons and the weather. The children have been working with Mrs Lewis to plant potatoes - we're very excited to see them starting to flourish.

Some exciting news from Kinlet Parish Council in April; we were awarded a grant of £250 which we will put towards improvements to our outdoor area, and we hope to treat the children to a really exciting outing near the end of term.

We have a team of parents taking part in the Bridgnorth Walk in aid of our group. If you would like to sponsor our team, please email us for more details (info@kinletfamilyplaygroup.co.uk).

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The May 2nd Shropshire Unitary Council Election

GWILYM BUTLER

I have been your local representative on the District and Unitary Council for the past six years. During that time I have been able to maintain a position on Cabinet for the leading body of Council which has enabled me to shout loud for Cleobury and its surrounding area, to ensure we get our fair share of inward investment, education, adult social care delivery etc. More importantly, having a voice and influence in policy decisions in Shrewsbury that affect our area has been fundamental to our sustainability.

I am proud I have delivered everything promised in my last manifesto. New car park, toilets, affordable housing, CCTV, and more Employment land .On top of this I have also helped secure funding for the Hydro Project

at Neen Sollars, Sports and Social club and many others, via the Local Joint Committee .

We have many challenges ahead, ensuring the delivery of the new medical centre, promoting maintenance of our historic assets like the Manor House in Cleobury and developing further employment opportunities for local people. Delivering the new Market Square by the church for which funding has been secured will also be a key priority.

With the above achievements and monetary planning we have frozen Council tax for the past four years and are delivering a further freeze for the old BDC area and a 4% cut for the old SSDC area.

Please give me your vote to continue the great achievements we have made so far. Thank you.

MAURICE ALTON

I wish to introduce myself as your UKIP Candidate , for the Unitary Elections on 2nd May. I am 53 years old, and live in Kinlet . I have one daughter and one grandson .

I started my working life in the Manufacturing Industry in the West Midlands area in 1976, helping with the family business, and had a classic "shopfloor to Managing Director career path." At the present time I am a taxi driver and the proprietor of Bewdley Taxis along with a business partner .

I was state educated, gained several O Levels and later went to Dudley College and gained an ONC in Business Studies, which covered Business Law , Accounts and Statistics.

I joined UKIP in 2008, having become totally disillusioned with the three main parties, both locally and Nationally. On Saturday 13th of April I was out canvassing and leafleting with my colleagues on Cleobury High Street and I met

some very interesting people who had a wide variety of concerns, which included issues on Parking Spaces and traffic volume through Cleobury , lack of play areas for children, lack of visible policing, anti-social behaviour, Planning problems, Public Transport, Business Rates, fears of mass immigration putting stress on schools, hospitals, welfare, council housing .

I strongly believe that it is time for so called "ordinary people", like myself, to stand up for common sense, and to serve the public and not themselves. Our taxes should be spent wisely, transparently, on the local community and none to the EU, or on development projects that the local people do not want. UKIP policy on planning is that major projects should be put to a local referendum, that would be binding.

I believe it is time for new Ideas and new Councillors, so please vote UKIP.

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MADGE SHINETON

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Stottesdon recognised the need for housing for local young families and joined Shropshire Rural Housing Association which built the houses for rent in Stottesdon and in small villages all over the County. I am a member of the Board.

My nursing speciality was in Accident and Trauma and I became a Nursing Officer for the St John Ambulance, helped out at Cleobury and Ditton Priors doctors' surgeries and represented the Independent Councillors on the Social Affairs and Health Committee nationally. I joined the Community and Health Concern Group to fight the downgrading of Kidderminster Hospital who continue to work for the retention and increase of

PETER MARTIN

My name is Peter Martin and I am your independent candidate. Many of you will have received my leaflet which sets out my ideals and principles for our local community, including education, healthcare, the police and businesses.

I am 54 years old, married and have two sons; one is married and lives in Cleobury Mortimer. We all love the unique qualities of Cleobury Mortimer including the Town which we consider to be unspoilt, attractive and full of character. We simply appreciate and love the whole area. I was previously a County Councillor for four years and I have many years of experience in Local Government and I have also worked in the private sector.

I am concerned that Local Council governance in general is over bureaucratic, static and out of touch with the needs and requirements of local

the services offered there. When Shropshire became a Unitary Council in 1999 I was elected to represent the current area I am now standing for. I have been Chairman of the Local Joint Committee and the Youth Partnership.

In 1964 I married Fred and helped him build and expand the Hollows Nursery at Stottesdon, 30 wonderful years full of "job satisfaction" until he died. I now have my son Martin and two fantastic grand-daughters Holly and Lucy.

In 1974 dissatisfaction with Government resulted in the formation of what has become the Federation of Small Business. It was a steep learning curve to represent the three Counties nationally in those turbulent times.

The Sport 2000 project resulted in the additional sports facilities for Lacon Childe and the Cleobury area, well worth the effort many made at the time. Other interests include Cleobury Primary School, Chairman of the Support Group for the Severn Hospice, and a member of Cleobury Country Ltd.

people. Also I feel that public opinion, views and community engagement overall has been eroded by public exclusion and suppressed by overwhelming bureaucracy.

I have always believed in equal opportunity and a democratic society in which a Government is the people, exercised if they wish, through their representative and not the other way round.

If you want a representative that will deliver the real meaning of democracy and will help you to help the people of the locality to deliver governance and administration in accordance with the majority of public opinion, then I am your man.

This is a time for change and opportunity, don't let it pass you by; together we can work to make the difference by having your voice heard and your opinions count.

Best wishes

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Gary Harding had been installing stoves for years when he decided to go it alone in 2008. That's when Falco Heating - the names from his motorcycle at the time - was founded and Gary went looking for work. He must

have impressed Hereford County Council, who'd been slated for not servicing houses with solid fuel heating. That's his speciality and he got work sorting out wood burners, Aga stoves and open fires.

He did the job well enough to get a three year contract looking after 600 houses. "I had about £200, bought a cheap van and some ladders from B&Q," he admits. He grafted hard, a one man band at first, then using casual labour as needed. After three years Hereford was rated Number Three nationally for their maintenance, but the new contract went to a cheaper quote. Gary was on his way up, with a reputation for doing a good job and investing in the right tools for the job: "When I got my first cheque on that contract, I bought a camera to inspect chimneys closely and do it quickly. With a camera you can see what's going

on and not wait until it becomes an issue," he explains.

