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THE MANOR HOUSE - NEWS AT LAST!

The Parish Council have been trying for some time to get some response from the owner of the Manor House. What was once a source of pride in the town has become something of an embarrassment as it became more shabby through neglect.



It's not exactly a place we can be proud of, is it?

Questions have been asked at public meetings and the County Council's officers have been on the case. The Manor House is a Grade Two Listed property and the owner does have a duty of care. Now we hear that the Parish Council have made

contact with Mr Iqbal and have issued the following statement:

"The Parish Council and the owner of the Manor House have been engaged in exploratory consultations with the aim to reopen this landmark building in the village. These discussions have been positive and a number of options are currently being considered. It is appreciated that a commercially viable option will be sought with the assistance and support of all key stakeholders. Over the coming months it is anticipated that a firm proposal will be finalised at which time it would be possible to provide further details."

The Parish Council will continue to keep working with all parties to ensure that this Historic building is not left to become an eyesore in Cleobury Mortimer.

To a degree that is good news, but experience suggests we shouldn't be breaking out the champagne just yet. We should be glad the Parish Council is making a real effort, but in the light of experience of the owner, don't hold your breath.

THE CAPITAL RECEIPT FUND

The Capital Receipt Fund that the sale of land on the old Muller site produced has been partly allocated. We understand that the approved plans, some of which have to provide further information, are:

Memorial First World War booklet to parish schoolchildren: £2,600.

Map boards showing local footpaths: £4,910.

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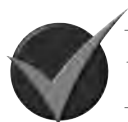


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THANK YOU

Could we please say a huge 'Thank You' to all the people who supported the Afternoon Tea Party in aid of Macmillan Cancer Care on September 27th. A grand total £640.50 was raised.

Thanks also to the Sports and Social Club for the use of their facilities.

Barbara Evans and Rachel

THE BIRMINGHAM PHIL

The cultural life of Cleobury Mortimer was enriched on September 28th with a concert given by the Birmingham Philharmonic Orchestra at St Mary's church. The place was full to bursting with an audience who were delighted by Dvořák's The Noonday Witch, Opus 108, Elgar's haunting cello concerto in E minor, Op 85 with soloist Richard Jenkinson, and Tchaikovsky's Symphony No 4 in F minor, Op 36. The young and energetic conductor, Richard Laing, introduced the three pieces, explaining how they came to be written, helping those like me, who are musically challenged, to fully appreciate the moods the composer and conductor are trying to simulate in their audience.

Chairman of the organising Friends of St Mary's, Alec Osbaldiston donned dinner jacket and bow tie to act as Master of Ceremonies. We are fortunate to have residents like John Sant, whose company, The Recycling Group, were so generous in their support for this concert. This means that the profit of about £3000 will go to the landmark church at the heart of our community.

P.A.J. Waddington

BERNARD OWEN

We came to Neen Sollars 39 years ago and were immediately made welcome by the locals; very much so by Bernard and Elsie Owen, who have been good friends ever since. Bernard, was very involved in village life, especially with All Saints Church. We feel it should be made known, especially to newcomers to Neen Sollars, just how much Bernard did.

He set up an annual covenant scheme which raised money for the fabric of the building, and over the years raised funds by negotiating grants and donations from charitable organisations, which enabled him to organise several projects. Notably, the replacement of the shingles on the Church spire; the preservation of The Coningsby Memorial, which was dismantled, taken to Northamptonshire where it was restored to its current condition for all to admire. It is on record as being one of the best alabaster monuments in the Country. Other projects include new lighting, work to the Reredos and new carpeting.

He wrote two books about the village: "Neen Sollars, A Village History from 1086", researched and compiled with Karen Bray, latterly of Fern Cottage. And "Life in Neen Sollars from Domesday to the Millenium." The proceeds from both going to the Church Repair Fund.

A big 'Thank You', Bernard, for all you did for Neen Sollars.

Pat and Bob Cullen

THE LACON LOTTERY

Winner of the September draw was Nigel Broome, who pocketed a handy £64.00.

CLARION PHOTOS

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BIG CHRISTMAS

PUDDING PARTY

Hobson's are putting on a Christmas Pudding Party, at the Tenbury Road brewery, on the 23rd of this month. It all kicks off at 2.00 and the idea is that anyone can come along and have a good stir to make their own Christmas pudding. Hobson's will provide all the ingredients, which includes a drop of their Postman's Knock brew and refreshments of beer, mulled cider, soft drinks and mince pies are all included in the ticket price of £5.00 for adults and £2.50 for the kiddy winks. If you'd like a limited edition pudding bowl to take your creation home in, there's a Wenlock Pottery bowl on offer at £10.00 for a small and £15.00 the larger one.

They're calling the event 'Stir Up Sunday' and it could become a regular Christmas event if the response is good. You can book your place in the stir up stakes with Kate on CM 270837.

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A BIG THANK YOU

The Volunteer Cemetery Tidy up Day proved to be well supported, with a group of around 40 volunteers working hard, of which I felt very proud to be a part.

It showed that the community spirit of Cleobury is alive and well, demonstrating what selfless people can do in three hours to improve an area used for all to enjoy.

We were especially grateful to Rachel Lloyd, a First Responder, who agreed to be our first aider on site, working hard with us all. And the Lunnon family from Ditton Mill, who turned up in force with all their equipment, mowing well into the afternoon.

The skip for cuttings was quickly filled, so a large pile was placed nearby. A couple of days later it was reduced to chippings with the efforts of Roger Price, myself and Councillor Hainsworth. Roger gave his time for free, as he was unavailable to help on the day.

The chippings produced were dumped in the new bays, for parishioners to take away for compost or recycling. Do help yourselves, but keep the new bays tidy, please.

There will be another clean-up day later this year. If you want to be a part of it, please look out for the posters or give your name to either the Parish Clerk or Sandra Ozals our Community Liaison Volunteer to the Parish Council.

LACON CHILDE'S BAND NIGHT



Ben Kirby, guitarist with Vision, bending some strings.

Cleobury Youth Partnership held a band night in Cleobury Mortimer on September 26th. Local talent packed Lacon Childe school hall with a wide range of musical acts.

The performers at the event were Dan Sutton, Danielle Andrews, Tom Harris, Vision, Courtney Walton & Liv Smith, Tristan Dalmond and Tegu Fly. A lot of which were first time

performers, but given the level of professionalism you would be hard pressed to believe this.

A huge thank you to South Shropshire Housing Association, South Shropshire Youth Forum, Lacon Childe School and Jack Martin, without whose help it would not have been possible

The evening was a thorough success and helped raised over £200 for local youth projects as well as giving the local teens a much needed social event.

Paran Todd

FUNDING AVAILABLE

Cleobury Mortimer Crib League runs through the winter months, when games are played on Wednesday nights in local hostleries. Players pay to play, and at the end of the season the monies raised are distributed to voluntary organisations that deal with young people in our community. We donate to Junior Sports Clubs, Youth Clubs, Playgroups, Play Areas, Scouts and Guides etc. We currently have money available, and if you would like to be considered for a donation, please contact our secretary, Sarah Barnsley, on CM 271885.

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Kinlet Primary School Autumn Fayre

A GREAT DAY OUT

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So it seemed at 11.00, but by midday the place was buzzing. Visitors could wander through the school and neighbouring nursery to see what both can offer their children.



This totem pole graces the entrance to the school. An art project by Emma Forni, it's showing the ravages of the weather.

The atmosphere is really happy, with brightly coloured walls, artwork everywhere and a friendly buzz about the place. It's a Victorian building, with only two classrooms originally, but with growing pupil

numbers what used to be the hall and gymnasium is now used for a third class. Head teacher Anita Raymond has done a super job in her three years here, with the pupil roll growing from 34 to 69, but getting extra accommodation is a constant battle.

There's a lot of input from parents and people outside the educational profession. Like local freelance artist Kev F, who inspired the pupils with sketches drawn as he talked and got them keen to produce their own magazine. The result is an A5 size four pager, mostly drawn by the children, with the final page sketches of staff and pupils by Kev. Great stuff.

Outside, a recent addition is the trim trail, courtesy of EZ-Solar owner Andy Perkins, who put one of his crews in to instal a range of climbing frames and challenges. "They'd never done anything like it before," Anita explained, "And it had to be approved by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents' inspectors before we could use it." It passed with flying colours.

A neat competition for the children was a series of photos with the question 'Which Member of Staff?' for them to

answer. At a modest £1.00 a go it offered a prize and a little fund raising. This was on show in the third classroom, or was it the hall? There was a raffle for a big range of prizes and lots of goodies to tempt. Across the path was more substantial fare like hotdogs, cooked to order.

