

The Cleobury Clarion

AT LAST! COMMON SENSE

OCTOBER 2011

THANK HEAVENS

Cleobury Parish Council held an Extraordinary Meeting on September 26th, with the destiny of the one acre of Muller Land the main item on a brief agenda. All nine councillors were present and about 60 members of the public.

When the discussion began, Cllr Gwilym Butler offered some additional information, an email from Blue Square Commercial. It admitted they had been "misinformed regarding the progress that had been made by Matrix, the Doctors, PCT etc and fully accept and understand the reasons the Muller Site was the best option for the community." They wished to pursue the matter of developing their Ludlow Road site, in part as a nursing home, recognising the need in the town with the closure of the Manor House. They would also like to discuss the development of other facilities to complement the

Matrix Medical Centre to "enhance the community as a whole."

Cllr John Griffiths challenged chairman Thorogood's right to vote on the issue. Mr Thorogood produced a copy of an e-mail from County Hall confirming the propriety of his vote. After some discussion it was proposed that the Council accept the Matrix offer and allow the work to go ahead on the new Centre.

Cllr Michael Reiner suggested an amendment, that the Muller land be swapped for the current medical site, to be developed by the Council for the community; no money to change hands for this exchange.

Cllr Butler pointed out that such an idea should have been put forward earlier, so that public opinion could be gauged. The amendment was defeated by 5 votes to 4.

The original proposal was then voted on. Seven councillors voted in favour, Councillors Ken

Reynolds and John Griffiths abstaining. There was prolonged applause from the public and Doctor Dawn Powick confirmed that the contractors are ready to make an early start.

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BURNSIDE'S IN BUSINESS

Joe Burnside is making his long experience as a chippy available to the world by going self employed. He'll be trading as Cleobury Carpentry.

I have personal experience of his skills, when I asked him to fabricate a carrying frame for my classic motorcycle. It had to fit in the back of the Clarion Citroen that does the deliveries every month. I did a drawing, took the measurements and a few days later it was done. And it fitted and worked perfectly just as it was.

You can contact him on CM 271374 or his mobile is 07966 365881.

OPEN DAY AT BAYTON

Bayton's lovely Primary School, set in one of the most scenic parts of the Worcestershire/Shropshire border, has an Open Day on Saturday the 8th of this month.

They have a brand new Reception classroom to make the nerve wracking step up from nursery level easier. And the grounds available for the children to play are far above the average. You can see how proud the community is of this place, with a 20mph speed zone long established on the approach roads. The telephone number is 01299 832393, or visit their site at www.baytonpri.worcs.sch.uk.

RACE NIGHT TONIGHT

The friendly Royal Oak up on Clee Hill is hosting a Charity Race Night tonight, October 1st, starting at 7.30 with the first race at 8.00. There are typical racing facilities, like the Tote and horses for sale, plus a prize draw.

All proceeds go to Coreley Football Club and Champs Afterschool Club. Entry fee is a modest £3.00 and that includes

food - which sounds like a bargain with their reputation for good grub. If you want to know more, talk to Ricky or Louise on 01584 890754.

WALKING THE SIMON EVANS WAY

When my wife and I moved to Cleobury four years ago I promised myself I'd walk the Simon Evans Way, but never got round to it.

Then the Cleobury Country Fringe programme arrived and seeing the guided walk on September 4th and finding we were busy that day I decided it was now or never. On the 1st I set out with food, drink and my guide.

I knew the countryside was beautiful but this surpassed expectations. I went along paths, the riverside, through woods and orchards, over fields and bridges. There were periods of 30 minutes or more I never saw another person.

At Stottesdon I took some refreshment and a rest and decided to detour through the Burwarton estate to the limit of Simon's postal journey. By the time I arrived back I was weary and tempted to ring my wife and ask her to pick me up. No, I had promised myself I would walk the entire length so off I set to Cleobury; by this time the sun was beginning to sink in the West and made the countryside even more breathtaking if this was possible.

On to Oretton (what a pity the post office and shop there has long closed) and Goesland and down to Neen Savage and another rest by the ford. By this time the sun was low in the sky and I was feeling every one of my 62 years. One last challenge : Ron Hill. But taking a rest about

every 10 metres or so I managed this and arrived home nine hours from the time when I set out.

I will never forget the beauty of the countryside and the help of the local people who set me on the right way after my mistakes in direction. I would urge anyone who can to walk parts of this footpath; I promise you will never forget it.

Phil Westwood

FUNDING AVAILABLE

In these financially tough times, funding for voluntary groups is hard to find. But Shropshire's Positive Activities Team have a budget for this year that can help the voluntary youth sector and youth groups working in partnership with the Team.

There's a total of £14,250 for South Shropshire and the maximum bid you can make is for £2,000. The closing date is October 17th and application forms are available from Positive Activities Manager Richard Parkes on 01743 256255.

ROCK WALKS

Rock Pathfinders have two October guided walks, taking two to three hours a time, to which everyone with an interest is invited. The first is on Thursday the 6th, starting at 10.30 from the car park at Eyemoor Wood in Trimpley and on the Thursday the 20th it's another 10.30 start, but this time from The Rock Cross Inn. If you'd like more information, talk to Alan on 01299 400304 or dial www.rockvillagehall.co.uk

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NO ROOM FOR DOUBT

Not that there ever was...

The September 8th public meeting to hear the options available for the town's new Medical Centre saw over 300 people fill Lacon Childe's hall to overflowing. Chris Edwards, Area Director for the County Council, chaired the discussion an impartial observer as different groups gave their views.

The first two were the GPs and Cleobury Patients' Voice, both telling us why we need a new centre. Dr Dawn Powick explained what would happen to the old centre - it would be sold, but it was not clear if the sum realised would cover the outstanding mortgage. Dr Powick and Jenny McRorie were both given warm rounds of applause. As was Beth Lewis, who spoke on behalf of the young and the disabled.

Ashley Seymour, Development Manager for Matrix, explained the company are specialists in medical centre development, with 37 built to date, every one to clients' bespoke needs. The preferred site was the acre of land owned by the community, as the JAG Glazing site presented too many problems. The County Planning and Highways Department supports the Matrix plan and the company estimates

it can have the place built and be off-site by July 2013.

Liz Welch of Shropshire Primary Care Trust explained that Cleobury Mortimer is seen as a priority case and that with all development criteria met, finance is available for the project. But there is a need for urgency in getting the job started, before Primary Care Trusts are replaced by General Practice Clinical Commissioning Boards..

Mark Slater of Bovis Housing explained the various offers the company have made for the one acre site that the community owns: a £457,224 straight payment, £228,612 plus half an acre of the JAG site or £114,306 plus three quarters of an acre of the JAG land. These were minus abnormal costs to make the land good, such as filling the large underground firing range.

Jason Humphries of Blue Square gave a brief history of the company since its start in 2008. A representative of architects IDR explained there had been discussions with the Parish Council and that their plan for the Cleobury Engineering site was for a Medical Centre and pharmacy, along with provision of care for the elderly.

The meeting was then opened to the public and a non-executive

director of the Primary Care Trust thought the process had been going on too long; the best thought out plan should be adopted and started on.

Mike Lewis read a statement from North Warwickshire Borough Council about an order to a Blue Square company to repair properties that had not been met, resulting in prosecution and a fine. Mr Humphries replied that was a separate division of Blue Square, to protests from the floor.