Today he works with Chris Price, a qualified electrician and very handy bloke. They generally operate within 50 miles of Gary's Clows Top base, but as he finished one stove installation in Tenbury the customer asked if he could do the same in Brittany. He gave a quote, she said yes and he was in the export business!

He's HETAS qualified and solid fuel is his speciality; if you want a fireplace building, he can do that too. He's not planning to get big: "I'm really happy to go on at this level, I can't take on any more than I'm doing," he explains. "I don't want to change - I enjoy things as they are."

I can vouch for the man's work, with a Valor wood burner installed just before the recent cold spell. All through the freeze we had warmth - try it! JR



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THE NIGHTINGALE NURSING FUND FOOTBALL DAY

The Annual Five-a-side Football Fun Day on June 2nd is getting closer. As usual, it will be on the playing field by the Social Club in Cleobury. Teams should now be getting their application forms in to register their interest. These can be obtained from the Sports Hall.

Together with the help of the local clubs this is the main money raiser for the nursing fund. The annual audit is now being completed and the accounts will show a deficit of over £3,000 on the year. We are aware of the call for charities to raise money for deserving causes is great. The Nightingale Nursing Fund works quietly in the background putting nursing care into the home at times of crisis.

Due to reasons of confidentiality we cannot disclose who has received this care but suffice to say that many people from all over the Cleobury Mortimer area have been helped at a critical time. Even if you are not kicking a football about on the day please show support so that the fund can continue for many years, as it is providing a vital service in our area.

Rosemary Abbiss

NOTICE OF ROAD CLOSURE

The Catherton road at Lea Cottages bridge will be closed to vehicles for much of June for repairs to be carried out. The bridge is between Lea Cottage and Broome Park Farm.

Shropshire Council estimates that the road will be closed for about three weeks, but if any other work is necessary it may take longer. There will be access for pedestrians, cyclists and horses at this time and the route of the vehicular diversion will be signed.

CAN YOU AID THE ALE TRAIL?

The annual Food and Ale Trail is on September 7th and the Footpath Association are involved in helping the day run smoothly. They are particularly looking for volunteers to marshal the road crossings.

The seven mile route needs covering at a number of points and helping means just a two hour stint, less if you want to do the walk yourself. It starts at 10.15 and the last walkers are due to finish around 5.00. If you'd like to help this local event, please contact Susan Sharp of the Footpath Association on susan@eaglelane.com

KINLET SUMMER FESTIVAL

This is a new event on the calendar, based around Kinlet's Saint John the Baptist parish church and featuring a range of events. From concerts by the likes of Waves and Staves and Chapter 8, through talks about the beauty of the churchyard and Church and its Organ to a week-long Flower and Art exhibition and another on Farming Past and Present, plus the Women's Institute regular meeting that includes a talk about Dogs for the Deaf. One highlight promises to be local resident Stuart Doughty CMG, former CEO of Costains, talking about 'How We Built the Channel Tunnel'; this is a man who was very much involved in that historic project.

The week is a celebration of the church and its part in the community, with this wide selection of events showing how the building can be used for much more than services of worship. Just as Cleobury's church is used for concerts, public meetings and now the Farmers' Markets, so might the church in Kinlet. It is a very fine building, with an interesting history, that can serve the people in many ways. A visit to Kinlet in June should be a very enlightening experience.



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The Severn Edge Vets Pets Page

The end of lambing season brings a collective sigh of relief from all of the large animal Vets at Severn Edge. The last two months are always our busiest time of year, with TB testing at the usual rate together with births of varying species, breeds, numbers, and complexities. May lets us see the youngsters bouncing around the fields of Cleobury, enjoying the spring sunshine and thriving with the new grass! Of course it is not just new lambs around the area, we are also in the thick of calving season too. This is a truly magical time of year for all in the livestock industry. My advice to you, however, is not to ask a sheep farmer how magical lambing time is for them... you might not like the reply at this time of year. Give it a couple of months, the lamb fairies come along and make them forget all about the long days, long nights, lack of sleep, and they willingly start the whole process all over again come autumn.

So as the grass starts growing, we all look to the garden shed – dusting off the lawn mower, and putting new batteries in the radio. All too often we are greeted by our new small furry shed residents that need evicting before they chew through the petrol canister. Rat and mouse killers are widely available at the D.I.Y. shops and garden centres around the area. Needless to say, these poisons must be treated with ultimate respect and kept away from children and domestic animals. Safety bait boxes are available, and are strongly recommended by veterinary professionals when dealing with these critters necessitates leaving bait at ground level. When moving into our new home in Bewdley, we were advised by our electrician that we may well have some visitors in the loft space above the garage. Needless to say they required some attention, and bait boxes were distributed around the loft. As the loft is not a place I expect Bubbles to get to, I only used trays. We lost Bubbles one evening. Nowhere to be seen. It was only when the empty bait tray appeared at the foot of the ladder that we realised he had made it to the top of a 6ft ladder, and then jumped 4ft up into the loft without us noticing. Helpfully at this point he stuck his head down through the hatch and mew'd helplessly. 'Oh no! An EMPTY bait tray'. Luckily enough he had been far more interested in the thrilling white plastic tray than its poisonous contents, and I found a reasonable amount of the poison on the

loft floor. After much investigation, and testing, of course he is fine, but lesson learned – even if you think no animal or child will get to the bait, they nearly always do! The modern baits are so very toxic. They cause death by internal bleeding, but unlike old fashioned warfarin, the new baits have 3-6 weeks activity within the poisoned animal. I even had one dog come in to see me that had eaten poison sachets that had been coated in peanut butter by the manufacturers to aid palatability... very dangerous!

Of course, if you suspect ingestion of poison in any of your pets, call us immediately. We have lots of ways to help. In the case of rat bait, we have to make the dog or cat sick as soon as possible after ingestion of the toxin.

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This year our PTA are raising money to fund more technology equipment in school as well as to put on the "Leavers' Festival" to be held in July to celebrate the Year 6 children's time in our school and wish them well in their future schools.