One area has sliding windows that open onto a garden, where Jodie Leigh had taken a break from the dance classes she runs in Bridgnorth and Highley and was encouraging children to just have fun. And healthy exercise, of course.



Miss Jodie and her almost outdoor dance class. Just fun.

At the end of the day, all this effort had produced a handy £1,000 to help fund new equipment for the school. It's a lovely setting for a good place.

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CLOWS TOP GARDENING CLUB

November can be a damp, raw month. Flowers may be scarce in the garden but many berries, evergreen foliage and trees with decorative bark add interest on the dullest of days. Frosts can be quite frequent at night, especially when calm and clear. Cold winds from the east make it feel much colder than it is.

At the September meeting, John Robinson gave an interesting talk and slide show on 60 years of wildlife photography. John started his hobby while he was in the army in Germany. It was a light hearted talk on the adventures he had to get these impressive photos. A great success; everyone enjoyed the talk.

It was also the club's Autumn Show. Winners were: 1st Austin Fletcher, 2nd Bob Marriott and 3rd Suzanne France. Best Exhibit: Austin Fletcher. Many thanks to Marion for judging the show.

Our last meeting of the year will be on November 26th, for the AGM and Dr Joy Rooney will give a talk on 'Hartlebury Common'. For further details telephone Marion Wilson on 01299 270475 or email clowstopdistrictgardeningclub@hotmail.co.uk. *Pauline Bowen*

GYPSY JAZZ AT CLOWS TOP'S VICTORY HALL



This does sound good for those with a jazz inclination. On November 8th, promoters Shindig are presenting a very bright jazz guitar talent in Remi Harris. He's an acclaimed player and Digby Fairweather was moved enough by his music to call him "Probably Britain's greatest jazz guitarist to emerge since Martin Taylor." He's toured a lot, including Australia, with his Gypsy Jazz Project, so Stefan Grappelli fans should find him pleasing.

The music starts at 8.00, but if you buy an £11.00 ticket you can get a supper at 7.15. If you just want the show, the charge is £9.00. Get your tickets from Mandy on 01299 832456, or from Brian's Butchers, Clows Top Post Office or online at www.clowstopvictoryhall/btck.co.uk

ALL CHANGE AT THE LEGION

On October 8th, the Cleobury Mortimer Branch of the Royal British Legion held its annual general meeting. After 6 years' service, Jim Hulme stood down as Chair, with David Taylor elected in his place. David is no stranger; his father was also Chairman of the Branch. Secretary Lesley Ravenscroft stood down too, and Vanda Kemp, another long-term member, has taken on the task.

9th November sees our annual Remembrance Parade and church service, preceded by the Cleobury Players' staging of 'Journey's End' in St Mary's Church on the evenings of November 6th, 7th and 8th. The play is set in World War One, and the Players are generously allowing the Branch to run a raffle on each evening, with all the proceeds to the Poppy Appeal. Then on 29th November, the Branch are running a coach outing to the Birmingham Military Tattoo.

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FESTIVE SHOP AT THE FIGHTING COCKS

Diane Newsham will be running her Festive Shop at Stottesdon's Fighting Cocks pub on December 4th. Starting time is 7.30, admission is free, but Diane warns that there will be some enthusiastic selling of raffle tickets to help you get rid of loose change or even a note. Quite right too, as it's in aid of the Severn Hospice. Good place to do some Christmas shopping with a local touch.

ROCK WALKING

Rock Pathfinders have two walks this month, when all keen walkers will be made welcome.

On the 6th they gather at the lay-by on A442, close to Honeyplot Cottage DY11 5RT, Ordnance Survey map reference 813790. And on the 20th the start is from the Rock Tavern Inn, Wilden Lane, Stourport, DY13 9LR, OS Ref. 823719.

More details from Alan on 01299 400304.

CHRISTMAS FLORAL WORKSHOPS

Christmas floral workshops will be held at Neen Sollars and Milson's Victory Hall on December 4th, with morning, afternoon and evening sessions. So a time to suit everybody.

I will be demonstrating different ways to decorate your door wreath, then you have a go. I will also demonstrate a table centre and you in turn have a go at making one. All materials will be provided by me and you get to take home what you make. Each session will be two and a half hours long and costs £30. Contact me, Claire Bradley, on 01299 270415 or 07989 580 770.

THANK YOU

Janet and David Percival would like to thank all family, friends and neighbours for the cards, presents and good wishes received on their Golden Wedding Anniversary. They were greatly appreciated.

AND THANK YOU AGAIN Here's a lovely, positive story about some young people in our community:

Doris Smardon told us about her journey home from a Severn Stitches meeting in St Mary's Place on October 3rd, when her mobility scooter ground to a stop on the dropped kerb at Barratt's Orchard. She couldn't get it started again and a young lad stopped to ask if he could help, without success. Doris was on the phone home, where her husband was checking a delivery so couldn't come.

A friend with a car arrived, but the two of them couldn't get the silent scooter in the boot. Then another young man, walking his dog, offered his help and with the younger lad's help pushed the scooter home, as Doris rode in her friend's car.

"You hear so much about young people today that's bad," she told the Clarion. "I thought people should know about this." We are happy to tell you the story and to name the young men concerned: Harry Small and Joe Dams. A real credit to our town.

THE READING GROUP

FAHRENHEIT 451 by Ray Bradbury. A fascinating novel summed up as an imaginative view of Hell. Published in 1953 it looked at a future when firemen started fires instead of putting them out, books were burnt and it considered the overall effect on the population.

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On The Market - The Pie Creator



Wendy Craige, aka Mrs Pie Creator. The friendly face you'll meet at the Farmers' Market.

To their many customers in Stourport, The Pie Creator is a bustling and friendly small shop at Number 52 High Street. It's been there 18 months and from a modest offering of pies and pates when they opened, there's a long, long list of just about any pie you could imagine. And a range of sausage rolls to die for; proper big rolls; handfuls, not little nibbles.

The joint power behind the name is two people, Nigel and Wendy Craige; the name is spelt that way because he's a proud Manxman. "We have three Manx children and a Manx cat," he smiles. He's been in the catering business for 35

years, since he left school, and everything you can see in the shop or on the market stall is baked on the Stourport premises. The bread is mixed by a Frenchman in Malvern, but baked in the Pie Creator ovens to be fresh every morning.

There's a lot more business done than just the shop and weekend Farmers' Markets. Nigel's baking skills and high standards that insist everything is fresh produces pies good enough for him to be a Diamond Finalist in the 2014 Heart of England food awards and for shops like Checketts of Ombersley, Gwilliams of Worcester and Charbury Farm Shop in Evesham to take supplies from him.

They cover markets as well and Wendy is a familiar face at Cleobury's Farmers' Market, a place she really enjoys coming to: "My top favourite, a really friendly place, with friendly people," she explains. The two of them cover two or three markets every weekend, as well as long hours in the bakery and shop. 'How many hours a week?' we asked Nigel; "About 100," he answered without hesitation. "Start baking at 2.00 in the morning and sometimes

work through until seven at night, or later." The man has clearly never heard of the European Working Time Directive, or whatever that idealistic piece of bureaucratic dreaming is called.

There's just the two of them working full time, plus two part timers, and the increase of their range and the 30 mile spread of their business round is a measure of growth in the past 18 months. So what do they see for their future? "A central kitchen and maybe two more shops," says Nigel. "The trouble is finding good staff willing to learn and put in the hours; we could do with an apprentice." If you're looking for an interesting job and don't mind working hard, check the Clarion Jobs Page for details.

You can sample the creations for yourself at the Farmers' Market and I promise you won't be disappointed. I've bought their pies and sausage rolls and can't remember eating better; it's a world of flavour away from supermarket stuff.

The Pie Creator is at this month's Farmers' Market on the 15th. To see more of what they do, look in at www.thepiecreator.com

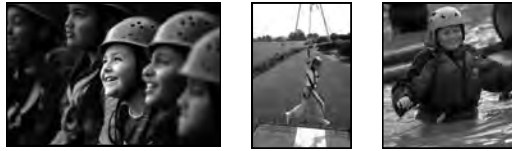
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A Cleobury Character - John Carter



John Carter. The man in charge and firmly down-to-earth.

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The signs are up, the wide range of bits and pieces for sale is laid out on trestle tables or sitting on the floor. The cafe is busy, outside the cars and vans are parked along the road and at 10.00 the man with the gavel in his hand gets things moving. John works his way through 430 items, keeping the pace brisk as he encourages bids, but never too hurried to miss a late wave from a buyer. He lightens the day with occasional jokes, sips at teas brought by the sale staff, and doesn't take a break until the hammer falls on the last item. Close on four and a half hours when we watched and the effort was etched in his face. But he was elated - the third sale in a row when every

item on offer was sold. Very few sales achieve that once, never mind scoring a hat trick. The whole hall stood and applauded.

