



## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOX APPEAL

Jenny Vanderhook, who does such a remarkable job to get shoe boxes filled with Christmas gifts to children who live in poverty, makes her annual appeal for a humanitarian cause:

Can we make it over a thousand boxes sent from Cleobury and surrounding villages? This is the wonderful amount we have sent over the last few years to such poor children in different parts of the world.

I have been honoured to have actually seen the joy these shoe boxes are greeted with, and this is why I continue to ask for your support each autumn.

A pile of covered shoeboxes, leaflets and elastic bands are all in Saint Mary's church and the Parish Hall. Please take how ever many you can fill and bring them back to Saint Mary's on or before Remembrance Sunday, November 13th.

Thank you once again.

*Jenny Vanderhook*

## SELFISH PARKERS BEWARE

The Crime Reduction Group, who do seem to know how to get things done, met on September 26th. The hottest topics seem to have been parking and speeding.

The matter of speeding is being looked into with the cooperation of West Mercia police and you may see some changes to road layouts in the future.

The matter of selfish parking, particularly outside the Manor House and on the zigzags at the Zebra crossing, will be watched closely through our new CCTV cameras, which are good enough to record registration numbers of regular offenders. A badly parked car near a crossing can obscure a driver's view and could lead to a pedestrian being hurt.

Advice from the police about such offenders is that they should be reported on the 101 call system. Every call to this number becomes a reported offence and its growing numbers of such offences that will draw police attention. We all have to accept that we don't

have many police officers in these times of austerity, so if regular reporting of offences gets some of the few coming our way, that's a good move.

A call to 101 is in strict confidence and you don't have to give your name if you don't want to. But if you are going to report bad parking or speeding, you obviously have to tell them the number of the vehicle and the time and place of the offence. Please don't waste police time with a rant about all traffic - they know about that. If we want response from the law, we must give them good basic factual information.

## FAREWELL NICK

Part of the police team, but not a full ranking bobby, is Nick Morris. A regular sight as our local Community Support Officer, who does a lot more than his quiet demeanour would suggest.

Nick's November edition of the Clarion Coppers page will be his last, as he's retiring and planning to get in some travel and good walking. I would like to thank him for all his work and support. A good guy.

*Jim Reynolds*



Cleobury Players is your local amateur dramatics society that has provided entertainment for our community for the last forty years. We are always looking for new members to join our cast and crew to support our own productions. We can also provide technical equipment and support to other local groups needing assistance in their own shows if required.

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*The town stood silent as Jack Edwards made his final journey and was laid to rest.  
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*Life at Austin, British Leyland, BMW and Rover. Geoff Hainsworth on Motoring.  
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*Have you ever heard of a Sparkbrook motorcycle? Quite a rarity today, they were made in Coventry from 1912 until 1925. There was one on the stage at the Borders Classic Bike Show in September.  
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(All show photos by Rosemary Thompson)*

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## THE TOWN SAID GOODBYE



*It was an appropriate way to say goodbye to a very young hero.*

The town stood still on August 31st, a crowd waiting outside the Parish Church and along High Street and Church Street, the traffic respectfully halted as a brace of white horses slowly took Jack Edwards on his final journey.

As the family had requested, there was little sign of mourning garb, but Aston Villa shirts by the hundred to remind us that team was a great passion for him. At every funeral for a child there is a shocking reminder of how young they were; this time it was when that coffin, such a small size, was lifted from the hearse and carried into the church.

What Jack Edwards went through in his too short young life is beyond my imagination. He touched every heart in this community and moved every soul with his bravery. His parents, Chrissie and Kieran, went through what every parent must regard as the worst possible nightmare. Their little boy is beyond pain now, but they are not, nor are their other children. Nothing any of us can

say or do will alter the grief that goes with the loss of an innocent life so soon.

Whatever may come as a memorial to Jack, something that we can all do in his name is support the fight against cancer, through whatever charity, to help combat this dreadful disease.

*Jim Reynolds*

### GEORGE MORGAN

**George's family write:**

The family of George would like to say thank you to every one who kindly gave generously at the time of his funeral. The amount of £401.40 has now been received by Cleobury Medical Centre, also to thank friends and the lovely people of the village for their kindness and support for Mum, then, and still continuing to do so. Thank you all so much.

God bless you all

*Dot, Lorraine and Lorna*

### TAKE TEA WITH HENRY SANDON

On Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October Kidderminster & District Soroptimists International invite you to take 'Afternoon Tea with Henry Sandon' (of Antiques Roadshow fame) in Baxter Hall, The Bull Ring, Kidderminster DY10 2AA, from 2.30 pm. For just £7.00 per person. You are welcome to bring along a single ceramic or porcelain item for Henry to value for which there is a charge of £3.00. All proceeds in aid of the Worcestershire Young Carers.