There are more fundraising events in the pipeline with a Bangers, Beans and Line Dancing evening planned for June and a Sponsored Tech Trek later this month, as well as the almost monthly Bingo evenings held at Clows Top Village Hall. Keep up your hard work, PTA, the staff and children at Bayton C of E Primary School are grateful for the effort you put in to make each and every event a success.

Sarah Brown

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She's also a pawnbroker, and the sign might worry some of us. But that business is not all about financial crises, as she explains:

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We who don't know the retail business don't realise the hours owners like Rachel work. It goes far beyond the shop hours and the paperwork burden in the evening can add hours to a long day. Rachel tackled the job with enthusiasm and imagination to

make the place really buzz, but she's just run out of energy to do her two jobs - run the business and the family - properly. Whatever she does, we wish her and her family well.

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GORDON HEMS

It was Gordon Hems's father Arthur who who moved out to Cleobury Mortimer and started the family butcher's shop in 1953. Gordon's contribution was interrupted by National Service as a tank driver, then he was back to Cleobury to help build the business and run it until he retired.

He was a quiet man, not given to boasting about the reputation he built for quality that lived on after son Steve took over. Gordon and John Cope were rivals, with a strong respect for each other; the town had two good butchers and they both made a living without trying to do one another down.

Gordon was only 77 when he died and our sympathies go out to his family at a sad loss. He made a memorable contribution to the town's reputation.

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It's on over the weekend of June 8/9th and the idea is to follow a trail of decorated shoes and wellies to the church. There you'll find a display of flowers and jigsaw puzzles. Entry is just £3.00 each, with children under 16 going free. Backing it up will be a display and refreshments available in the village hall.

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A talk titled 'Love Food, Hate Waste' speaks for itself, and Shropshire Waste initiative Officer Joy Blizzard delivered a highly entertaining overview, from shocking statistics to

money saving tips. We can do our bit for the planet, as well as our purses, by following a few simple steps: planning our shopping trips, freezing to prolong food life, and trying her tasty recipes to create appetizing meals out of fridge oddments. We all came away with new ideas & resolutions, and a set of menu cards to try on the family.


On 15th May we visit Shrewsbury's Heart of England Fine Foods venue for a guided tour & cookery demonstration, followed by supper, which sounds a great way to spend a summer evening. We will back at Farlow VH on 19th June to shake the pounds off with a belly dancing session led by Nicky Jones. 7.30 pm start – you are very welcome to join us.

Marian Wootton

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Letter from Westminster - Philip Dunne MP

Last month Parliament lost one of its star performers and the nation one of its strongest leaders. Lady Thatcher attracted attention in death as she had done throughout her life. She shaped the political climate of the era in which I first became politically aware.

She was the longest serving Prime Minister for 150 years, the first to win three General Elections in succession. She did more than most to help end the Cold War and had the courage to stand up to unprovoked territorial aggression and send the task force which recaptured the Falklands.

Much of the commentary about her domestic political record, especially from the BBC, characterised her as a divisive leader. Yet she inherited a divided country, which had just suffered the winter of discontent and been bailed out by the IMF. The country was in chaos in the year before she became PM, with 29 million working days a year lost through strikes; when she left office there were two million lost. Her impact on the United Kingdom was profound, her influence on events around the world also remarkable, to the extent that colleagues travelling in the weeks since her death returned with tales of condolences being offered wherever they went.

Parliament was recalled from the Easter recess for a most unusual day of tributes from those who knew her. What came through from most of the contributions was her command of the debating chamber and of her ministerial colleagues in Cabinet, often with withering clarity of language and penetrating wit, deliberate or inadvertent. When a guest of the Conservative whips in opposition during the Blair government, she was asked: 'If you had your time again, what would you do differently?' She fixed the hapless whip with her steely glare

as an icy chill descended on the gathering and replied: 'I think I did pretty well first time round, don't you?'

One of my earliest memories is of being taken by my parents when a young boy to file past the coffin of Sir Winston Churchill as he lay in state. So I paid my respects privately as Lady Thatcher's coffin rested in the House of Commons chapel after the family service the day before her funeral. Some have criticised holding the ceremonial funeral which brought central London to a halt for half a day; I thought it entirely fitting. I was fortunate to be able to attend as the Member for the Ludlow constituency and a Defence Minister. I travelled along the processional route early in an attempt to get a good seat and there were thousands of people lining the streets, waiting respectfully, to witness her final journey.

Incidentally there has also been criticism of the cost of such a public funeral during these difficult times. While the main cost will fall on the police, to ensure public order, as occurs for any major event, the extra cost for the military contribution will be a few thousand pounds, since the vast majority of the 825 personnel lining the route and participating in the procession were on ceremonial duties in London anyway.

I remember having lunch with her at her dress-maker's, who lives in Herefordshire. She was impressed by David Cameron and told me 'That young man will make an excellent Prime Minister'. The last time I saw her was when Mr Cameron as Prime Minister invited her to unveil her bronze statue in the Members Lobby of Parliament, where she is honoured alongside the other great British Prime Ministers of the 20th century: Lloyd George, Attlee and Churchill.

Philip Dunne



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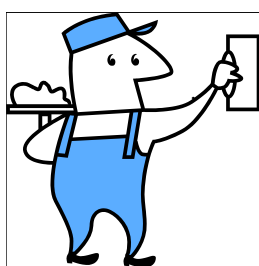
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Free Business Networking —Wed 15th May, 6pm—8pm.