The Carter philosophy is quite simple: no traders sell at his auctions, only private individuals, and he is cautious about reserve prices. "I'm serving the people who want to sell their antiques and collectables, and I get that job done," he explained. "I do not have traders putting items in the sale with a reserve just to see if they can push the price up." Traders buy at John's sales, as do private collectors; one English trader drives over from France, because he knows he'll get a straight deal. The events are advertised in the main antique journals and there is a strong following on his website; look in on www.cartersauction.co.uk to see why. His crew work hard: Nick, Graham, Billy, George and Johnny all from Cleobury and three of them active skateboard people. They are busy all day, from labelling and setting out the sale goods, to lifting items up so buyers can see what's on offer as John works through the catalogue. Then they help the customers collect and wrap their purchases before taking them

out to the cash desk to settle their bill and then on to load into the van or car.



Billy, one of the hard working crew, shows off the next item in the catalogue. They all do a long day.

Carter's charges are modest by auctioneer standards. 17.5 percent commission from the seller and 16 percent as the buyer's premium; big auction houses charge a lot more than that. On the day we watched, the highest price paid was £650 for a fine silver tea set.

John won't have internet bidding ("It would cost me £1,000 a time and I would have to put up my charges") but does welcome phone business, which is the province of Graham, with four phones to keep contact if needed, and a constant gentle flow of words to keep the caller informed. It's an impressive operation and good value. And the cafe does a full English breakfast for just £3.50. A good day out.

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The Severn Edge Vets Pets Page

Jeremy Hall on the complex matter of false pregnancy.

Every month I keep my eyes open for new topics for this column. Inevitably my inspiration comes from the animals and people I have encountered in that time. November is no different, and this month I want to talk about False Pregnancy in dogs.

Phantom or False pregnancy happens exclusively to female animals and dogs seem to be more prone than other animals to suffering them. This is because a dog's pregnancy is entirely controlled by the ovary. The hormones travelling around a dog's body are virtually identical whether she is pregnant or not, right up to when the 63 day (average) gestation period ends. At this point the pregnant animal develops nesting behaviour, has puppies and starts milking to feed them.

Sometimes female dogs that are not pregnant confuse themselves (hormonally) into the same behaviour – displaying some or all of the signs that they are ready to give birth. Affected pooches may start dragging their bed around, tidying their toys into one place (nesting), and will nearly always develop milk.

In mild cases, she may bring herself through the phantom pregnancy without ever showing you there is a problem, but more severely affected dogs can get quite depressed and poorly with the whole situation. One of the most common problems we see them for is pain on their tummy, due to mastitis. This is an extremely painful condition that happens because she is producing milk, but nothing is taking it off her, allowing bacteria to multiply and infection to take hold.

Vets can help to stop the hormone cycle – normally with a little syrup onto her food for a few days, and treated dogs will perk up very quickly as they start to feel better. Once they have had one phantom pregnancy, they are prone to having them at each season thereafter, so the best option, as always, is to have them neutered at the earliest opportunity. Females that are neutered young will never have a phantom pregnancy, will never get a potentially deadly uterus infection,

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ACTION!



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So there is support for job seekers but not always local to where people live. It assumes the seeker has internet access and is comfortable with accessing the recommended websites.

If you are a job seeker (unemployed for less than 52 weeks) in a rural area, with poor public transport and limited IT connectivity, getting help and support from people who have time and who care what happens is rare.

Into Work support is set up by Shropshire Council with local partners. From November to March, they will provide one to one support for job seekers in ways that suit the individual. Such as writing and updating CVs, help with making applications and help to get online and access Universal Job search and 'entitled to' websites. Or matching job seekers to

opportunities with local businesses, liaising with the jobcentre, practicing interview skills, access to training, business development advice for people thinking of self employment and help towards expenses such as travel costs in the first few weeks of work.

There will be local Into Work support for people in Cleobury Mortimer and the surrounding area, provided by Clare Todd and her team at The Cleobury Country Centre

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CLEOBURY W.I.

October's meeting was an entertaining and amusing look at some of the artefacts from the Craven Arms museum, The Land of Lost Content. Stella Mitchell brought a fascinating collection of packets and items, many of which we recognised from either our childhood homes or those of our grandparents, from rubber buttons for Liberty bodices which could be put through the mangle, to the garden product 'Canary

Guano'. Altogether a fun meeting! We also had a very successful 'Winter Warmer' soup lunch, four types of homemade soups, and homemade puddings. We were also able to make a donation of about £100 to the local Air Ambulance from the proceeds.

Gillian Senior

PLAY BUS VISITS CLEOBURY

Thanks to South Shropshire Housing Association, there will be a Play Bus parked at the Fire Station from 10.30 to 12.30 on November 4th. It will be loaded with activities aimed at pre-school children, which will give mums a chance to take a breather before they get back up the road to the shopping. A nice, friendly touch, the sort of informal event that help people make friends.

THE LACON LOTTERY

Winner of the £64 cash prize in the school's draw for October was Sue Broad.

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Letter from Westminster - Philip Dunne MP

The NHS in Shropshire is currently undergoing a consultation, 'Future Fit', led by clinicians, which aims to deliver a sustainable model for emergency and urgent healthcare in the county for the foreseeable future. It is important that residents know what this could mean. Future Fit began a year ago with a consultation amongst clinicians and GPs, which this summer led to some options being discussed with public and patients groups. I attended part of the discussion in Ludlow last month to find out more and what people think. I also have met with Shropshire NHS chiefs to discuss health concerns for the Ludlow constituency.

Eight options are currently being considered, looking at different models for providing emergency care, diagnosis and treatment and Urgent Care Centres. The intention is to reduce these to three or four, with costings, before Christmas. The NHS will then work up detailed recommendations to be put to public consultation next summer.

The aim is to identify how best to secure state of the art A&E provision with complementary urgent care services in Shropshire. I want it to be clear that Future Fit has nothing whatsoever to do with privatisation. This is about securing quality care for Shropshire.

It offers the opportunity to upgrade Minor Injuries Units in our community hospitals to Urgent Care Centres in Ludlow and Bridgnorth. There is also a case to be made for Bishop's Castle to secure a Centre, if it could attract enough patients from mid-Wales, where there is limited cover.

I shall be arguing for Urgent Care Centres in our community hospitals, with an improved range of services, not only for a higher level of personal injury treatment, but also the prospect of more diagnostic tests done locally, to avoid much the travel required to Shrewsbury or Telford. My commitment over emergency care is to seek the best results for South Shropshire patients. There is a balance to be struck between locations, since across the whole constituency some find it more convenient to attend Royal Shrewsbury Hospital and some the Princess Royal Hospital in Telford.

As I travel around more than most, I am aware of the challenges posed by rurality and lack of public transport. I am also determined to ensure ambulance cover to get patients to emergency treatment as quickly as possible.

But wherever clinicians propose A&E is best delivered, it has to be clinically viable and to provide quality cover for the whole county. The views of the public need to be well informed and taken into proper account. Public engagement is an important start to this process, but only a start, and much greater awareness building and consultation must take place before decisions are set in stone.

I want to better understand the options being presented before rushing to judgement on what is best for local residents, as they more or less evenly divide between those who attend Shrewsbury or Telford in the event of an emergency. The key is to ensure we secure state of the art clinically safe A&E cover and keep this in the county.

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The November Clarion Social Calendar