Debby, owner of the Ceobury Pharmacy, asked why she hadn't been approached by Blue Square about moving to their site; Mr Humpries replied that no decision on that had been made. Councillor Madge Shingleton emphasised the need to grasp this opportunity now, while it is available and shortly afterwards the chairman asked for a show of hands for the preferred choice. It was unanimously in favour of the Matrix proposal.

Parish Council chairman Sean Thorogood thanked everyone for coming and said the feeling of the meeting would be made known at the Council's decisive meeting on September 26th. Subject to printing deadlines, we hope to bring you details of that meeting on the front cover..

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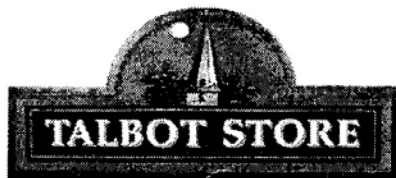
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Marian Martin and Mike West are sharing direction duties and the Players are welcoming some new members into their line up .

The Plays are:

In Room 504 by Jimmy Chin, directed by Marian. A bittersweet play about a young couple on their only honeymoon night before he goes off to fight in the Second World War. Will he return and if he does what would he find?

The Reunion by Pat Wilson, directed by Mike. Four attendees at the cremation of Jacob Starkie are invited by a letter from the grave to meet on Halloween, where they may hear something to their advantage – or not!

Last Tango in Little Grimley by David Tristram, directed by Mike. The last AGM of a failed local theatre group – or is it? What happens when an unexpected talent shows itself?

The plays will run at Lacon Childe School from 27th – 29th October at 7.30. Tickets will be available from Deana Kimber on 01299 271754. *Jacqui Lewis*

KINLET FAMILY PLAYGROUP

The new Autumn term started with us thinking about ourselves in a topic called 'All About Me'! We measured ourselves to see

how much we had grown over the summer and who is the tallest now. We also thought about what our favourite things are and talked about our families.

In October we will continue to look into our favourite foods, animals, colours etc and will be celebrating Halloween after half term.

Kinlet Family Playgroup take children from 2 to 5 years of age and we have 15 hours of government funding for children the term after their 3rd birthday. We currently have spaces available - please call 07794 166514 for more information or to arrange a visit. *Zoe Pearson*

THE FOOTPATH ASSOCIATION

Our Parish Walk programme is back each month. The October walk is on Sunday 2nd starting from St Mary's Church at the earlier time of 10.00 o'clock .

Our workparties have been busy through the summer keeping paths clear and in September we installed two new stiles between Common Lane and Picklebatch.

The owners of the land at Clarvers and off Bayton Lane have given us permission to install two kissing gates. This allows us to provide another local stile-free route and we hope to carry out the work this autumn/winter.

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The aim is to raise money to meet the cost of sending the boxes. As well as the usual coffee and cakes, you'll find a raffle to spend a pound or two on and others items for sale. If you'd like to offer help on the day or donate a prize, they'd be very pleased to hear from you. Talk to Jenny Vanderhook on 01299 841379.

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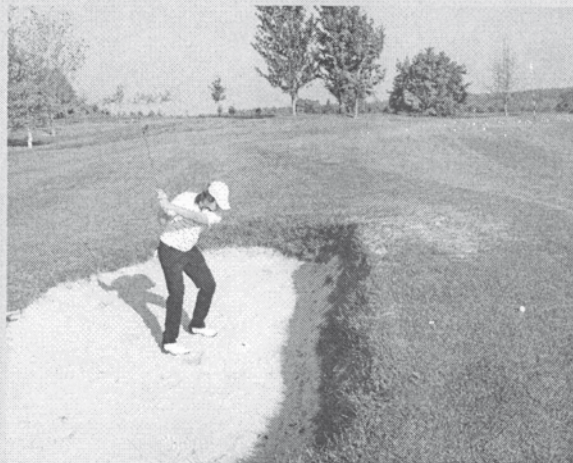
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THE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Fruity Frolics was the subject of our September evening. Three of our members shared with us the things they do with the foods they harvest, fruit or vegetable, cultivated or wild.

Bob has a prolific cherry tree. It was amazing to hear the things he does with the fruit and we all enjoyed the ones he had covered in chocolate. He also explained how he infuses various fruit flavours in drinks and these can be very refreshing. Daphne had brought along the equipment she uses to make wines and had amusing escapades to share, from exploding bottles to not so good tastes; she collects many things from her garden and hedgerows to make wines. Carol, who introduced the evening, then told us about her techniques for infusing fruit flavours into various drinks. She also brought delicious chocolate cakes; who would have thought they were made with courgettes? She also shared how she makes many of the goodies in her store cupboard and left us with some very interesting recipes.

We all expressed thanks for a superb evening of entertainment.

Liz Smurthwaite

MEET MADGE

Councillor Madge Shingleton has arranged a surgery for local people to drop in and chat about any problems needing help from this very experienced and knowledgeable lady.

She'll be in Cleobury's Market Hall from 9.30 to 11.00 on Saturday October 15th. You don't need an appointment, just walk in and talk.

SOMETHING OF A HERO

John Young was one of the very kind owners of historic racing motorcycles who brought their precious mounts along to the Classic Bike Show and fired them up. The crowd loved it.

When it came to the presentation of awards, John got a special collection of bits and pieces. He'd earned them because he entered the notorious Iron Butt Rally in America, when hard riders try to visit every one of the 48 mainland States in 11 days. Hard on even a modern machine, but John was on his 1969 British Triumph and finished the event with 8,300 miles covered. He was the hero of the occasion and when he came to Cleobury Mortimer we presented him with a soft cushion, some iron tablets and a bag of peanuts, because he has to be nuts to do that.

He's agreed to come back and talk to the Borders Classic Bike Club on Thursday the 13th of this month. It's at the Royal Oak on Clea Hill, where there's plenty of parking for whatever vehicle you choose and the food is very good. Should be a good evening.

THE GRAND OLD OPRY COMES TO CLEOBURY

There's a big night coming up at the Sports and Social Club in Love Lane. The New Smokey Mountain Boys are there on Saturday the 15th to offer their Grand Old Opry evening of country and western, which gives the trio a chance to show off the musical skills and knowledge acquired over years in the business. If you're a C&W fan, it's too good to miss.

PAVEMENTS FOR PEDESTRIANS?

3.30pm, Monday, September 26th. The schools are out and children are walking down Love Lane, on their way home. The driver of a small black car pulls onto the pavement, leaving just one wheel on the road while the driver goes to call on someone. Children have to walk around the vehicle as best they can. How much longer will the County's pillockry be allowed to put others in danger



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Philip Dunne MP's Letter from Westminster

The House of Commons resumed for two weeks last month before the Party Conference season. While challenges to the Eurozone and global economy swirled around, the focus in Westminster was on the initial proposals published by the Boundary Commission on new parliamentary boundaries for the next General Election, fixed for 7th May 2015. The Conservative and Liberal Democrat parties had proposed cutting the number of MPs ahead of the General Election in 2010. I was the government whip who steered the Parliamentary Voting System and Constituencies Bill through Parliament last year, which led to the referendum on the voting system this Spring and set the guidelines for the Commission's work which led to these proposals.

The number of MPs is being reduced from 650 to 600 with constituency sizes around an average of 76,600. This means Shropshire will justify 4.6 MPs based on the electorate at December 2010. So we knew that at least one constituency would need to cross the local authority boundary; it was not a surprise that the initial proposal suggested combining Ludlow Constituency with part of North Herefordshire. What did come as a shock was the changes proposed for Ludlow.