The May Social Calendar

Date	Time	Details	Contact	Telephone Number
Wed 1	10.00am	Walking for Health, for all abilities. Sports Hall, Love Lane.	Mandy Smith	CM 270312
	7.30pm	Annual General Meeting of the Neighbourhood Watch group. In the Methodist Hall, Lower Street. SEE PAGE 5		
Thu 2 to Sun 6		'Words and Pictures' from the Sidney Nolan Trust exhibition at Bewdley Museum. SEE PAGE 9.		
Thu 2		GREEN WHEELIE BINS EMPTIED TODAY.		
	7.00pm	Rock Pathfinders have an evening walk, starting from the Dog Lane Riverside car park in Bewdley.	Alan Humphries	01299 400304
Sat 4		Life Below Stairs at Berrington Hall, A49 near Leominster, HR6 0DW. Life in the Hall, then and now. Runs through to Monday the 6 th		
Sun 5		Rock Village's annual Pound the Bounds is raising money for Midlands Air Ambulance. Details on www.poundthebounds.org.uk		
Sun 5 / Mon 6		Bewdley's Spring Fair offers loads to do and see, including the produce market on Sunday and a craft and food fair on Severnside both days. www.bewdley.org.uk for more details. Bewdley is a lovely town to discover		
Mon 6	8.00pm	Faith in the Pub is a men only discussion group that meets in the Kings Arms to hear a talk and hold a formal discussion. Free sarnies, too		
Wed 8	1.00pm	The Ladies Luncheon Club meet at Addison's, High Street, now under new ownership.	Alison Osborne	01584 890414
	7.30pm	Parish Plan meeting, Market Hall, Church Street		
	7.30pm	Neen Savage W.I. meeting at the Parish Hall. Mrs Richards will talk about the Quaker Tapestry.		
	8.00pm	Whist Drive, Doddington Village Hall, plenty of parking space	Sonia Pearsall	01584 890874
	8.00pm	The Royal British Legion meet at The Bell Inn, Lower Street		
Thu 9		BLACK WHEELIE BINS AND GREEN RECYCLE BOXES EMPTIED TODAY.		
Fri 10	8.00pm	Bingo Night at Cleeton St Mary Village Hall		
Tue 14	7.30am	St Mary's Breakfast Club meets at the Golf Club, to hear Chris Kippin talk about 'Twice the Height of Everest'.	Gill Chapman	CM 270575
Wed 15	10.00am	Walk for Health see 1st above		
	8.00pm	Crib Prize Knockout Competition at the Sports & Social Club, Love Lane. £1.00 per person per competition. including refreshments. Raffle and the bar will be open. All proceeds to Shropshire Hospice.	Shaunah Murrell	07929274767
	8.00pm	Whist Drive, Doddington Village Hall, see May 1st above.		
Thu 16		GREEN WHEELIE BINS DAY AGAIN		
	10.30am	Rock Pathfinders morning walk starts from the Running Horse pub on Long Bank, just outside the town. OS Ref: 764745.	Alan Humphries	01299 400304
	7.45pm	Whist Drive at Sports & Social Club, Love Lane.	Alan Evans	CM 270114



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The May Social Calendar - continued

Date	Time	Details	Contact	Telephone Number
Fri 17	8.00pm	Bingo Night at Doddington Village Hall	Sonia Pearsall	01584 890874
Sat 18	8.00am	Knowle Sports Sale Day. One of a few days this year - a great place for bargains, so get there early.		
	9.00am to 12 noon	Cleobury Country Farmers Market is back in the Parish Church, carrying on April's success..	Clare Todd	CM 272300
	10.00am	Everything You Need to Know About Fruit Trees is an intensive one-daycourse given by Wade Muggleton at Uncllys Farm, Bewdley. SEE PAGE 49.	To book	01299 488083
	10.00am	Clows Top Gardening Club's Plant Sale, Victory Hall, Clows Top.	Marion Wilson	CM 270475
Mon 20	7.30pm	The Reading Group meet in the Library in Love Lane to discuss Tracy Chevalier's 'Remarkable Creatures'. New readers welcome.		
Tue 21	2.00pm	Cleobury Carers' Group meets at St Mary's Place, Love Lane. Katja Ward will talk about Cleobury Compassionate Communities.		
Wed 22	7.45pm	Clows Top Gardening Club meet at the Victory Hall , where Cliff Wood will host Question Time		
Thu 23		BLACK WHEELIE BINS AND GREEN RECYCLE BOXES DAY TODAY		
Fri 24	8.00pm	Bingo Night, Doddington Village Hall. See 15th above		
Sat 25		Footpath Association's monthly Parish Walk Info: joy01@tiscali.co.uk		
Sat 25 to Sun 2 June		Tree-mendous Brockhampton is all about wood, with loads of demonstrations and chances to learn more. Brockhampton Estate, Bringsty, in Herefordshire. WR6 5TB for your satnav		
Mon 27 to Fri 31	11.00am To 3.00pm	Open Days at the Wyre Forest Discovery Centre, off the A456. SEEPAGE 49		
Fri 31		GREEN WHEELIE BINS EMPTIED TODAY		
		AND LOOKING AHEAD TO JUNE		
Sat 1	1.00pm	Doubles Competition at the Bowling Club, raising funds for the Royal British Legion Poppy Fund. SEE PAGE 33		
Sat 1/ Sun 2	10.00am	World War II Weekend at Berrington Hall, A49 near Leominster. Vintage vehicles, exhibitions and period equipment displays. A real Dad's Army		01568 615721
Sun 2	12,00 noon	The Nightngale Nursing Fund's 5-a-side Football bonanza kicks off on the Sports Field in Love Lane. Rides for children, soccer for all ages and a happy, family atmosphere. All for a very good cause. SEE PAGE 17.		
Wed 5	8.00pm	Whist Drive, Doddington Vilage Hall	Sonia Pearsall	01584 890874
Thu 6		BLACK WHEELIE BINS AND GREEN RECYCLE BØXES EMPTIED TODAY		



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THE BOWLS CLUB

It's that time of year and Cleobury Mortimer Bowling Green has reopened. The Club are still looking for new Members especially juniors, who must be under 18 years old and do not have to pay membership fees.

On Saturday June 1st a Doubles Competition Event is being held to raise money for the British Legion Poppy Fund. Last Year we raised approximately £400 which we hope to equal or, better still, exceed. The event is being supported by the club members, British Legion branch members from Cleobury Mortimer, Clee Hill and the Rock/Far Forest Branches.

The event is open to everyone who wishes to join in; please contact either myself or British Legion branches to place your names on the entry forms. Please ensure you come to the Bowling Club by 1.00pm so we can start the bowling by 1.30. If you have not bowled before, please inform one of the officials and you will be paired up with a club bowler to play with you and give you advice.

During the afternoon we will be providing refreshments; all the profits go into the fund. Any cakes left over will be auctioned off. We will also run a raffle to raise further Poppy Funds. The bowling event entry fee is just £1.00, paid on the day at the Don Scotford Pavilion.