Date	Time	Details	Contact	Telephone Number
Sat 1/ Sun 2		Festival of Art in the Methodist Church and Hall. Local artists' work on display		
Sun 2	10.00am	Bewdley Local Produce Market is back. Picturesque location on Severnside South		
Mon 3	10.00am	Walking for Health meet at the Sports Centre	Mandy Smith	CM 270312
	7.00pm	CM Parish Council meeting in the Market Hall. The public may raise concerns in the first 15 minutes of the evening.	Matt Sheehan	CM 271154
Tue 4	7.30pm	Festive Shop at The Fighting Cocks in Stottesdon. Much to see and possibly buy.		
Wed 5	8.00pm	Whist Drive at Doddington Village Hall; good parking.	Sonia Pearsall	01584 890874
Thu 6		BLACK WHEELIE BINS AND RECYCLE BOXES EMPTIED TODAY		
Thu 6 to Sat 8		Cleobury Players present RC Sheriff's "Journey's End" in the Parish Church. A moving play about young men in an extraordinary situation; we should watch, listen and try to understand all that they went through		
Sat 8	8.00am	Knowle Sports Sale at the ground, down the road from Clee Hill. Brilliant bargains!		
	9.00am	Cllr Madge Shingleton has a surgery in the Market Hall, running through to 11.00am. No need to book, just turn up and chat.	Madge	CM 271186
	8.00pm	Gipsy jazz guitarist Remi Harris with his band stars at Clows Top Victory Hall. If you buy a supper that's at 7.15pm. PAGE 11.		
Sun 9	10.30am	Remembrance Sunday, when the town turns out to pay respect to those who have fallen in war. The High Street will be closed for the march to the town cenotaph.		
Mon 10	7.30am	CM Horticultural Society's Annual General Meeting, in the Market Hall.		
Wed 12	10.00am	CoCo Coffee Morning in the Market Hall. Tea or coffee plus cake for £1.50.		
	1.30pm	The Ladies Luncheon Club meet at The Plough in Far Forest.	Alison Osbourne	01584 890414
	7.30pm	Neen Savage W.I. Annual General Meeting at the Village Hall. Followed by Games.		
	8.00pm	The Royal British Legion meet at The Bell Inn, Lower Street		
Thu 13		GREEN WHEELIE BINS EMPTIED TODAY.		
Fri 14		Deadline for applications for grants from the Parish's Capital Receipt Fund. PAGE 43.		
	8.00pm	Bingo Night at Cleeton St Mary.		
Sat 15	9.30am	Cleobury Farmers' Market is in the Parish Church again. Good time to pick up something unusual as a Christmas gift?		
	10.00am	Fabric and accessories sale at Clee Hill Village Hall. PSGE 43.		
Mon 17	10.00am	Last Walking for Health Walk till the Spring	Mandy Smith	CM 270312

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The November Social Calendar - continued

Date	Time	Details	Contact	Telephone Number
Tue 18		Carers Support Group meeting, St Mary's Close, Love Lane	Wendy Duley	CM 271562
Wed 19	7.30pm	Stottesdon W.I. hold their AGM in Chorley Village Hall followed by a quiz.		
	8.00am	Whist Drive, Doddington Village Hall	Sonia Pearsall	01584 890874
Thu 20		BLACK WHEELIE BINS AND RECYCLE BOXES EMPTIED TODAY		
	7.45pm	Whist Drive at the Sports and Social Club in Love Lane	Alan	CM 270114
	8.00pm	Brewery Night at Hobson's, with a tour of the business part and food to follow. Tickets £15.00.	Kate	CM 270837
Fri 21	7.30pm	Over from Canada, so with a French influence, are folk group Bon Debarras to entertain at SpARC Theatre, Bishops Castle	Tickets	01588 630321
	8.00pm	Bingo Night, Doddington Village Hall	Sonia	01584 890874
Sat 22	10.00am	MacMillan Coffee Morning in the Market Hall, raising money for a very good cause. SEE PAGE 41.		
	2.30pm	Ann and Alf Jenkins launch their new book "From Clee to Eternity" at The Old School Room, Mill Street, Ludlow		01568 780398
Wed 26	10.00am	CoCo Coffee Morning at the Market Hall. Christmas Sale tables plus coffee and cake. Mmmmm, tasty!		
	6.30pm	Hansel and Gretel will appeal to the children. It's at Severn Centre in Highley	Tickets	01746 860000
	7.30pm	Clows Top Gardening Club meet at Victory Hall to listen to Dr Joy Rooney talk about Hartlebury Common.		
Thu 27		GREEN WHEELIE BINS EMPTIED TODAY		
Fri 28	10.30am	The Picklelilly Christmas Show for children 2 to 5 years is at Moffats School, Kinlet. Prebooking essential. PAGE 43	Emma	01299 841230
	1.00pm	The Advent Soup lunches return, to feed you modestly and help those in need essentially. In the Market Hall, with a friendly atmosphere and much to see. Good soup too.		
	8.00pm	Bingo Night at Doddington Village Hall.	Sonia	01584 890874
Fri 28/ Sat 29		New group The Country Clangers present Old Time Music Hall in Victory Hall, Neen Sollars. £10.00 includes supper at 6.45pm; show at 8.00pm.	Trevor Wood	CM 272666
Sat 29	8.00am	Knowle Sports Sale, at the sports ground, very near Clee Hill. Last sale here in 2014 – don't miss out!		
		AND LOOKING FORWARD TO DECEMBER		
Wed 3	6.00pm	Food served for Comedy Night bookers at The Lamp in the High Street. And at 8.00pm a troupe of comedians take over. Should be a riotous night. PAGE 43.		
	8.00pm	Whist Drive, Doddington Village Hall	Sonia Pearsall	01584 890874
Thu 4		Oh dear, old age creeps on. The Editor is 765 todsy and feels every year of it.		
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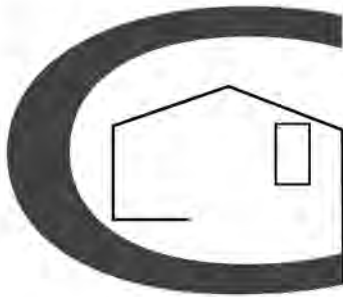
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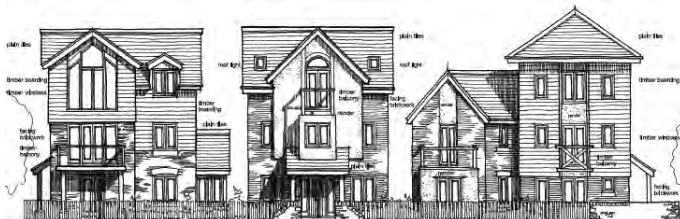
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Reported local crimes since September 18th: A factory unit in Burford was broken into between 5:00pm on September 19th and 6:45pm on September 22nd. Nail guns, saws and protective clothing worth £2500 was stolen. In Oreton, outbuildings, a stable block and tack room were broken into during the night of September 25th/26th, but nothing is thought stolen. About 300 litres of oil was stolen from a storage tank in Stottesdon on September 28th/29th. Please note that oil tank alarms which send a signal your house to show the oil level, and which emit a loud siren if there is a rapid loss can be obtained from Shropshire Council Community Enablement Officers. Sometime on October 1st/2nd a black Volkswagen minibus was stolen from a residential area in Burford. The owner had inadvertently left his jacket containing the keys inside the unlocked vehicle! How lucky was that for the thief? On October 1st/2nd the canvas roof of a car in Cleobury Meadows was ripped open. Entry gained but nothing stolen. During the same night, another parked and unlocked car was entered; only a door key was stolen. Overnight on October 8th/9th a JCB Bobcat loader worth £8500 was stolen from a farm at Boraston; CCTV footage at the scene is being studied. Wire cable was stolen from a skip on the driveway of a house in Steeple Close between 10:30am and 11:30am on October 9th. On October 11th/12th a van parked at Bellevue Garage, Bridgnorth Road, was broken into. Power tools, cash and audio equipment were stolen and with damage incurred the loss

amounted to around £3500. On October 13th a burglary at an empty farmhouse near Neen Sollars was discovered, which would have occurred since September 15th. A stainless steel sink, copper pipe and two immersion heaters were stolen. On October 14th two bicycles worth £4000 were stolen from a detached garage in Burford. Criminal damage occurred at a house in Kinlet; a front window was smashed, also the rear window of the occupant's car, parked on the driveway. This was on October 15th/16th. Between October 10th and 19th a tractor, Bobcat loader and trailer were stolen from farm buildings at Kinlet. In the afternoon of October 19th a window was smashed at a house in Betjemen Way. This could have been accidental but no one has come forward to admit it or apologise. Overnight on October 19th/20th a shed in the back garden of a house in Clee Hill was broken into and a trail motorbike worth £1500 was stolen.

As can be seen we do not have many house burglaries in our area, but this should not be a signal for complacency. Never skimp on security. Sheds, garages and outbuildings remain targets for thieves, so I suggest you consider, in addition to strong locks, a shed alarm which can be obtained from your local Shropshire Council Enablement Officer.

To end on a positive note, most readers will be pleased to learn that a local (ish) male has been charged in connection with burglaries and is currently enjoying free board and lodging at one of Her Majesty's establishments!

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LACON CHILDE DEBATE ASSISTED DYING

A brave venture, taking one very emotional current topic, asking Year 11 pupils to hear the cases for and against Assisted Dying and express their views.

Guests on October 3rd were Ann Leedham of Dying With Dignity and Father Chris Walsh, Catholic priest for Cleobury and Ludlow. In support were students Naomi Shore and Sorcha McCullagh.

Mrs Leedham explained that the bill before Parliament would allow the terminally ill who retained their mental capacity and whose condition was agreed by two doctors to be incurable, should be allowed to choose when to die. No third party could influence the choice, which would allow the patient to sidestep prolonged suffering. Naomi Shore, with some impressive quotations from both the Bible and Aquinas, spoke well in support.