To the east, the Commission proposes creating Bridgnorth and Telford South, combining the five wards covering Bridgnorth, Broseley, Much Wenlock and Worfield with the three covering Albrighton and Shifnal from The Wrekin constituency, with all the Telford wards south of the M54. To the south, the Commission proposes combining the remaining wards from Ludlow for a combined Ludlow and Leominster seat extending as far as Herefordshire's southern boundary. This would make one of the largest geographic seats in the country.

These are early days in the process of changing constituency boundaries; the Commission is consulting and will publish revisions based on representations. It is not expected to publish any revisions until Autumn 2012 with final determination by 30th September 2013. I encourage residents to take part in the 12 week public consultation which ends on 12th December. This will include a Public Hearing in the Ludlow Conference Centre on Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th November.

Details of the proposals and consultation can be found at: www.independent.gov.uk/boundarycommissionforengland

Heather Kidd's Local View

I have written before about cut backs and difficult times people face. Food, fuel and travel costs hit our pockets and wages are stagnant or going backwards. My family have tightened belts and reorganised finances to make ends meet.

I know that when people talk things through and understand problems, they often come up with ideas and mostly try to accept pay restraint and cuts. They have to feel part of a team where everyone is sharing the pain and pulling together. They have to be valued to go the extra mile. People who have given the best part of their working life to a company will do this if treated right. In the company my husband works in they made collective decisions and are living with the difficulties - because they feel valued.

Watching what is happening with Shropshire Council has saddened me. The staff all know

that things must change and that the cuts are real. The main problem is that many do not feel appreciated, are rarely thanked for the extra mile and they frequently find decisions about their future or that of their department difficult to understand. Sometimes they feel bullied. This is a recipe for danger to our essential services. Good services need good and committed people. People who feel valued even if they are being paid £13,400. The coalition recommended a pay rise of up to £250 for all those earning less than £21,000. The Council wishes to cut 5.4% in 2 chunks for this very low paid area. I raised all of this in Council this week.

If Shropshire Council is to move on and serve its vulnerable people, they now need to work on communication, understanding and valuing their work force. They need to heal this rift and understand issues facing the low paid.

Heather Kidd



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MUCH MORE THAN A CATS HOME

Ann Himsley's Country Cats Hotel is very good at what it does in looking after your fine feline if you're away. She was nominated for the Cattery of the Year title for the level of care she offers at Kinlet, but never did hear quite where she finished. OK, so she didn't win, but the operation is clearly well thought of. And there's another side to the successful Cats Hotel.

Ann is one of the local RSPCA registered cat rescue centres, where innocent moggies are given a temporary home and shelter from neglect and worse. Like the time the Police broke into a flat to find dead snakes

and tarantulas, plus cats that were expected to look after themselves because they are very independent.

Of course they are. Cats are like any other animal in a hostile environment; they turn away from neglect or abuse and look for a way to simply survive. Which makes them ideal rescue pets, because they don't make too many demands on their new owners.

Their accommodation here in Kinlet is very impressive. Clean, with proper bedding and room to move, one cat to a unit. We met Tasha, who came to Ann for a tummy tickle and a cuddle. "He came in with four bolts and a rod in his foreleg," she told us. "I think he'd been hit by a car." He's healed and he's handsome - as the picture shows - and never turns nasty. "Ideal for someone on their own who wants a soulmate," as Ann put it.

There's always a range of cats wanting good homes, from young adults to fully grown. It's not a gamble taking on such a needy animal, as they have all been neutered or come with a voucher to have that done. And they've all been vaccinated. The RSPCA pays for that and does ask for a donation towards the

cost before a cat leaves for a new home.

Are they expensive to keep? "Two pouches of food a day, plus water," Ann explained. That works out at about 80p a day. If you want to know more, or to visit the cattery and see how many fine animals are in need of a good home, talk to Ann on 01299 841270 or Julia Hale on 07985 728318

THE RUGBY CLUB LOG DROP

This was launched last year, Cleobury Mortimer RFC giving something back to the community in the festive season. Players volunteered to give their time to deliver a bag of logs, all donated by Paul 'Compo' Harding, to local residents. Finding a big Rugby player on your doorstep on a dark night was scary for some, but once the situation was explained, they were grateful.

This year preparation will start during the games on Saturday November 26th and December 3rd, when they'll be looking for people to sponsor a bag of logs. They'll be dropping off the logs on Sunday December 18th and hope to arrange a junior game that day. The afternoon will end with a party for the whole club and their families.



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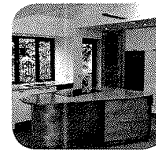
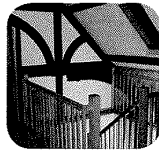
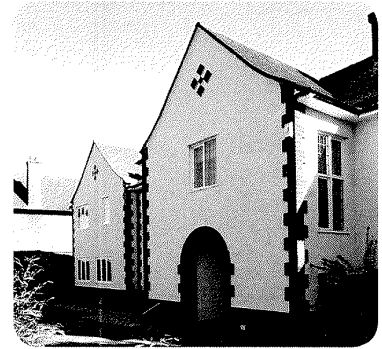
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AN EVENING OUT

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KENNEL COUGH

Something we get asked a lot about is Kennel Cough. Its real name is Infectious Tracheobronchitis and it is a highly infectious respiratory disease which circulates in the dog population all year round - rather like our own flu. Although around eight bugs are involved, the two main culprits are a bacterium called Bordetella Bronchiseptica and Canine Parainfluenza Virus. You are probably realising why it is known as the more easily pronounceable Kennel Cough! Despite the more commonly used name, less than half of outbreaks begin in kennels. Dogs are just as likely to encounter the disease in everyday places such as the street or the park, at dog shows or at training classes or from next door's pet. In other words, wherever dogs meet. A vaccine is available and can be carried out at any time and this lasts for twelve months. Unlike the usual method of vaccine by injection into the skin,

Kennel Cough vaccine is administered up the dog's nose. Lots of boarding kennels insist on dogs being vaccinated against this nasty disease and in this case the vaccine must be given at least 10 days before they go. If you want more information about Kennel Cough please speak to one of our vets or qualified nurses.

BECKY'S SUCCESS

We are very proud of veterinary nurse Becky Hussey who won the Pet Health Counsellor of the Year Award in September. This national competition is run by pet food company Royal Canin, with 18 making it to the final this time. Becky attended a three day residential course, trained to run various clinics and submitted details of clinics she has since held and how she has helped to raise awareness of pet health issues through other things: advertising , WI talks, and fund raising. A lot of hard work, so many congratulations to a great, caring nurse.

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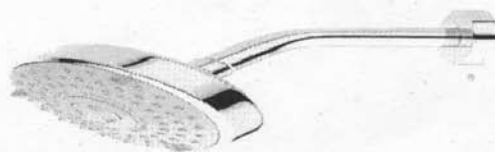


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That's no small task, as they are starting again from scratch

BOWLING NEWS

On August 13th the Finals of the Reed Cup, a Doubles Competition, was held. Dennis Edwards and Chris Cowdell versus Pauline Sorrell and Howard Broome. The Winners were Dennis and Chris with a score of 21-12. The Trophy was presented by the Club's Vice Chair, Lesley Burnside.