For further information visit the Cleobury Mortimer website to see the club officers' telephone numbers.
Dave Harley

THE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

A well attended April meeting enjoyed a talk by Gill Guest on picking flowers for your garden. She advised looking carefully for plants to do a job. Ask yourself "Do I want colour, height or evergreen?" and so on. Look through reputable catalogues, visit a good supplier and make a judgement when you have seen the live plant. There are many things to consider and Gill had slides to illustrate her talk which helped us understand her advice.

Apart from catalogues and nurseries there are plenty of lovely gardens you can visit and see borders and displays that will help you make your selections. Her main piece of advice was not to impulse buy because you like the look of a plant, as you then have to decide where to put it and more often than not it does not fit in with your scheme. A thoroughly enjoyable evening.
Liz Smurthwaite

THE RUGBY CLUB

The Rugby Club has been a fixture in Cleobury for over 20 years and has achieved a great deal in its short life. The most memorable of these was in 2006 when we made the Powergen Junior Vase final at Twickenham. Despite losing the game, the support from over 2,000 residents of the town

showed just how much of a community we are.

In recent years we have tried to say thank you to the community by events like the 'Log Drop' at Christmas where we give a bag of logs to elderly residents. Every fundraising event we hold has a second local beneficiary; the Fire Fighters benevolent fund, Air Ambulance and the Royal British Legion are just three of them.

To continue with the running and development of our club, which now has a junior section as well as the 1st and 2nd XV, we are looking for people to help us, particularly behind the scenes. Roles include committee membership, fundraising support, help on a match day or just coming up to watch. The Sports & Social Club is always open on match days.

Alternatively, why not become a Vice President which allows you to support the club from a distance in a financial way. It costs £30 a year to be a VP and you will be invited to the annual VP Lunch.

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TREVOR PUGH

The town has lost one of its characters with the death of Trevor Pugh on April 19th. No more will we see that slim figure, always in an immaculate white shirt and wearing a tie, up a ladder clipping his long hedge or polishing one of his cosseted cars. Despite the illness that slowed him in recent years, he kept up those standards.

He was a very local man, his family roots going back 300 or so years on Hopton Bank. He was a very highly rated welder, who would be called back into work long after retirement, if they had a really tricky job to do. He was just 79.

Our sympathies go to Shirley, to their children Ashley and Tiffany and to a range of grandchildren who will sorely miss this quiet family man.

VENTURING FURTHER

The Footpath Association are spreading their wings and stretching their legs with some more adventurous walks. In April they were out in wild Welsh Border country with a seven mile walk starting and finishing at the fine and welcoming Baron of Beef pub in Bucknell. If you don't know the place, it's off the road to Knighton.

A prior appointment kept the Clarion away, but we'll try to get you a report on Marching Through the Welsh Marches in the next issue.

The Association has updated its website and it now offers up-to-date information on their walks programme and a range of information about its other activities. Well worth a visit if you love the countryside: www.cmfa.co.uk

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The Farming Page

Jenny Everingham writes From the Farmhouse

Extended family life in the farmhouse has settled down in the last three months but the nature of farming is such that there is always something new and exciting going on.

We started lambing here at the end of March. The weather should be warm enough for the ewes to stay outdoors and munch away on fresh nutritious grass, producing gallons of milk for their growing offspring to thrive on. Wrong! Remember Easter weekend and all that snow? Whoever invented the AGA deserves a knighthood! By Easter Monday there was a succession of newborns through the plate warming oven. To see a small creature almost bereft of life metamorphosing into a lively, noisy, inquisitive animal, performing its bodily functions between the legs of the kitchen chairs is a moment of triumph to be savoured. Six in one day is a little excessive!

Lambing later, however, seems to have saved us from the effects of the Schmallerberg virus, presumably because the midge season was over before our ewes became pregnant. My heart goes out to those who have had to deal with such a distressing business, as it does to those who have had such massive losses of

stock in the snow. To help them recover from such a devastating time, please try to BUY BRITISH whenever you can.

The chickens are doing rather well. Two further hens were generously donated to the flock, making five in all, and at the moment we are getting four or five eggs most days. The children are still helping with their care, so not a five-day wonder! They are also enjoying bottle feeding lambs, and Adam is now a fully-fledged "apprentice", having put a ring on a lamb's tail for the first time at the weekend with Grandpa's close supervision!

TB testing has taken place this week, another stressful experience for cattle farmers, but necessary for the safeguarding of consumer and animal health. There is a delay of three days between giving the test and checking the results, but we were lucky this time. All of the cattle over 6 weeks old have to be handled on both occasions, requiring the physique of a Greek god and the patience of a saint! Some stock have spent the winter in a field, so they take a pretty dim view of being herded indoors and locked up in a byre for several days.

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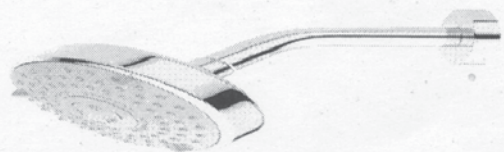
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AN OFFER IT'S HARD TO REFUSE

Crooked Steeple Morris are the local Women's North West Clog side from Cleobury Mortimer, named after the book of poems by postman, Simon Evans. And we are looking for new members.

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We are holding a **FREE** taster evening on Monday May 20th at Lacon Childe School, 8.00 to 9.00 followed by a trip to the pub!. No experience is necessary, just be female and over 14 with lots of enthusiasm

Male and female musicians are also welcome, age no limit -only the ability to buy beer.

If you are interested in either dancing or being a musician, please contact - Linda Small or Nic Brown 01746 718624 or send us an e-mail at crookedsteeple@btinternet.com.

Come and see us at one of our dance outs. We are at Ludlow Spring Festival on May 11th and Cleobury Mortimer Farmers Market on May 18th. Or find out more on our web site www.crookedsteeplemorris.ukdancers.com (although this may not be up to date as we are too busy dancing)

And if you can't make it to the Taster Evening, you will always be welcome at one of our practices on a Monday evening, 7.45 to 9.00pm at Lacon Childe School.