Father Walsh spoke of the better care available today and quoted a British Medical Journal article stating that 98 percent of deaths were recorded as "acceptable in terms of suffering". He also expressed misgivings that with an increasing number of older

people and a shrinking budget for their care, there might be pressure to end life. Sorcha McCullagh pointed out a feeling within the medical profession that a decision to end a patient's life can lead to a loss of faith in the profession itself.



From left: Ann Leedham, Naomi Shore, chair Camilla Harrison, Sorcha McCullagh, with Father Chris Walsh speaking.

Chair Camilla Harrison, whose idea the debate was, asked for questions and comments from those in the hall and after a hesitant start the students brought out a series of perceptive questions that took the discussion beyond its official 3.00pm deadline.

When the meeting did finish, head teacher Darren Reynolds thanked guests and students for their willingness to listen to arguments, consider what

they'd heard and ask pertinent questions. The students were then asked to vote, with 50 against the bill and 92 in favour.

It was an impressive show of the value of education, with teenagers listening, thinking and speaking their minds clearly. Camilla Harrison confirmed that there will be further such debates; it's another feather in the school's cap.

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These friendly charity lunches have become a fixture in the social calendar and Shaunah Murrell has booked them again, with proceeds going to two charities: Homeless at Christmas and Severn Hospice.

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The Farming Page - Jenny Everingham writes From The Farmhouse

After all those lovely September days, Autumn is finally upon us and the farming year moves round another notch. As we don't grow maize, our harvest ended with the beans. The children are delighted, as the pile in the barn gives them a soft landing for their dare-devil jumps! Muck spreading comes next, then ploughing, and the drop of rain we are having now is softening the ground up a bit for that. As long as it knows when to stop! The other machine job is hedge-cutting. Last year was a bit of a write-off, so it'll be a big job this time. We've had our first casualties, as the kids cycled over here on Sunday and collected at least half a dozen punctures between them! Poor Grampa! I'm afraid the roads will be messy for a bit, so let's all take care.

Stock-wise the first lambs have gone off to market and two new rams have been purchased. There are some store cattle to go this week

so they have been TB tested and were all clear, thank Goodness. This will free up space in the covered yards for bringing cattle in as the winter comes on. 'Tupping' takes place in November, so there will be a spate of sheep handling prior to that, making sure the girls are all spruced up and in good health and the boys ready for action!

We took some apples to the Fighting Cocks on 'Apple Day' and have a good supply of juice from the scabby cookers. I'm not sure how good the keeping quality is as far as the rest are concerned, but I suspect they may not last till Christmas this time. Never mind, apple crumbles and pies can always be frozen. Some of the cider apples have been taken to see if they make a good brew, so the fingers are crossed! To complete the anticipation of the 'chilly season' we are awaiting the arrival of a new log-burner and I am knitting woolly hats! Winter draws on!



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ON THE BUSES

With apologies to the classic (?) 1970's sitcom.

The introduction of the new bus timetable has not been without incident, as set out in the October 'Clarion' and Diamond Buses have continued to surprise and delight. This month's adventures began with the driver on the 9.10 (ish) asking if anyone needed to get off around the back doubles of Bewdley or Kidderminster as he had to get straight back to the depot before the radiator leak became terminal. We had wondered why there was water running down the floor on a dry day and this explained it. We did manage to get to Kidder OK but I'm not sure what happened to those waiting to get on at the missed stops...

Punctuality is still a problem. Although some services do run on time, they are regularly late and it would be unwise to rely on them for hospital appointments. The longest wait so far (unless you know better) is 90 minutes, this being explained by the fact that six(!) drivers had failed to turn up for their shifts. Mind you, even when the driver does turn up, everything is not plain sailing as one new driver didn't know where he was supposed to go. Luckily, a passenger navigated

for him and everyone got to their destinations. I have also heard that on at least one occasion, people have been left at bus stops in Habberley as the bus was already full. I bet they were pleased.

Picking up at the Town Hall instead of the Bus Station is also a gamble as buses are often double parked and unless waiting passengers spot the 2L early enough in the scrum surrounding the stops, there is a chance that it will be missed. Never mind, only 90 minutes to wait for the next one... At least it isn't dull, as every trip is an adventure!

There is still no joy with printed timetables. I have phoned a number of Diamond staff at the Kidderminster depot (you know who you are...) all of whom have promised me faithfully that they will get straight back to me with the latest information. However, in the immortal words of 'Private Eye' "Answer came there none". I have since been told by Bewdley Information Centre that they understand there will be none so I am pursuing this.

You couldn't make it up...

Steve Todd

Stop Press!As I write this on 17 October, I am told that drivers are still refusing to accept bus passes on the 9.10. Words fail.

AN ENJOYABLE EVENING

The special events at Hobson's Visitor Centre have been quite an innovation. We have attended two recently where the food and matching beers have been a gastronomic experience of the highest quality. This is due to a team keen to deliver high quality and involve other local businesses. We were treated to four fish courses provided by the Ludlow Fish House working with Reuben, Hobson's newest member of staff, most recently managing Ludlow Food Centre. Nick Davis provided samples of seven beers and two ciders to blend with the food and all for £15 a head! 30 people attended this event.

To have such quality and enthusiasm on our doorstep is great. We proposed a Christmas Pudding stir up event with Hobson's stout and got an interested nod from Nick.

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FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE

Capital Receipt Money: Cleobury Mortimer Parish Council considered the first round of funding applications at the October Council meeting with many projects being approved. There is £45,000 still available to bid for and the next round of applications should be received at the Parish Council office by Friday 14th November. Full details of the grant funding process, qualifying criteria and application forms are available from the Parish Office - Tel: 01299 271154 or email matthew.sheehan@cleobury.org.uk

The November Farmers' Market: There will be a table-top sale on the first floor of the Market Hall on November 15th, the day of the Farmers Market and the regular Gift and Produce Market in the Market Hall. If anyone has good-quality clothes, accessories, toys, books etc and wishes to have a table please contact Dorothy to book a place on 01299 272 717 or email dorothy.mcbride@cleobury.org.uk

COMEDY NIGHT

Jalal Uddi of The Lamp at Number 15A has hit the right note with his musical evenings. Now he's branching out in a different direction and offers a Comedy Night on December 3rd. The format is slightly different, with food served from 6.00 and four comedians taking over the floor from 8.00 o'clock. The whole package of comedy and buffet costs £15.95

a head, which sounds like very good value.

Rumours that Jalal is planning to book Billy Smart's Circus are simply not true!

PICKLELILY TREAT FOR LITTLE PICKLES

Picklelily Circus will be returning to Moffats School in Kinlet to perform a Christmas Magic Show on Friday 28th November, 10.30 to 12.00 noon. It's for children aged two to five, accompanied by a parent or carer.

Places are limited and need to be booked in advance. Please call Emma on 01299 841230.

FABRIC SALE ON CLEE HILL

The Sale is on November 15th from 10.00 to 2.00 in Clee Hill Village hall. Expect fabrics, in pieces, including fat quarters for quilting, and by the yard. Books, magazines, yarns, patterns and bits for a variety of other crafts. No made items but the wherewithal. There will be coffee and home-made cakes available throughout.

All in aid of Coffeecraft, run by Kathleen and Norris Boyland. There are several sessions a week around South Shropshire; the Clee Hill one is on Wednesday mornings, in term time, from 10.00 til 12.00 and a crèche is available. You're welcome to come for coffee, chat or join the crafting.

C M HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

'Friends and foes in the garden' was entomologist Professor Roger Umpelby's subject. An interesting and amusing talk, illustrated with slides. Ranging from the

ladybird; we had no idea there were so many varieties, but all friends of the gardener. Wasps and bees can be friend and foe but do more good than harm. In fact most of the flies do sterling work in the garden; our main foes are slugs, snails and the caterpillar of the common white butterfly. Earwigs are very good predators and will get rid of a lot of unwanted pests. To conclude he named the parasitic wasp as our very best friend and the slug our worst enemy.

The prize for the best collection of four fruits or vegetables went to Jenny Vanderhook. The Annual General Meeting will take place 10th November in the Methodist Hall.