On August 27th the Ladies Cup was held, the winner the youngest and the only Junior Member to win a Singles Trophy. Lauren Burnside was just thirteen years old and had a great extra birthday present. She has been playing for 20 months indoors at school and one year as a Member on the Crown Green. She won her first two games 21-10, then the final 21-20. At one stage she led 14-5 but Ladies Team Captain Christine Lloyd fought back to lead 20-19, until Lauren played a super shot to take the final end. A super game. A very proud Albert

Mantle presented the cup to his granddaughter. Our youngest winner, I am sure Lacon Childe School will also be proud of her. We would welcome other future winners from the School to join us.

On September 10th the Final of the Triples Competition, the Mottershead Cup, was played. Eight teams took part and Dennis Edwards, with Ivor and Christine Lloyd the winning Team.

Every Sunday in the season the Club hold an internal Sunday League Competition consisting of nine Teams this Year, managed by Phil Pack, who must be congratulated for making the games run smoothly. The Winners this year were the 'Taverners' Captained by Mike Arrowsmith team members Jeff Martin; Keith Taylor; Sue Weston and our Website manager Chris Cowdell.

The Club's Annual General Meeting will be held at the Club House in Ronhill on Monday October 17th at 7.30pm.

The Bowling Green will close on Saturday 1st October for the Winter. *Dave Harley.*

SPECIAL SUPPORT FOR THE LEGION

David Hives from the Rugby Club explains

As Armistice Day falls this year on Friday 11th November - 11/11/11 - we propose to organise a special day for members of the Cleobury Branch of the British

Legion. We will book transport for a trip to Ludlow to commemorate the day. Breakfast is available to purchase at the Kings Arms from 9.00 onwards, with a Service outside church at 11.00. We'll board the coach to Ludlow at 11.30 and have a day out, sharing experiences with the veterans. Transport will be back to Cleobury at 6.30pm.

We are asking all players and friends of Cleobury Mortimer RFC to help fund the day for the British Legion members and everyone would be welcome to come along. We are asking for £10 each to cover transport costs and the veterans' kitty so in the words of David Dickenson "get yourselves involved."

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We're just a little late with this, because the Clarion hits the streets on October 1st and Councillor Debbie Brown had a birthday yesterday, September 30th. Hope it was a really good one, Debbie.

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If interested, contact Jenny McCrorie on 01299 271383.

NEW MEDICAL CENTRE

We wish to thank you all for the fantastic attendance at the Public meeting on September 8th. Thank you for your support for the New Medical Centre, to be built on the community owned land on Vaughan Road.

A special thank you to Beth Lewis, who was very brave for speaking so well at this meeting.

KEEPING WARM AND SAFE IN WINTER



Dr Andrew Allsopp, dispensing advice at the CPV meeting

This event was held on Sept 17th. Stands included the Police, Age UK, Keep Shropshire Warm and Walking for Health.

We had talks by Dr Andrew Allsop, Falls Prevention, Healthy Cooking and ended with homemade soup, free for all at lunchtime. Thank you to those who came and enjoyed the evening.

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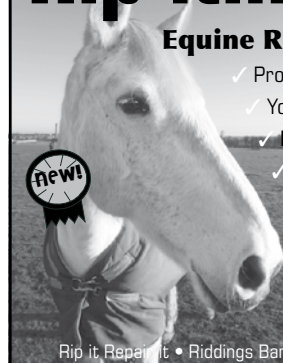
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CLEOBURY CONCERT BRASS SUCCESS



Back home, outside the Market Hall, members of the band pose with the coveted Vecta Trophy.

Cleobury Mortimer Concert Brass has achieved tremendous success by winning the Fourth Section at Wychavon Festival of Brass. The win carried with it the Vecta Trophy and £500.

The band was conducted by their Musical Director Mike Amplett and faced stiff competition from eight other bands. The Soloist was Jack Martin who was very highly praised.

Wychavon Festival is held annually and is the biggest Brass Band Festival in the West Midlands. This year the competition took place in Pershore..

A great deal of hard work was put in by the Band in preparation for the contest and Debbie Fowler, Band Chairman has expressed her thanks to all concerned. It was a real team effort.

The band now looks forward to the Autumn rehearsals which will precede the Christmas Concert in Cleobury.Mortimer.

Stella Wilcox

VANDALISM OR JUST PLAIN IGNORANCE?



The damaged planter in the Memorial Garden, its legend reflecting the town's war memorial.

This is a very sad sight. It's the trough especially commissioned by the Royal British Legion for those who want to leave a small

memorial in memory of a loved one lost in war. The Legion presented it to the community, to be used by anyone, resident or visitor, to pay their respects.

But someone has broken it. Whether by accident or on purpose is not clear, but what was intended as a generous and thoughtful gift has been misused. The Legion are naturally very concerned, and there is talk of the garden being locked in the evening, just as the church is.

Was it broken by accident? If so, one might expect the person who did it to report the matter. Surely nobody could have thought that engraving to match the memorial was an invitation to play with it? The explanations begin to narrow down to vandalism, which in a place widely recognised as special and deserving of respect is particularly unpleasant.

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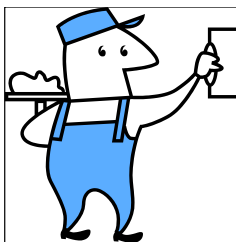
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The October Monthly Social Calendar - Part 1

Date	Time	Details	Contact	Telephone Number
Sat 1	10.00am	Launch of Estivals, a country spa retreat in lovely Cleeton St Mary. Well signed. SEE PAGE 45.	Details	07799 265520
	10.00am	The Horticultural Society's Plant Sale in the Market Hall		
	7.30pm	Race Night at the friendly Royal Oak on Clee Hill. In aid of local causes, entry charge of only £3.00 includes food.	Ricky	01584 89075
Sat 1/ Sun 2	10.00am	Apple Weekend at Berrington Hall on the A49 near Leominster	Details	01568 615721
Sun 2	10.00am	At the Parish Church the Footpath Association gather as their monthly local walks start again today. All welcome for a guided visit to this beautiful countryside. SEE PAGE 9.	Graham Simpson	CM 270655
Wed 5	10.00am	Walking for Health invite you to a Community walk, starting from the Sports and Fitness Centre in Love Lane.	Ian Pearmain	01694 722077
	10.30am	Living with Depression, supportive session at the Methodist Hall		
	8.00pm	Whist Drive at Doddington's Village Hall.	Sonia Pearsall	01584 890874
Thurs 6		GREEN WHEELIE BINS EMPTIED TODAY		
	10.30am	Rock Pathfinders meet at Eyemoor Wood Car Park, Trimpey, for a guided countryside walk. SEE PAGE 5.	Alan	01299 404304
Fri 7	8.00pm	Charity Video Race Night in the Parish Hall, Church Street. Organised by Cleobury Patients' Voice	Tickets Pat Smith	CM 270592
	8.00pm	Bingo Night at Doddington Village Hall.	Sonia Pearsall	01584 890874
Sat 8	10.00am to 4.00pm	Open Day at Bayton Primary School SEE PAGE 5		01299 832393
	7.30pm	"Flicks in the Sticks" presents the excellent Pete Postlethwaite in the classic "Sounding Brass". Great film, a good evening guaranteed.		
Mon 10		The Horticultural Society meets in the Methodist Hall, Church Street, to hear Helen Wallace talk about "Decorations for Christmas".		
Tue 11	7.25am	The Breakfast Club are in Lacon Childe School to listen to Rosemary Winnall talk about "Recording Wild Life"		
	9.30am	Cleobury Compassionate Communities training at St Mary's Place Community Room SEE PAGE 23	Jenny McRorie	CM 271383
	7.30pm	Cleobury W.I. meets in the Parish Hall for the Annual General Meeting.		
Wed 12	12.30pm	The Ladies Luncheon club meets at The Crown, Hopton Wafers	Alison Osbourne	01584 890414
	8.00pm	The Royal British Legion meets at The Bell Inn in Lower Street		
Thu 13		BLACK WHEELIE BINS AND GREEN RECYCLE BOXES EMPTIED TODAY		
	9.30am	Cleobury Compassionate Communities training again. See 11 th above.	Jenny McRorie	CM 271383