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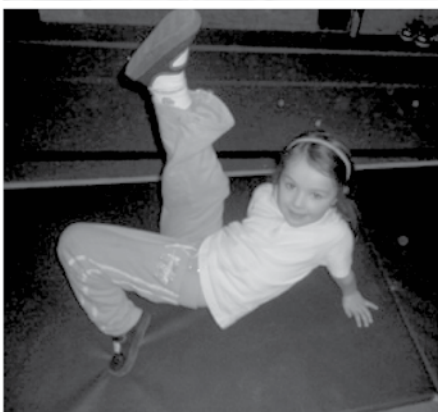


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Day	Time	Event	Contact	Phone	
Sun	08.30	Holy Communion, Parish Church		CM 270624	
	09.45	Parish Communion, Parish Church		CM 270624	
	09.00	Mass, St Elizabeth's, Lower Street	Canon Walsh	01584 872906	
	10.30	Cleobury Country Archers, Lacon Childe Sports Field	Lesley Burnside	CM 271374	
	10.30	New Life Church – for venue call	Derek Morris	CM 270787	
	11.00	Morning Service, Methodist Church	Rev H Roberts	01584 819649	
Mon	08.00	Kinlet Family Playgroup, Kinlet School Mon to Fri		07794 166514	
	08.00	Chorley Family Playgroup, Stottesdon School Mon to Fri	Zoe Day	01746 718769	
	09.00	Peter Rabbit Nursery, Lacon Childe School Mon to Fri	April Rogers	CM 271418	
	09.00	CM Playgroup, Primary School, Mon to Fri	Jane Preece	07816 193933	
	09.30	Morning Workout, Sports Hall	Deena	CM 271317	
	10.00	Age UK, Monday Club, St Mary's Place	Sarah Wilde		
	15.45	Gym Club with Ann Davis, Lacon Childe Mon & Wed	Don Carter	CM 270312	
	17.30	Cubs Meeting, Old Pump House, Church Street	Kate Pearce	07772 102986	
	18.30	Karate Club, Lacon Childe School	John Nelson	CM 879210	
	19.00	Tai Chi Class, Lacon Childe School	Rose Jacks	01584 875544	
	19.30	Rangers Meeting, Old Pump House, Church Street	Helen Smith	CM 270912	
	19.45	Bingo, CM Sports & Social Club	Alan Evans	CM 270114	
	20.00	Women's Clog Dancing Classes	Linda Small	01746 718624	
	Tue	10.00	Nippers, Moths & Tots, Methodist Hall, Church Street	Emma	CM 272959
		14.00	Friendship Club, Parish Hall, Church Street	Janet Rolston	CM 270353
15.45		Ballet Class, Lacon Childe School	Liz Broadway	CM 251246	
17.00		Sports Roundabout, Sports Hall, Love Lane		CM 271317	
17.30		Beavers Meeting, Old Pump House, Church Street	Becky Keeley	CM 271416	
18.45		Bridge Club Hopton Wafers Village Hall	Wendy Duley	CM 270562	
19.00		Bell Ringers' practice night, St Mary's Church	Liz Walker	CM 271808	
19.30		Modern Dance Sequence Club, Lacon Childe School	E Wrigglesworth	01562 822291	
Wed		10.30	Over 50s Relaxing Exercises, Doddington Village Hall	Freda Childe	01584 891180
		16.45	Gym Club for 6 & over, Lacon Childe School	Don Carter	CM 270312
	17.15	Brownies Meeting, Old Pump House, Church Street	Emma Reynolds	CM 272746	
	19.00	Guides Meeting, Old Pump House, Church Street			
	19.00	Yoga Class with Anna, Lacon Childe School	Don Carter	CM 270312	
	19.00	Zumba Class with Emma Forni, Lacon Childe School	Emma Forni	01746 862842	
	19.30	CM Concert Brass Band practice, Parish Hall	Stella Wilcox	CM 270560	
	19.30	New Life Church prayer meeting. For venue call	Derek Morris	CM 270787	
	19.30	Choir Practice, Parish Church	Philip Engleheart	CM 270627	
Thu	09.30	Little Tiddlers, Kinlet Family Playgroup, Kinlet School	Zoe Pearson	07794 166514	
	14.00	Scrabble Club, St Mary's Place, Non residents £1.00	Jo Booton	07969 104808	
	16.45	Cleobury Comets Netball, CM Sports Centre term time	Mandy Smith	CM 271809	
	17.30	Brownies Meeting, Old Pump House, Church Street	Rebecca Barnes	CM 272945	
	19.00	Bell Inn Band improvers rehearsal, Bell Inn, Lower Street			
	19.30	Tums and Bums, Lacon Childe School	Don Carter	CM 270312	
	19.30	Adult 7-a-side Football League, CM Sports Centre	Dave Hinves	CM 271317	
	20.00	Bell Inn Band rehearsal, Bell Inn, Lower Street			
	20.00	11-16s Badminton Club, CM Sports Centre		CM 271317	
	21.00	Over 16s Badminton Club, CM Sports Centre		CM 271317	
Fri	10.00	Tiny Stots, Chorley Playgroup, Stottesdon School	Zoe Day	01746 717769	
	10.00	Tiny Tots, Parish Hall	Bettina Poole	CM 271868	
	17.30	Rainbows Meeting, girls 5-7 years, Old Pump House	Jean Basham	07792 813774	
	19.00	Scout Meeting, Old Pump House, Church Street	Chris Andrews	CM 270937	
	20.00	Badminton, CM Sports Centre		01584 881359	
Sat	10.30	Junior Coaching, CM Golf Club, Wyre Common	Robert Watkins	CM 271112	

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FINISHED CATTLE – 263

A trade that was every bit as good as the last fortnight. More cattle could have been sold to advantage. Best quality Heifers had a particularly good following with several sorts making in excess of 240.0p/kg. A lot of Friesian Bulls in this week's entry. Several of the best Friesians between 190.0p/kg and 200.0p/kg

Prices were as follows:-

MEDIUM STEERS	Best quality to 237.5p av. 237.5p; Standard quality to 219.5p av. 219.5p; Overall average 228.6p
HEAVY STEERS	Best quality to 244.0p av. 230.7p; Standard quality to 220.0p av. 213.6p; Also rans to 199.5p; Overall average 196.5p.
MEDIUM HEIFERS	Best quality to 245.0p av. 229.8p; Standard quality to 219.5p av. 212.8p Also rans to 204.5p; Overall average 189.1p.
HEAVY HEIFERS	Best quality to 250.0p av. 234.6p; Standard quality to 219.5p av. 213.4p; Also rans to 204.5p; Overall average 196.8p.
LIGHT BULLS	To 210.0p average 158.0p
MEDIUM BULLS	To 232.0p average 189.1p
HEAVY BULLS	To 235.0p average 201.0p.