Liz Smurthwaite

BRIAN CARTER

I just love local character stuff such as this note from Mark Purslow. Things like this are the lifeblood of a community:

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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	CM 272638	
	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		Chas Beale Dance Club, Lacon Childe School	Betty Ladek	CM 270332	
Wed		10.30	Over 50s Relaxing Exercises, Doddington Village Hall	Freda Childe	01584 891180
		16.45	Gym Club for 6 & over, Lacon Childe School	Don Carter	CM 270312
	17.15	Brownies Meeting, Old Pump House, Church Street	Rebecca Barnes	CM 272945	
	19.00	Guides Meeting, Old Pump House, Church Street	Dorothy McBride	CM 272717	
	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	Debbie Fowler	01562 743304	
	19.30	New Life Church prayer meeting. For venue call	Derek Morris	CM 270787	
	19.45	Choir Practice, Parish Church	Philip Engleheart	CM 270627	
Thu	09.30	Little Tiddlers, Kinlet Family Playgroup, Kinlet School	Zoe Pearson	07794 166514	
	14.00	Scrabble Club, St Mary's Place, Non residents £1.00	Jo Booton	07969 104808	
	16.45	Cleobury Comets Netball, CM Sports Centre term time	Mandy Smith	CM 271809	
	17.30	Brownies Meeting, Old Pump House, Church Street	Rebecca Barnes	CM 272945	
	19.30	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	
	14.00	CM Bridge Club, Parish Hall, Church Street	Pat Smith	CM 270592	
	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 718769
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	Phil Moore	CM 271112	

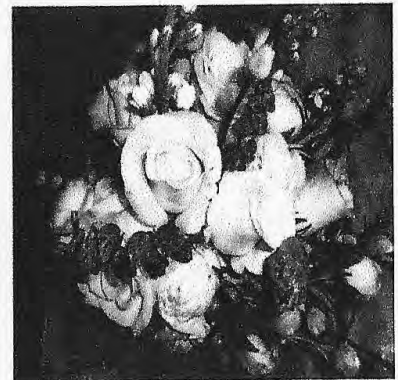
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Linda Iles

November In The Wyre Forest



This year has been a good one for hornets, honeybees and bumble bees. We had hornets build a nest in one of the farmhouse chimneys. I became aware of it in August but saw no need to take any action since we could easily avoid using the room and I'm rather an admirer of these impressive insects. My guests did start to wear out their welcome when one got in through another window and our house-sitter sat on it (an unpleasant incident for both of them). Then, when the cooling autumn temperatures persuaded us to light the wood burner in the room next door we may have started a chain of events that resulted in a large chunk of the nest dropping into the fireplace, attended by frantic worker hornets. They tried to rescue the larvae by carrying them across to the windows and the subsequent mess was quite revolting.

My problems were solved when my friendly pest control man suggested blocking the flue with a bin bag full of newspaper. The queens can exit out of the chimney to search out places to hibernate and I've washed the floor.

Talking of hibernation, the hedgehog is a small animal I'd like to see a bit more of around here. I occasionally see dead ones on the road but it's many years since I saw a live one and I'd consider myself favoured if one came to visit. It would do me a favour by eating some of the slugs which proliferate around my garden but in return I must avoid slug pellets and other pesticides (even if they claim not to harm wildlife). All kinds of man-made hazards await garden hedgehogs: steep-sided ponds, plastic netting which they can become entangled in, jars and bottles that can trap them and pipes or drains they can fall down. Your bonfire pile for firework night may look like the ideal place to hibernate, so it's best to only make your bonfire on the day you're going to light it. They need to put on fat ready for the big sleep, and if you're aware of having them in your garden you can help by leaving out some cat or dog food. The very informative website of Willows Hedgehog Rescue states that they tend not to be found where badgers are numerous, but even though badgers can kill and eat them it is not at all clear that they are responsible for their absence. *Linda Iles*

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is a disciplined process, as you would expect of any tuition provided at a school. It is part of his working week, school and private pupils progressing under his gentle, persuasive style.

Adults recognised his ability and he is now established as a man able to take a raw novice, regardless of age, and help them progress to musical competence. "There's a great joy in seeing a pupil progress so that they approach a piece they had considered beyond their ability, sit down and play it," he smiles. He does smile a lot when talking about the piano, and is happy when pupils see playing as simply a relaxation.

He's very mobile and can tutor in Kinlet Hall as school duties permit, or visit a pupil's home, where they may be more relaxed and receptive to

suggestions of trying a slightly more difficult piece than any tried before. It must be said that the drive out to the Hall and waiting in the reception hall is a very different experience from any other waiting room of my experience. The atmosphere is relaxing, the Shropshire countryside wonderfully scenic and the matter of learning to play one of shared enjoyment. No better way to encourage a pupil of any age or ability.

Claire Whiteman-Haywood is one of his adult pupils, who turned to music as a form of relaxation. "I'm not really advanced," she modestly told me. "But I do enjoy playing." She then demonstrated that her practising of the Blue Danube was paying dividends and we left with her smiling. It seems to be the habit amongst pianists of all abilities.

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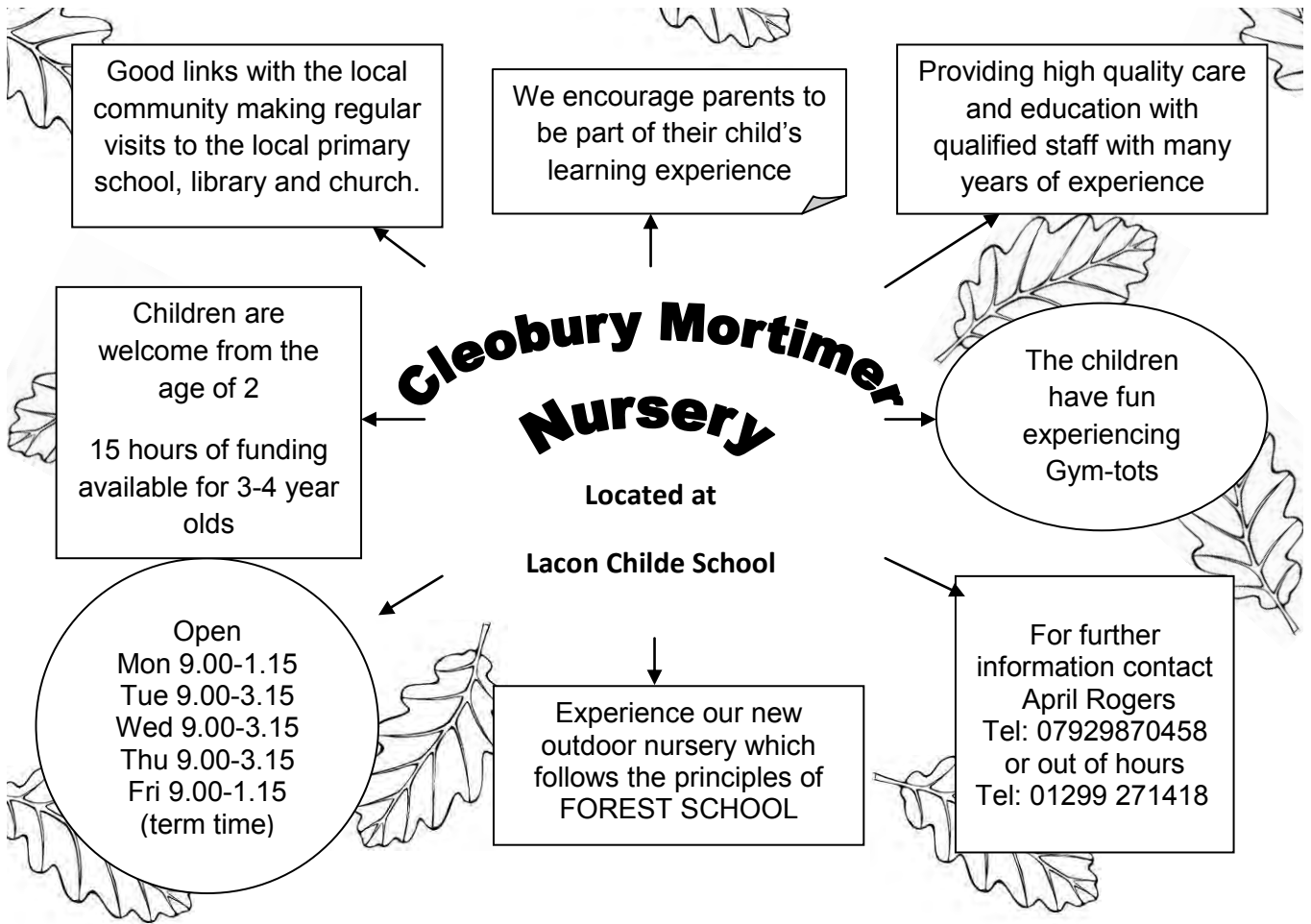


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PRIMARY SCHOOL DEDICATION

A lot of work going on at the Primary School, quite apart from in the classrooms. The school's Parent Teacher Association have got together and transformed the quadrangle within the building to a place of quiet remembrance, with a glass memorial to those who fell in the 1914-18 First World War a feature, to remind the children of the sacrifices made. That was still in preparation when the Clarion called to admire the new look and the smart paintwork and paving. All the work of the PTA plus other parents and grandparents, a real community effort.