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The October Monthly Social Calendar - Part 2

Date	Time	Details	Contact	Telephone Number
	8.00pm	John Young talks about 8300 miles in 11 days (!) on his 1969 Triumph in the Iron Butt Rally. At the Royal Oak, Clee Hill.		
Fri 14	8.00pm	Bingo Night at Cleeton St Mary Village Hall, proceeds to the hall.	Eula Rutter	01584 891200
Sat 15	9.30am	Madge Shingleton has a surgery in the Market Hall.		
	7.30pm	"A Night at the Grand Ole Opry" features the Smokey Mountain Boys at the Sports and Social Club, Love Lane	Details	CM 271448
Mon 17	7.00pm	Free blood Tests for men at Kidderminster Town Hall, to check for prostate cancer. Catch the little beggar early and you can beat it!		
	7.30pm	The Reading Group gather at the Library in Love Lane	Deana	CM 271754
Tue 18	6.00pm	Preventative Health Care for Your Pets night at the Down Inn near Bridgnorth. Book tickets with Severn Edge Vets. SEE PAGE 19.		
Wed 19	10.00am	Walking for Health Community walk. See 5 th above.		
	8.00pm	Whist Drive at Doddington's Village Hall.	Sonia Pearsall	01584 890874
Thur 20		GREEN WHEELIE BINS EMPTIED TODAY		
	7.30pm	The KA Beer and Comedy Festival opens with Simon Donald and Trevor Lock entertaining.		
	7.45pm	Whist Drive at the Sports & Social Club, Love Lane. Proceeds to OAP entertainment.	Alan Evans	CM 270114
	10.30am	Rock Pathfinders out again, meeting at Rock Cross Inn. See 6 th above.		
Fri 21	7.30pm	Phil Kay and Dave Thompson entertain at the KA Beer and Comedy thrash		
	8.00pm	Bingo Night at Doddington Village Hall. See 5 th above.	Sonia Pearsall	01584 890874
Sat 22	7.30pm	Norman Lovett and Martin Soan round off the three nights of comedy in the town centre.		
Wed 26	7.45pm	Clows Top Gardening Club gather at Victory Hall to hear Wade Muggleton talk about "Vegetables in Containers"		
Thur 27		BLACK WHEELIE BINS AND GREEN RECYCLE BOXES EMPTIED TODAY		
	8.00am	Whist Drive, Neen Savage Village Hall	Clare Ratcliff	CM 270173
	7.30pm	Opening night of the Cleobury Players' trilogy of short plays. SEE PAGE 9.	Deana Kimber	CM 271754
Fri 28	8.00pm	Bingo Night at Doddington Village Hall. See 5 th above.	Sonia Pearsall	01584 890874
Sat 29	10.00am	Coffee Morning in aid of Operation Christmas Child, Market Hall		
Sun 30	6.00pm	Firework Display at Berrington Hall, on the A49 near Leominster.	Details	01568 615721
		<i>AND LOOKING FORWARD TO NOVEMBER....</i>		
Wed 2	8.00pm	Whist Drive at Doddington's Village Hall.	Sonia Pearsall	01584 890874
Thu 3		GREEN WHEELIE BINS EMPTIED TODAY		



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The Cleobury Fringe

In its second year, the Fringe brought a wide range of events to the area and helped local people show what a lively, vibrant community we live in.

Saturday, September 3rd. Hobson's Beer and Brass in the Rectory Field



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It started at 11.00 and the music played on into the night to see the clock around half a day. At the beginning there were well intentioned people on the gate, shaking buckets as they asked for a contribution from all who attended, gathering funds from a generous response. And there was plenty to see and hear, with six brass bands offering a range of music to suit all tastes.

Sponsors Hobson's were busy from an early hour, and thirty blowers of wind instruments were seen preparing for their next appearance with a little liquid sustenance. Thirsty work, this trumpet blowing, but a glass of Town Crier, Dr Morton's Hat Glue or Nettle Thrasher provided a tasty cure for the problem.

Brass dominated the day, through to 7.00 in the evening, but the bar stayed open to fuel the musical newcomers who were to carry the day through close to midnight. After eight hours on duty, the Clarion reporter went home and missed the second stage of the entertainment, but the sound of the Mandolin Orchestra of South Shropshire carried on the night air and left us determined to hear them properly when the next chance comes along.

This was the first of the Fringe events and another great success, even if numbers were slightly down on last year, as some suggested. It just set the tone and made people curious about what else was to come through the month. Nice one, Hobsons.

The 25th Borders Classic Bike Show, Lacon Childe School, 10th/11th



This fine old 1919 Douglas was an entry in the very first Borders Show and was a star on stage this year.

Local talent supported the 120 classic bikes at this year's Show. Guest of Honour Peter Williams and his Norton were featured on a limited production run from Hobson's and every entrant had a slice of the cake decorated by The Indulgent Baker with the same image.

Sunday's highlight was the noisy Sight and Sound, when an array of rare racing machines were fired up, including a replica 1957 Gilera like Geoff Duke rode, a replica 1971 MV Agusta like the great Giacomo Agostini won world titles on and the grand finale was the genuine Mike Hailwood 1966 world championship winning bike in full cry before it was ridden out of the show, through the cash desk to the car park. No wonder people said it was the best show we'd ever done.

Prize giving ended the day, with Andrew Hill from Rock, Mike Crosher from Kidderminster, Stuart Elkes from

Morville, Bill Hall from Shrewsbury, Geoff Mann from Hartlebury and Keith Gardner from Cleobury collecting awards. It was fitting that the Best In The West trophy for the show visitors' choice went not to an exotic racer, but Bill Allan's humble 175cc BSA Bantam.

On a personal note, it was the last Show I shall organise; I feel that 25 is enough and the event needs younger blood and new ideas. David Spruce from Stourbridge will be taking over next year and I will be doing other things. My deepest thanks go to the PTA members who've made it possible to raise over £60,000 for our super school. JR

Sunday the 18th. Environmental Champions, Cleobury Country Centre

Councillor Madge Shingleton presented certificates and awards to members of the community who have made significant environmental contributions.

Private Individuals: Messrs Robertshaw, Wallis, Simpson, Todd, Elliott, Davis, Stanley, Wakeman, Tibbets, Eve, Chapman, Morris Lachford, Marion Turnbull and Miranda Kingston.

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'Doctor to MP' with Dr Richard Taylor, Hopton Court. Saturday 24th



Guests of Honour, Doctor Richard and Mrs Christine Taylor.

Doctor Richard Taylor, former MP for Wyre Forest, was the guest speaker at our Equinoctial Supper. He spoke to us about his experiences as an Independent candidate and a newcomer to Parliament. He was grateful to Martin Bell who, having lost his seat as an Independent, gave Doctor Taylor tremendous help and advice to help him settle into life there.