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Overall average 145.07p/kg.

FINISHED SHEEP – 3,755

A Spring Lamb trade which would be comparable to last week. More buyers are now looking for them. Please make sure your lambs are well enough fleshed.

Standard Lambs to 270.0p av. 254.2	Medium Lambs to 265.5p av. 254.5p
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Export quality lambs sold up to 270.0p per kilo and averaged 261.9p per kilo and home trade lambs sold up to 250.0p per kilo and averaged 248.0p per kilo.

The Hogget trade has levelled out after the reduction in price. Once again meat was in demand with good hogs making between 200.0p/kg to 210.0p/kg if lambs were lean they were at a discounted rate. Please make sure your sheep are good enough for sale.

Standard Tegs to 205.0p av. 188.2p	Medium Tegs to 220.0p av. 200.1p
Heavy Tegs to 215.0p av. 188.8p	Overweight Tegs to 195.0p av. 183.6p

Export quality hoggets sold up to 220.0p per kilo and averaged 205.8p per kilo and home trade hoggets sold up to 198.5p per kilo and averaged 191.7p per kilo.

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May in the Wyre Forest - Linda Iles writes

Those of you who know the forest well will know where to look for drifts of bluebells and lilies of the valley this month, as the year heads towards the time of peak growth. Damp stream banks are covered in the lush, garlicky-smelling leaves and white flowers of ramsons, and woodland edges or hedgerows shelter the garlic mustard or Jack-by-the-hedge, where orange tip butterflies love to lay their single eggs. There are insects everywhere, and your attention may be attracted to groups of the beautiful longhorn moth with its bronze wings and delicately swept back antennae dancing among the oak leaves in sunny glades.

Most of the summer migrant birds should have arrived last month and by now they will be nesting. Spotted flycatchers arrive rather later, and like the redstart, will be frequenting the edges of the Wyre's oak woods where there is access to grazing land rich in flying insects. For both species breeding success can be greatly increased by providing nest boxes attached to

trees. Our attempts to do just that at Uncllys Farm have certainly given a boost to bluetit and great tit populations, so we have learnt that you need to block the nest hole until May to give the migrants a chance. I hope that this year the efforts of volunteers to make, clean and check the bird boxes will be rewarded with some little families of the rarer woodland birds.

May's vigorous new grass growth allows us to turn out our cattle on to fresh pastures, which will be a very welcome change after a very long winter necessitating reliance on hay and haylage. Look out for frolicking Dexter mums and new calves in meadows along the Dowles Brook and the Wyre orchards!

Special events this month

Health Walks continue every Tuesday and Sunday, meeting at Callow Hill (the Forest Café) at 10.30 for an 11am start.

Saturday 18th May - Everything you need to know about fruit trees

This one day intensive course will cover all aspects of growing

your own apples, pears, cherries and plums from planting to grafting, rootstock selection, pollination, choice of varieties, pruning and harvesting. The day will include practical work in local orchards. Tutor: Wade Muggleton. Uncllys Farm, Bewdley, DY12 2LR. 10am to 4pm. Course fee £40. Information and bookings: 01299 488083, info@wyreclt.org.uk

Discovery Centre Open Day

Every weekday from 27th to 31st May, 11.00am to 3.00pm. Come and look round the Community Discovery Centre. Spot our lovely new art works, explore our hands-on displays, watch the birds from our hide windows and follow the Sensory Trail. The unique 'Wild Side of Wyre' deer museum will also be open. There is something to interest everyone and it's FREE!

May 29th Dinosaur Trail.

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The Best Local News This Month - The Farmers' Market on April 20th



*One of many inspired notes was asking David and Margaret Robinson to open the day. There are few better representatives of local farming than David.
(Iain McIntyre photo)*

It may have been the choice of the Parish Church as the venue for the first Farmers' Market that brought out the sun. It may have been the enthusiastic organising team and their excellent publicity that brought the crowds in. It may have been the inspired idea of banners all along the roadside and the little posies of flowers and a proper name card on every stall that made everyone smile. Whatever it was, it worked a treat and the market was a roaring success.

David and Margaret Robinson did the official tape cutting to open the event, with St Mary's bellringers in full rope tugging form to remind the world it was happening. Whether anyone could hear themselves speak with ecclesiastical heavy metal accompaniment is not clear. It was one of many good ideas to have a range entertainments, and the bells were followed by Cleobury Mortimer Concert Brass in great form, with Stella

Wilcox keeping a benevolent eye on players from primary school to very mature ages. (Read more about Concert Brass on Page 57) And finally the Crooked Steeple Women's Morris clogged around the war memorial with grace and impressive energy.

You could buy bacon rolls from a stall outside the church door, until they ran out of bacon. Further along the pavement the wonderfully titled Snoggable Garlic stall was busy, proprietor Linda Welsman taking money up to and beyond closing time. You could see why she thought the opening hours should be longer.

Across path, Elsie Jordan was happy with the sales of her plants on a busy day and will be back next time. It's just a hobby for her, fitted in with life on the farm, but she enjoys the social side.

The smiling faces were added to by the glasses of Hobson's brew we saw, while the Ludlow Vineyard catered for more genteel pallets that would not sample the goods in the manner of beer enthusiasts.



Iain McIntyre photo.

On the Victorian Farm Butter stand they did things in the traditional way, taking the butter from the churn and patting into portions. The smell promised a real treat, and nearby Ashley's Bakery offered fresh bread to complement it.



*Diane Waddington was spoilt for choice on Kim and Rob Hurst's Cottage Herbery stand.
(Iain McIntyre Photo)*

We tried to make contact with photographer Iain McIntyre, who we heard was there but never did pin him down. Our thanks to him for use of his photos on this page, taken from a wide selection presented to Cleobury Country.

There were stands whose names sounded interesting, like Good Game, Ludlow Jam Pan and Scrummy Stuff amongst many, but time ran out as the morning passed and closing time came.