Big smiles as PTA committee members take in the full effect of a community effort. From left: Fiona Calderwood, Rachel Neaves, Josie Sutherland and Jane Weaver.

It's been a big job, with only a paved area established and an old pond to clear and fill in. "We rehoused 15 frogs in the school outdoor garden," a proud Jane Weaver explained. The walls have been painted, planter boxes built and filled, a gravel area created and a covered area

added to give an outdoor gallery to show off the children's work. The PTA found a cool £3,000 to back the work.

Fiona Calderwood is the school's Artist in Residence and she'll be producing a stained glass memorial that will be a permanent feature of the garden. Top marks to acting head teacher Carmel Mayfield for the concept and getting the team up and working. The garden will be opened before Remembrance Sunday and we'll bring you a picture of the memorial sculpture in the December Clarion.

MUMBO JUMBO - A GREAT NIGHT OUT



Mumbo Jumbo are, from left, Chris Lomas, Oliver Carpenter and Phil Ball. Great entertainment.

It was blues at Neen Sollars or classics at the CoCo Concert. For me, the blues won. Neen Sollars' Victory Hall was not quite full, but there was a bar and free food courtesy of organiser Craig's girl friend Angie. Free food! These people are out to make friends.

Mumbo Jumbo play blues, but not the "Woke up this morning and found ma baby gone" variety. More the old New Orleans blues shouter style that

takes in good, bad or just daily news. Oliver Carpenter had just the right touch, his trumpet interludes in 'My Baby Wrote Me a Letter' blending with a throaty growl that bore no relation to this speaking voice. You did wonder if he'd last the evening; he did.

Keyboards man Phil Ball wasn't on the photo we printed last month, which is an injustice to his talent. His vocals on 'Judge, Send Me to the Electric Chair' got the crowd's feet tapping and at that point the dancing started - a good sign for any band. And then he knocked me out. I have a deep disaffection for the piano accordion, after a weekend of Cologne with one on every street corner, but this man can play jazz on a squeezebox! My hands hurt with applauding a new musical experience and my long told old joke about the jazz man's definition of a gentleman being 'A man who can play the piano accordion and doesn't' is simply out of date.

A good evening with the band counting down how many bottles of Hobson's were left as they worked through their encores - a great finishing touch. Just one small sour note - people who had to shout at the bar and drown out some of the solo pieces. A polite request - please shut up.

THE BORDERS CLASSIC BIKE SHOW

Sadly, it didn't happen this year, which was a great pity. But we can tell you that it will be back in 2015, if the Lacon Childe PTA agree the organiser's plans, and there should be the usual rumble of classics through town on the second weekend of September. More next month.



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A VERY BIG THANK YOU

The Clee Singers, ably assisted by local young people, would like to thank all who supported them by coming or donating to their Concert of Popular Songs in Ludlow Methodist Church on October 17th.

The fantastic proceeds of just over £1400 will be given to Birmingham Children's Hospital Oncology Department, one of only four in the country in its specialist field. It constantly needs funds to enlarge and update in order to go the extra mile that it does to improve so many children's lives.

Jane Barnes

THE COCO CONCERT WAS A GREAT SUCCESS



The Goode Ensemble filled the Parish Church with a range of fine music. Photo: Stephen Bell

A superb musical evening at St Mary's Church on October 18th raised £1200 for Cleobury Compassionate Communities (CoCo), which supports frail and vulnerable people in the area. The performers were the Goode Ensemble, talented local amateur string players who do so much to support causes such as CoCo.

In the first half were works from the baroque, classical and romantic eras, by Bach, Weber (movements from his Clarinet Quintet, performed with superb technique and humour by

Alastair Moseley) and Elgar, his lovely, wistful *Serenade*. Before the interval we heard readings by Kidderminster poet Tony Smith, and in the second half toes were tapping to all manner of catchy items from tangos, *That's Amore* and *My Old Man Said Follow the Van* to klezmer music that brought a wonderful evening to a stirring conclusion.

Francis Engleheart

THE GUIDES' BEST FOOT FORWARD

October 4th appeared to be the first wet morning after months of dry weather, as girls from each section of Cleobury Guides met for a Pledged Plod, starting at Clee Hill and finishing in Cleobury Mortimer. Girls were sponsored, and the money raised all goes towards opportunities for girls within Guiding, and essential training for leaders so that everyone has the best experience possible.

The daunting 11 mile hike started at the top of Clee Hill, and at different points Brownies and Rainbows joined in. They walked through lovely countryside, and the closer we got to the twisted spire, the drier and brighter it became. The last part was completed in quite glorious sunshine. We were welcomed back at the Market Hall for lunch.

A big thank you to everyone who was involved. At this point, we are still counting the sponsorship money from this well supported event.

Rebecca Barnes

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING - AND THE BIG ONE!

A Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday 22nd November, in

the Market Hall 10.00 until 12.00 noon. It's an excellent opportunity to buy preserves for Christmas, also Christmas cards, while having coffee and cake.

A huge thank you to everyone who supported us at The World's Biggest Coffee Morning. We raised a fantastic £345!

Sue Henderson

MADE IN SHROPSHIRE

There's a title bound to get the attention of any loyal Shropshire resident. Notice that I don't call you Salopians, which has always sounded like a collection of hillsides to me.

This is about a big, coffee table style, recipe and cookery book that will present the best of local culinary to the world. Well, the wonderful world of Shropshire.

The publishers are out to get local foodies on board, with recipes or cooking stories. Their previous product concentrated on Herefordshire and sold well; 3,000 copies is not to sniffed at.

It will be launched at next year's Ludlow Food Festival - where else? - so if you'd like to be involved, from providing a recipe to just buying a copy, the contact is Beth Heath and her contact addresses are: 01952 432175, 07899 792 369, or beth@bethheatevents.co.uk. Clearly a very well connected lady.

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Glenys Holdcroft is General Manager, with a watching brief over a growing company that now has three branches. There is a hint of why they succeed in the simple fact – the company recognises the abilities of its staff and encourages them to take an interest in offering quality products to the public.

That offering is a big range, including vegetarian pies, gluten free pies and sausages which cater for customers with specific dietary needs. There is also cheese, wines and cider, bacon, faggots, lasagnes, scotch eggs, cottage pies, pasta bakes, speciality sausages, quiches and a selection of traditional and speciality pork pies. Add coleslaw, potato salad and coronation chicken also made on the premises to combine with bread or rolls and you can see

why the lunch trade is so good. The staff have a willingness to listen and make what the customer wants- another reason why the lunch time trade is so busy. With all those awards won for their quality, the meat dishes are bound to please the most discerning palate.



Manager of the Cleobury shop, Lewis Dixon, butchering fresh meat for today's customers. The smile is almost part of the Bowkett uniform

Meat is all locally sourced from the surrounding areas and is butchered on the premises and packaged for sale or used in their home baked products and sausages, all of it offered for sale that day – it doesn't come much fresher than that! Walk past the Cleobury shop at 44 High Street early in the morning and the lights are on, with staff busy

preparing for the day. Rachel Lloyd is a relative newcomer to the company and enthuses about the job 'Love it. You're busy all day cooking and the people are so nice to work with. I don't think I've been happier at work in the past 20 years.' They do all wear smiles and have a happy approach to customers that makes them feel welcome.

Two of the staff apprentices have recently qualified as butchers. Brett Thompson and Stuart Gittens were awarded FDQ Certificates for Proficiency in Meat and Poultry Industry Skills and City and Guilds in Maths and English; bright young men who have a good way with the public.

Although the Tenbury store is a member of NISA (National Independent Stores Association) the company has never lost sight of its local origins – one wall decoration in the Cleobury shop shows a historic black and white photo of G H Bowkett's first shop – they keep the name that has been well known in the area for a long time. The present shop has been open less than five years, but already it's like one of the Cleobury family of friendly places to go. Right up to date with old style charm.

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Before writing this article I asked some children which aspect of this topic they have particularly enjoyed and was told that going back in time to learn in a post-Victorian class was great fun. One child told me that she was disappointed that she had only been lashed the once!

Children in years 3 and 4 have wrapped their topic books in brown paper, with their names shown in parcel tags. Inside their books they have written about life in the trenches, labelled the map of how Europe looked at that time, written about the lead up to the Great War, produced propaganda posters to encourage men to enlist and have written letters home from the trenches to their loved ones. As well as a wonderful record of their learning, I am sure that these books will be a treasured keepsake.

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THE WYRE FOREST WOOD FAIR - PART ONE

The Wyre Forest and its future will affect us all, from the people who work there to those who simply drive through and feel grateful we have so much woodland that is accessible for all. Where it goes in the future was the subject of a weekend in October and there was so much to see and report that it will take two pages to do it.