Being independent, Doctor Taylor felt able to speak freely on health matters as he did not have to follow a party line. He was a member of the Health Select

Committee and mainly spoke in the Commons on the health service. Members of various committees respected his views and would take notice of him as a member speaking with experience and working knowledge of the Health Service.

Doctor Taylor told the story of when talking to a member of the House of Lords, about the effects of passive smoking and how it could affect blood clotting and lead to a heart attack. The member thanked him for the advice saying that he would support the bill banning smoking in public places and also give up smoking!

He expressed concern there were few members with experience of the medical profession but acknowledged that many were too involved with work and patients to become involved in politics.

He emphasized the role of a doctor in a community where the people and their problems, would be best known by the local doctor. He saw his role as being able to help and serve others. His talk was followed by question time where, unlike many MP's, Doctor Taylor answered the question!

After an informative and thought provoking start to the evening it was time to enjoy supper. An excellent three course buffet and finally coffee and mints was available for all to enjoy. Many complimentary comments were made about the excellent evening.

Thanks to the Friends committee for their thorough preparation and hard work, to Mr and Mrs. C.D.R. Woodward for providing the venue and the LJC for their support in helping to make our event possible as part of The Cleobury Fringe.

Grand Prize Draw and Firework Display, Saturday 24th



Two lucky winners going to find how fast Oulton Park circuit looks from inside this racing Civic.

The finale deserved better support and needed more publicity. A crowd of several were in attendance, but the weather was kind, there were no less than 20 prizes to be won and

a good firework display for the children. The bouncy castles - two of them - and the roast pig had a quiet evening.

Cllr Geoff Hainsworth drew the winning numbers and the major winners were shy RLW, who will be handed a useful £100, while there were two First Prizes of a day at Oulton Park, including a ride around the circuit with a professional driver. Kris Poole was one lucky winner and one of the Sant boys, Ian or Andrew, was the other. The Clarion hopes

to be at the circuit to witness their reaction to the experience.

The effect and success of the Fringe cannot be judged on this single event. There was more than we can report happening and lots of new faces about in the area. If we are to build a viable tourist interest in the area, we do need efforts like this, from which lessons can be learned. The committee who gave time and effort, not to mention money, should be proud of their efforts.

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Another month without house burglaries in Cleobury, which again is great. However it is not a reason to get complacent, as this was the time last year when the town was hit, so let's stay vigilant and keep crime out. Next Neighbourhood Watch meeting is on November 2nd in the Methodist Hall at 7.00pm.

If you have CCTV as a deterrent, could you let me know so that if something happens in your area we would be able to check. If you want any information about alarms or CCTV then we as the police can put you in touch with the right people.

There has been concern over a number of fires recently through the summer, on the common and local farms. Anyone with any information can contact me in confidence on the numbers at the end of this report. We are currently working with the Fire and Rescue Service with a view to bringing this annual crime to a conclusion.

Speed checks have been continuing through the town with again a number of people prosecuted. This is one of the main concerns in the town; there is a group of young males that have been responsible for most of the noise and speed with

some of them awaiting court for numerous offences and others due to have their vehicles impounded if their anti-social behaviour continues.

It has been a fairly quiet summer in relation to youth behaviour, again parents have a large part to play in knowing where their children are, who they are with and what they are doing. As I say to the children when I speak to them at school, "If you hang around with idiots, you'll become an idiot."

The station is now open most mornings through our great volunteers, so pop in and have a chat, usually between 10.00 and 12.00. In December we hope to have an open day for people to see what we're about in our little station and the resources that we have available.

See you round town

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Clarion Clippings - The Local News

OCTOBER IN THE FOREST

**Linda Iles, with more
knowledge and forest news:**

Wood ants are a familiar sight in the Wyre Forest. Their 1 cm size never fails to impress ("Cor, look at those giant ants!") and a very active nest on a sunny day can be quite intimidating! They only live in ancient woodland where they feed on an assortment of invertebrates and climb trees in search of aphids which they 'milk' for sugary honeydew. They build nests by gathering fragments of vegetation such as larch needles to make a heap up to one metre high. In the nest are tunnels which extend underground and provide space for several queens to lay their eggs. Their natural history is fascinating and well-researched, but how well are they doing now? How many nests are there and where? If you would like to help to find the answers please pick up an information leaflet and survey form from

the Visitor Centre and complete it with your observations by 30th October.

On Wednesday October 5th there is a course on Nature Photography for Beginners from 10.00 to 4.00 at the Community Discovery Centre. This is what it says and warm waterproof clothes will be needed for outdoor work. £20 per person (adults and interested children over 11) subsidised by Grow With Wyre. Please book.

This is the best time of year to look for mushrooms and toadstools, when networks of fungal threads in soil and rotten wood send up fruiting bodies to release their spores into the environment. Fungus Forays are always very popular, and this year there are 4 two-hour sessions which cost £6.50 per person:

Saturday 1st October: 10.30am – 12.30pm at Earnwood car park, 2pm – 4pm at Hawkbatch car park;

Sunday 30th: 10.30am – 12.30pm at Hawkbatch car park, 2pm – 4pm at Earnwood car park.

Booking is required.

The half-term holiday has two events for children aged 5 to 11.

On Tuesday the 25th they can learn how to make their own "Lanterns and Besoms". We will show you how to make a traditional birch besom and you will need to bring a jam jar to decorate with dried leaves, both of which you can take home. This will be quite a demanding craft activity so they will need a parent/helper who is keen to get stuck in (not too literally, I hope!)

"Bats" on Friday the 28th is a morning of bat-inspired games, masks and other crafts. Did you know that the Wyre Forest is home to eight species of bats? Surprisingly we don't know very much about them and information is now being collected in a systematic survey.

Each event takes place at the Community Discovery Centre from 10.30am to 12noon, costs £3.50 per child and must be booked on 01299 266929.

Linda Iles

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Clive Davies' Westwood Farm Diary

WESTWOOD FARM DIARY 21 September

Co-operation is the thing. Well, some would suppose it is and from an agricultural point of view this is quite the norm in Continental Europe. But here in UK it has been slow to develop; more to the point it's virtually a non-starter. This is probably a shame. There would be much to gain from working together. A better element of sharing resource and workload could result in more cost effective production. But, and there is no doubt about it, the British way is one of independence, soldiering on single handily, or thereabouts. Alternately, with co-operation could come partnership? In a business situation, the amalgamation of all the talents whether it is someone providing the land, the finance, the machinery, the livestock or of course the labour force, may bring benefits. This situation may be observed outside these shores but here such examples are thin on the ground. However, there is one great shining light and recently a group of farmers from the south Shropshire area made a trip to the impressive Leckford Estate. This is one of the jewels in the crown of the John Lewis Partnership, the well known outfit behind the Waitrose food stores. Their farm near Longstock in Hampshire provides produce for these leading shops. Clearly not all fresh items or otherwise are grown on their own farm, but as much as possible is and all with the great ethos of the workers being partners in the company and fairly benefitting from their efforts. It is strange why this concept has not been more widely adopted. It is even another notch or two up from what the great Victorian chocolate makers, Cadbury and Rowntree, developed with their 'worker village' arrangements. The Leckford Estate is some 4000 acres and was originally established in 1928 by John Spedan Lewis, one of the sons of the company founder. His initial interests were connected with his