But quirky names do stick in the memory and my better half came home with a delicious Lemon Drizzle Cake from the Scrumdiddlyumptious stall. Ah well the diet can start next week. On this first showing, Cleobury Country's first attempt will become a must-go event. **The Farmers' Market continues on May 18th and every month until October.**

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BUSINESS SUPPORT SERVICES DAY AT CLEOBURY COUNTRY CENTRE

A brave experiment on March 20th that really worked well. Over 30 local businesses came to see what support was on offer in Shropshire and found a wide variety of people to talk to and possibly find help from. It was quite a surprise to realise how much help is available to both established and start-up businesses.

The Shropshire Council County Training team have appointed Gavin Owen as their new business development officer, and he'll be meeting as many people as he can, to advise on financial support available to take on apprentices.

Gavin said: "I'm excited about the prospect of bringing these opportunities to the South of Shropshire. County Training currently has funding available for Shropshire businesses looking to employ young people or up-skill their current workforce. There has never been a better chance for us to make a real difference to local businesses and individuals in the region".

Employers recruiting 16-24 year old Apprentices to their organisation can currently apply for grants of up to £1500. There is limited availability and eligibility criteria does apply. Gavin is happy to discuss the full details with those looking to use this opportunity. If you are interested in what County Training can offer your business you can contact Gavin directly on: 01743 255159 or email him at : gavin.owen@shropshire.gov.uk



Gavin Owen, County Training's business development officer.

Don't ever believe that there's no help out there for the new business. They don't have cash to throw away, but there is help if you know where to ask. Clare Todd at Cleobury Country knows many of them and is a great source of information; she's on CM 272300.

And the Federation of Small Businesses grew out of the need for one-man or few-men bands to have a voice and have a great range of services. Not least a deal to provide a banking service largely free of charges with the Cooperative Bank.

Why not come along to the next business face-to-face night at Cleobury Country Centre on Tuesday the 21st? Starts at 6.00, a very good speaker every time and lots of other businesses to exchange ideas with.

COAST TO COAST FOR FOREST DOG RESCUE

A group of keen cyclists calling themselves 'The Non Pedigree Chums' are in training for a 170 mile cycle ride to raise money for Forest Dog Rescue.

Paul Hughes from Kidderminster came up with the idea which will see the team cycle from Ravenglass in Cumbria across to Robin Hoods

Bay in Yorkshire in July. Team member Amy Waring suggested raising money for Forest Dog Rescue saying, "We adopted our dog, Summer, from Forest Dog Rescue back in 2010 and I saw the amazing work that they do taking in unwanted dogs and finding them new homes. We wanted to say thank you for letting us have Summer in our lives and we as a team wanted to do our bit to help other dogs who need homes.

We hope to raise lots of money for this small but great charity and if anyone would like to support us they can do so on our JustGiving page - <http://www.justgiving.com/thenonpedigreechums>."



Pictured (LtoR): Rob Reynolds, Anne Jenkins of Forest Dog Rescue, Paul Hughes, Graham Thorley, Lenka Moore, Steve Moore. Front: Amy Waring (with Poppy), Jan Flavell-Raybone (with Freddie)

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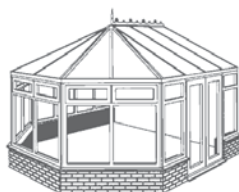
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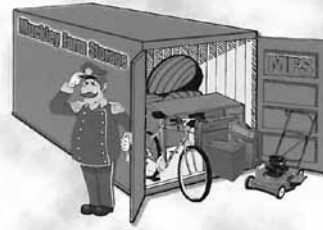


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So please give generously. All donations will be split between the two charities. The Just Giving page with all the details on is:<http://www.justgiving.com/teams/CleoburyMortimer3peaks> . We also have a facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/Cleobury3PeaksChallenge>

IN THE MUSIC BUSINESS: Cleobury Concert Brass

It has a background dating back over 100 years, when it was called the Cleobury Mortimer Town Band. Take a look at the history of Cleobury Mortimer Concert Brass and you find that in the 1940s there were eight experienced players, encouraging 18 younger ones to improve their technique. It certainly worked, as they finished second in a competition at Madeley in the 1950s.

And that policy of encouraging younger people still applies, with a very active drive to recruit and train youngsters to play in the Training Band. When they were given a Lottery grant of £28,000 in 1995, it was ploughed straight back into the band, buying new instruments. The process of improvement is a never ending one.

Musical Director is Saphran Ali, currently studying to be a secondary school music teacher at the Birmingham City University and a long term musician with a breadth of taste and experience from jazz to concert brass. He was appointed in January and travels from Birmingham to rehearsals and concerts, but distance is no deterrent: "I'll travel a long way to help develop interest in music," he explains.

His own love of music began when he was at school. "There is a great musical history in Birmingham and I was encouraged by a very good teacher," he recalls. Saphran's much in demand as a player in his own right, but his passion to bring out the best in others clearly rules. "The Cleobury band is very strong," he says. "They work very hard and always look as if they're enjoying playing."



Musical Director Saphran Ali in action and clearly in charge.

The band's talent was most recently heard as the opening act for the Cleobury Country Farmers' Market, with a wide range of ages playing a variety of tunes to get the day off to a rousing start. When they were packing away their instruments, we talked to three people who represent the wide range of ages and experience

Olivia Smith is just eight and has been playing her cornet for six months. She joined the Junior Training Band because her brother Alex was enjoying playing his baritone horn and she wanted to share the experience. Clearly a musical family, the Smiths were among the listeners who added to the friendly atmosphere of the day.

Will Greenway is another young cornet player at 12 years old, who was encouraged by his grandfather to take up music. Will plays in both the Junior and Concert bands.

The members of the Training Bands are coached by experienced players, led by Jack Martin, who's due to become one of the town's youngest Parish Councillors ever at this month's election, as one of the

seven candidates standing. This young man is already bringing success to the town, with six primary school children in the Training Band winning gold at the recent Much Wenlock Arts competition. At the same event other members of the Training Band came second in the Secondary Schools competition.

At the other end of the experience scale is Alan Fowler, who was persuaded by workmates to join the band 38 years ago. Alan had lessons at school and rehearsing with the band in its old room in Childe Road helped him advance to become Principal Cornet Player at one time. He's stepped back from the spotlight now, but remains a keen and key member.



A wide range of ages and experience amongst the cornet players. From left: Will Greenway, Olivia Smith and Alan Fowler

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