The weekend was centred in the area known as Ruskinland that was given to John Ruskin's Guild of Saint George. In the Uncllys farmyard is the award winning Ruskin Studio, where visitors could take tea and cake and admire a very fine structure that demands little of its surroundings to provide them with shelter and warmth. A building for the environmentally conscious 21st century, in fact.



In the farmyard, Steve Hardy was working away on a pole lathe to produce legs and cross spokes for traditional Windsor chairs. The pole method dates back centuries and Steve told us it can still be found working in Morocco. It is the simplest power available; a stout sapling is bent over and a rope attached, the other end being tied to a simple treadle. Press treadle down and the piece of

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21st century power hero? Steve Hardy would probably blush at the suggestion, but this wood turning lathe uses not one ounce of conventional power.

The most telling point in this chat to Steve was that he was making legs for chairs, but all the waste from the turning went for firewood. He was also turning small pieces with a traditional profile, then

splitting them down to make a traditional Christmas decorations. Again, nothing wasted.

A lady watching this process did try the lathe and found it much harder than Steve's experienced hands made it look. No surprise there, then.

We gathered in the Ruskin Studio for a talk about the future development of the Forest. This is an area often under threat from lack of management; 70 percent of birdlife has been lost due to that lack. It richly deserves sympathetic treatment and it is not easily replaced. Ruskin gave it to the community "To make xx this piece of England beautiful, peaceful and fruitful." It is just that, but it has to earn its place in today's world and there are some good brains addressing this problem. That's the vital factor - balance between commercial needs to pay the way ahead and traditional wood growth and processing to make the area attractive to tourists. No easy job and we should all recognise the great difficulty the Forestry Commission and Natural England face in achieving that while pleasing their political masters.

There was obvious support for the preservation of the more traditional lifestyle, but Uncllys Farm is a business and must pay its way. A tour of the neighbouring forest and the work being done there would make some of the alternative uses more clear and John Iles would be our guide through this next stage of learning.

More about the Wyre Forest and its future next month.....

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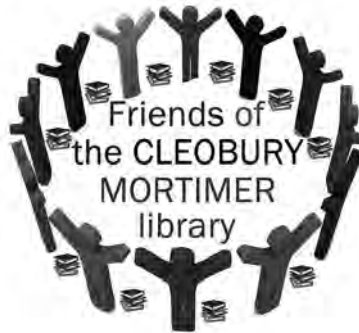
Those are Joss Carter's words. He's a very successful dancer, who went from Lacon Childe to Kidderminster College and on to the School of Contemporary Dance in Leeds to graduate with a BPA degree. He's recently returned from performing in the Netherlands, London and New York.

You can see this very talented young man in action when he stages his own event in the Parish Church on December 6th. It's called 'Salvation' and is an abstract work that explores the extremes of religious fervour and the borderline between sanity and insanity. This will be the premiere performance, put on here for the people of his home town to enjoy. Tickets are £6.00, from The Royal Fountain, Kings Arms or Old Lion and 50 percent of the sales will go to the church, as will all money taken in donations on the night. You can pay on the door, if you prefer.

And to encourage anyone who would like to consider modern dance, either as an additional exercise, a hobby or possibly a career, Joss is staging a free community movement workshop in the church at 7.00 on November 21st. It will last about two hours, it's limited to 25 people aged 16 or over, and dance experience is not necessary, just an open mind. Book your place with Joss on joss Carter@btinternet.com

He couldn't be doing this show without a lot of help from sponsors, so we must tell you

they are: The Royal Fountain, Spar Grocery, The Spice Empire, Lacon Childe School, The Cleobury Benefice, Kidderminster College, Hobson's and The Arts Council of England, backed by the National Lottery. He has clearly worked hard to get that wide spread of support and we wish him the very best of success.



The Friends staged two events at the library in October. On the 9th it was a personal appearance by author Frank Westworth, talking about his debut novel 'A Last Act of Charity' and some of the people he's met in a wide publishing and writing career.

He's an easy and amusing talker and by the end of the evening had sold all the books he could cram into the panniers of the Norton motorcycle he'd ridden up from home in Cornwall.

On the 23rd Graham Simpson had organised an Autumn Fruits evening. Twelve volunteers read from books all with fruits or related products in the title and the audience had to choose the title of the book and its author. It was not quite a capacity crowd, but there was not much room for more and there was a wide variety of material and reading styles.

24 points was the maximum possible and a score of 17 won a round of applause and a basket of fruit for Bob Westwood.

Graham had attracted sponsorship from a number of sources, including fruit juice from Catherine and John Evans's Broome Farm and cider from Hobson's. There was a very tempting selection of cakes too. Another good evening, with people enquiring when the next event would be. The two evenings produced a profit of £112 for the Friends' funds, to help promote use of this very fine facility. Watch this space.

ANOTHER HIGHLEY CAR BOOT SALE

These are becoming a regular feature at the Severn Centre in Highley, which means they are successful. That fact that they are indoors helps a great deal, because it makes the sale weather proof.

This month's is on the 22nd, when the gates open to the public at 10.00. It's an affordable way to sell off whatever you don't want, at just £7.00 a pitch. And anyone who watches BBC TV's 'Antiques Roadshow' will know how often a prized piece has been bought at a car boot sale for very little. More details from Nadia Dodd on 01746 8 6 0 0 0 0 o r nadia.dodd@severncentre.co.uk

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, PENSAX

Nerys Didlick writes to tell us that the Pensax Thrift Shop was 40 years old at the end of October. That long a run tells you how successful the sales are. If we can get the dates in future, we'll keep you posted.

SILLY BIT

'I changed my car horn to gunshot sounds. I find people move out of the way much faster now.'

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OPTIONS EVENING - THE FUTURE FOR YOUTH



All three of the armed forces were represented at the evening. The RAF certainly proved quite a draw for both boys and girls.

The Lacon Childe Options Evening was a very busy occasion, with sixth form colleges there to attract students and the armed forces seeking to recruit new blood with good educational standards. In all there were 23 stands and the place was buzzing with keen teens and slightly anxious yet proud looking parents. Full credit to Jenny Stacey, who had brought so many options to present to the children.

Nick Davies of Hobson's Brewery summed it up well: "I didn't know there were so many colleges available until we saw this. It's amazing." Lacon Childe and its reputation for excellent results is a good launch pad for careers; having so many choices laid before youngsters about to enter the most demanding stage of their education is a further indication of the care they get in our community school.

ALF AND ANN'S NEW BOOK

Just a reminder that the Jenkins partnership's latest title is to be launched at The Old

School Room in Ludlow's Mill Street, at 2.30 on the 22nd of this month. It's a collection of their memories of living in the area and some of their collection of old photos that go back to the 19th century and the Ludlow to Clee Hill coal railway system and the Clee Hill hydro system of the same period, one of the very earliest in the country.

It's called 'From Clee to Eternity' and anyone with an interest in local history would be delighted to find it in their Christmas stocking or under the tree. Alf and Ann era on 01568 780398 or jenkinsam@sky.com

PAVEMENTS ARE NOT FOR PARKING

Is this a grumpy old man's biased view, or are people becoming more selfish? If the number of cars parked on pavements with total disregard for pedestrians is any measure, thought for others has long gone out of the window. People just bump up the kerb, park almost anywhere, and the rest of you can just put up with it. Here's a good example:



The Mercedes on the right was the first to park, taking enough of the pavement to prevent any pedestrian but the slimmest walking by in safety. This was not long before 3.00, when the schools begin to turn out and mums with primary school

children and even younger offspring in pushchairs had to walk out into the road. Not a nice experience with the volume of bus and car traffic that comes down Love Lane. But before the rush, it was joined by the Citroen that's parked just right to form a tight chicane that a 45 seater bus can get through only with difficulty. Nice touch, perhaps they rehearse and go looking for an opportunity to do this.

The best bit of all this was the appearance of CSO Nick Morris, who gave the Merc driver a ticket for his or her efforts. Thank you Nick.

The solution? You could say a stronger police reaction, but we don't have too many of them on call these days. Big signs on the town approaches stating that you cannot park on our pavements? They'd say they didn't see them. A Pavement Protection Squad who walk over the roof of any obstruction, car or van, in hobnail boots? Might work if they didn't get caught.

BAYTON SHOPPING EVENING

Bayton C of E School's Parent Teacher Association are holding a Shopping Evening in the Clows Top Victory Hall on Friday the 14th of this month.

The doors will be open from 7.00 until 9.00 and the entry charge of £2.50 includes a drink. They have quite a range of stalls to help with Christmas shopping without fighting the Saturday crowds in big stores. There'll be candles, toys, beauty products, personalised jewellery and a range of other tempting bits and bobs. All proceeds to the charming little village school in Bayton village.

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