love of the natural world and his wish to produce wholesome food through sustainable systems. The estate also provided a recreation facility for the family's expanding workforce. It still does to this day with extensive gardens, a couple of golf courses, tennis courts, a cricket ground, fishing and holiday accommodation. But, as impressive as all this is the farming at Leckford is spot-on. One of the most recently introduced enterprises is the vineyard. This ten acre site will produce sparkling wine but not before 2014 by when a quarter of a million pounds will have been invested. The top fruit orchards of principally apples and pears are consistently yielding well. The mushroom growing enterprise started life from when surplus straw became available following the introduction of the straw-burning ban. The straw was composted to provide the growing medium and this continues now but on a massive scale to the point that almost all of the 30 tonnes of Chestnut Mushrooms sold in Waitrose stores each week are grown at Leckford. The poultry production of eggs and broilers are both free range and well run. They use up some of the tonnes of grain produced from the arable acres. But without doubt the flagship of the farm is the dairy herd. There are some 600 Holstein cows maintained in the up to date dairy set-up that cost £3 million to develop about five years ago. You would have difficulty in finding a more contented herd anywhere. The massive buildings provide light, airy housing for the herd when not grazing. There is the 48 point rotary parlour with its own viewing gallery for the benefit of visitors. These cows are milked twice a day by two staff while another colleague deals with all the other milking time duties of washing out, feeding and so on. In all, a joy to see and a great advert for this Partnership and the co-operation thing.

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day	time		contact	phone no
SUN	8.30	Holy Communion)at the Parish Church of St Mary		CM 270264
Sun	9.45	Parish Communion) the Virgin, Church Street		
Sun	9.00	Mass at St Elizabeth's Church, Lower Street	Fr J Robinson	01584 872906
Sun	09.00	Cleobury Country Archers, Sports Centre	Lesley Burnside	CM 271374
Sun	10.30	New Life Church, for venue call	Derek Morris	CM 270787
Sun	10.30	Health Walk in the Wyre Forest, Visitor Centre A456	Visitor Centre	CM 266929
Sun	11.00	Morning Service at the Methodist Church	Miss H Roberts	01584 819649
MON	9.00	Peter Rabbit Nursery, Lacon Childe (term only)	April Rogers	CM 271418
Mon	8.00	Kinlet Family Playgroup, demountable at Kinlet School	Tracey	CM 841210
Mon	8.00	- 17.30 Chorley Family Playgroup, Stottesdon Primary	Zoe Day	01746 718769
Mon	10.00	-19.00 Library open at Cleobury Country Centre	Jenny Robinson	CM 272301
Mon	9.30	Morning workout in the Sports Hall £2.00	Deena Edwards	01299 271217
Mon	9.30	Belly Dancing Class at Victory Hall, Clows Top		
Mon	9.30	CM Playgroup, Market Hall (term only)	Ceri Little	07816 193933
Mon	10.00	Day Centre Meeting £3.60 2 courses etc.	Jenny Ferriday	CM 400773
Mon	17.30	Cubs meeting (term-time only)	Karen King	CM 270001
Mon	18.30	Karate Club, Lacon Childe School	John Nelson	CM 879210
Mon	19.00	Tai Chi Class, Lacon Childe School	Rose Jacks	01584 875544
Mon	19.00	Cleobury Mortimer Ladies Rugby Team Training	Sarah Cound	07977 120272
Mon	19.15	Yoga Class, Bayton Village Hall	Linda Thomas	CM 832998
Mon	19.30	Rangers Meeting (term-time only)	Judy Ellis	01584 890759
Mon	19.45	Bingo, CM Sports & Social Club (exc. Bank Hols)	Alan Evans	CM 270114
Mon	20.00	Prize Bingo, Sports & Social Club, Love Lane		
TUE	8.00	Kinlet Family Playgroup, demountable at Kinlet School	Tracey	CM 841210
Tue	8.00	- 17.30 Chorley Family Playgroup, Stottesdon Primary	Zoe Day	01746 718769
Tue	9.00	Peter Rabbit Nursery, Lacon Childe till 3.15pm	April Rogers	CM 271418
Tue	09.00	-17.00 Library open	Jenny Robinson	CM 272301
Tue	9.30	CM Playgroup, Market Hall (see Mon)	Ceri Little	07816 193933
Tue	10.00	Nippers (Mothers & Tots), Methodist Hall,	Emma Greenaway	CM 272959
Tue	10.30	Health Walk in the Wyre Forest, Visitor Centre A456	Visitor Centre	CM 266929
Tue	17.00	Sports Roundabout, CM sports Hall. £1 per hour		CM 271317
Tue	17.30	Beavers meeting (term-time only)	Becky Keeley	CM 271416
Tue	17.30	- 19.30 Youth Forum meets at 8 Talbot Square	Sandra	07964902549
Tue	18.45	Bridge Club, Hopton Wafers Village Hall	Wendy Duley	CM 270562
Tue	18.45	Yoga, Victory Hall, Clows Top	Linda Thomas	CM 832998
Tue	19.00	Bellringers' practice night. St Mary's Church	Liz Walker	CM 271808
Tue	19.00	Dog ringcraft class, Clee Hill Village Hall	01584 890999	or 890478
Tue	19.00	Zumba Fitness, Lacon Childe School	Faith Thompson	07517 753375
Tue	19.30	Peak Physique, Lacon Childe School	Kim Bills	01384 877702
Tue	20.00	Charles Beale Modern Dance Sequence Club, Lacon Childe	E Wrigglesworth	01562 822291
Tue	20.30	Aerobics, Lacon Childe School. £2.00	Ms K Bills	01384 877702
WED	8.00	Kinlet Family Playgroup, demountable at Kinlet School	Tracey	CM 841210
Wed	8.00	- 17.30 Chorley Family Playgroup, Stottesdon Primary	Zoe Day	01746 718769
Wed	9.00	Peter Rabbit Nursery, Lacon Childe (see Mon)	April Rogers	CM 271418

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

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Are the details we give about your event accurate?

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Clarion News - High Street Happenings

YOUTH SHOWS THE WAY



Partners Rob Smith (left) and Leigh Everett in the newly refurbished High Street brasserie.

If there's one obvious development we need on the town's main street, it's young people opening new businesses. Just look at the success of Ashley and Estelle's Cleobury Cafe or Rachel's Carrot Tops to remind yourself that ambition combined with the energy of youth is what can drive trade forward.

The Exchange Brasserie has been some weeks in coming, but on Friday September 16th it opened its doors to the public. It's run by partners Rob Smith, just 19, and Leigh Everett, 27. The two met working at The Crown in Hopton Wafers and shared a dream of running their

own place. They'd both moved on to other jobs when the vacant High Street place was up for the taking. With help from Rob's parents they took it on and set about refitting. It's now a very impressive place to walk into.

The youthful theme continues with the waiting staff, from 16 to 22 years old and all with a lot of training time put in. "They're not just there to collect and carry plates, they'll talk the customer through the menu and give proper service," says Rob, who's the front of house man.

Leigh and James are the chefs, concentrating on seasonal and local produce "We've served 300 covers since we opened on the 16th," explained Rob when we talked six days later. "One dish was returned, and that was a mistake by an overkeen waitress taking it before it was finished." That's 99.7 percent satisfaction, a mighty high rate for a brand new team.

"There are a lot of very bright kids around here, and we're happy to recruit them," Leigh told us. "One of them, David Woodhouse, came in just as a washer-up and we'll take him on as an apprentice, because he's shown an interest." It's worth noting that at 27, Leigh is the veteran around the place.

It naturally is fully licensed, and with cooler capacity limited to one beer, there's a wide range of the bottled variety to choose from. The shots sound impressive with a 12 year old whisky for those with deeper pockets.

They're open 12.00 noon to 2.30 for lunches Tuesday to Saturday, and 12.00 to 4.00 on Sunday, when traditional roast will be a regular feature. Evening opening is 6.00 to 9.00 Tuesday to Thursday and 6.00 to 9.30 on Friday and Saturday. But that is the early offering and it's not set in stone: "If we've got demand, we'll stay open," Rob made clear.

They've had customers from their previous places call in and a number of first night diners have been back. They spent time working out an impressive menu and cooked it for the staff to get their reaction and guidance. "Leigh converted Jess. She didn't eat fish, but she liked it the way he did it," laughed Rob. That sounds promising.

Why call the place the Exchange Brasserie? "It used to be the town's Labour Exchange," explained Rob. You live and learn.

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Clarion News - More High Street Happenings

RACHEL'S RECIPES

Rachel Siddall at Carrot Tops has a neat new idea to give you fresh cooking inspiration as you browse the broccoli and consider carrots.

It's a weekly Recipe Card, launched at the end of September with a detailed guide to preparing and cooking Leek and Bacon Bake. With what sounds like a pretty delicious Cheese Sauce to cap it, it's a good start to a series that will include recipes from customers and anyone who wants to contribute. What's more, they're free.

ENTERTAINMENT BREAKTHROUGH?

The King's Arms - KA if you prefer - has a brave new venture at the end of the month. It's a three day Beer and Comedy Festival in the pub, with some fairly big names from the comedy world there to entertain and 12 guest beers to keep the inner man or woman happy.

It's the inspiration of Zoe Partington-Zoller, whose work takes her all over the country with quite a lot of time spent in London. She's got to know people with good connections in the alternative comedy area and has used them to draw some fine talent to the town.

On Thursday the 20th the event kicks off with Simon Donald, co-

founder of 'Viz', no less, headlining. In support is the acclaimed Trevor Lock.. It starts at 7.30, runs through to 11.00 and admission is by £15.00 ticket only, which includes food.

On Friday the 21st Phil Kay will be the star, with Dave Thompson supporting. Dave's claim to fame is "The Man Who Was Tinky Winky", a very brave admission to make. Will we have Lala and Po followers in the audience?

Final night is Saturday the 22nd, when Norman Loveitt, refugee from Red Dwarf, is the big name, with Martin Soan as back-up. Both highly rated funny men according to the flyers we've seen.

£15.00 for a ticket sounds a mite pricey, but including food it's a good deal. Book yours over the bar or call CM 271954.

FAREWELL, MICK

Mick Hendy, who's done such a great job for Cleobury Mortimer in keeping our streets clean, is really going to retire. There have been similar threats before, but he's been persuaded to stay on more than once. This time it's for real.

He officially leaves at the end of October, but has two weeks holiday due, so its looks like mid-month will be departure time. He'll certainly be missed.

The Chamber of Trade presented him with a silver plated salver in appreciation of his work some years ago. A very hard act to follow.

Thank you, Mick.

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TIT FOR TAT

County Councillor Gwilym Butler and Clerk to the Parish Council Matt Sheehan have both been told that they are banned from the premises of Mumfords at 2 Church Street. No rational reason was given.

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Martine Leigh has big ambitions for her country spa retreat in the quiet serenity of Cleeton St Mary. It's based in a stable block that has had much more than a conversion; more like a transformation.

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For men, sometimes overlooked in the world of special treatment, there is cut-throat razor shaving and spray tanning.

The title of this house of luxury and pampering is Estivals, the name of Martine's own Andalucian white stallion, whose picture will grace the reception area. It will be open from Tuesday to Saturdays, with 8.00pm late nights on Tuesday and Thursday for those whose working day can be long. As you'd expect, all treatments are by appointment, with flexibility to suit the client.

Top quality ranges like Thalgo, Jessica, Perron Rigot of Paris and Zantan are used and if customers need it, a light lunch can be provided as you sit on the balcony and take in the breathtaking beauty of the location.

Estivals is the realisation of a dream Martine has harboured since moving in ten years ago. The spa had an open day today, October 1st, from 10.00 to 4.00, when you can meet the team. Or talk to Martine on 07799 265 520.

CLEOBURY W.I.

After business at our September meeting, members were entertained by Christine Patterson, who explained work as a TV extra. She trained as a musician, singing opera and classical works, but to perform in public needed an Equity card, and for that had to work so many hours. At one of Equity's meetings she was introduced to work as an extra, where skills were noted and at times used.

It amazed us that the director never speaks to extras, but through the chain of command. If you had a walk-on part you might have a brief instruction.

Both competitions were won by Liz Smurthwaite. Our October 11th meeting will be our AGM. Will anyone willing to stand for a position please let our President know on CM 271671.

THE READING GROUP

We met to discuss "Corvus" by Esther Woolfson and reports were received from absent members. It was agreed the book was well written and researched, though not all appreciated the detailed information contained. Recommended by the majority.

"Jude the Obscure" by Thomas Hardy is our read for the October meeting on Monday 17th at Cleobury Library. If you wish to join in, contact Deana on 271754.

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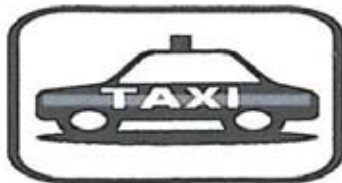
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Dad Graham, who has a background in engineering, looked after the books and purchasing as Nick set about the business of getting known.

"Adverts in the Clarion and the Parish magazine, plus cards in shop windows. But the best by far was word of mouth." He did contract work for builders, which mainly took him to Birmingham and the delights of the morning commute, but the best breakthrough was being used by Farlow Estates on the rental properties they manage. That takes him as far west as Knighton and south to Malvern to sort out problems.

Nine years in business has seen a range of specialist equipment acquired, the most expensive a boiler analyser at £700. "From the beginning, whenever we needed parts to carry on the van, we'd buy more than we wanted," explains Graham. "That way we built up a good stock over time."

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He's a one man band, though dad still looks after the books. Is the old chap well paid? They both laugh at the very idea!

There are no employees, though Nick can see the possibility of taking on an apprentice as the business grows. At this stage, he hires specialists when he needs them.

Putting in 50 hours a week, he lives in Bewdley with the van overnighed in a secure location. Heading for marriage next year and a tenth birthday for the business, he's a young man steadily making his way.

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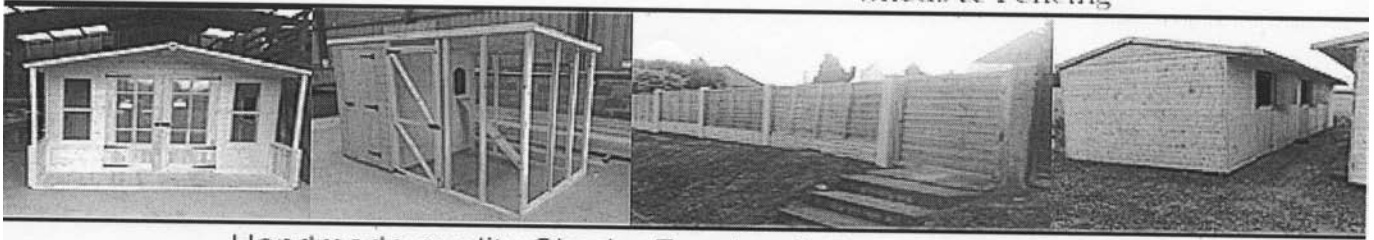
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