For more details contact Elke at 01299 266101

### THE SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB

The Club starts its winter season at 2.00 o'clock in the Parish Hall

on Wednesday the 5th of this month. And it's there at the same time every Wednesday and Friday from then on.

They should like a friendly bunch, who welcome new members and charge a mere £1.50 a session, including tea and biscuits. Quite a bargain.

Ruth Smith can tell you more. She's on 01299 270707.

### A SPECIAL COFFEE MORNING

**Rae Livesey introduces a little known but vital charity:**

A coffee morning will be held in Stottesdon, starting at 10.00, in The Old Police House on Thursday, October 6th.

It's in aid of CRY or Cardiac Risk in the Young. At least 12 young people die in this country every week of undiagnosed heart conditions. CRY aims to screen as many of them as possible, particularly those involved in sport.

*Rae Livesey*

### BAYTON SONGS OF PRAISE

Bayton Church and the Village Hall are cooperating with a Harvest Songs of Praise service in the Hall at 12.00 on October 2nd, followed by a Bring and Share Lunch at 12.45. Tickets for the lunch are £2.50 to cover basic food and you are asked to bring your own special bits if you want more.

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## A CRAFTSMAN APPEALS

Local craftsman Christopher Newman is looking for a local sponsor/patron/client to fund the making of a world-beating cabinet. Inspired by the art of M C Escher and Italian troupe l'oeil marquetry, the cabinet will be made by hand to exhibition standard, with English quarter sawn Oak and sustainably forested exotic hardwoods.

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Christopher has a full set of drawings which he would be happy to show anyone interested in making this

exciting project a reality. One cautionary note: the cabinet represents two or three years work and will then need to be exhibited both in the UK and abroad for it to accrue its proper market value. Anyone interested is invited to contact Christopher on 01299 270851.

## CLOWS TOP GARDENING CLUB

October brings a richness of colour to the garden with displays of autumn foliage. The autumn colours are at their best; make the most of them, as they pass quickly. The night frosts and clear sunny days bring out the intensity of the colours. Fruits and berries are an added attraction, to us and to the birds as well. There is still time to plant winter-flowering plants, such as pansies, violas and wall flowers. Plant your spring flowering bulbs from now until the end of November.

At the August meeting Rowan McOnegal gave an interesting talk on 'Hedgerow & Garden Medicine'

She is a qualified medical herbalist and brought along a vast selection of fresh and dried plants for most ailments. Herbal Medicine can be used alongside conventional drugs with consultation from your GP.

Lots of hints and tips, the evening was a great success with everyone enjoying the talk.

The Summer Garden Show was down on entries and visitors, due to the showery weather. The Club would like to say 'Thank you' to all helpers especially Rachel who kept us fed and watered all day and 'Thank You' to exhibitors because without you there would be no show.

Show Results were: Vegetable, Fruit & Flower Cups won by Ted Mills, Harry Jenkins, Austin Fletcher, Tom Bore; Cookery Cup - Juliet Hole; Handicraft Cup - Marian Cox; Floral Art Cup - Marion Wilson; Children's Shields - Lydia Greenwood & Sam Lloyd.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday October 26th, when Ray Sturdy' will talk about New Zealand.

*Pauline Bowen*

## ARTWORK MYSTERY SOLVED

That mysterious artwork that John Carter is producing and was pictured in the September Clarion, is not quite such a mystery now.

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## THE CLEOBURY GARDEN PROJECT



*Local youngsters who have put in time helping people with their gardens are now looking to help with decorating and household tasks, too.*

This summer holiday period has been busy for a small group of young volunteers in Cleobury. A pilot project in partnership with St Mary's Youth project and South Shropshire Youth Forum has been training and supervising them to help local people in need with their gardens. So far five residents have been helped, tasks have included weeding, cutting back hedges and generally tidying up. Now we are heading out of

the summer season the group are looking for people who need some general home help, so things like sorting out and moving items from garages or sheds, painting or varnishing would be ideal. Garden work will still be considered.

If you need some help or know someone who may need help there are a few things to consider: a. You must be in genuine need of help. The project is aimed at helping people who for whatever reason cannot physically manage practical tasks. b. All sessions will be adult supervised. c. You must live in Cleobury as we don't have any transport.

If there is a great demand for help then we are hopeful that the project will be extended into next year and beyond.

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All proceeds will go to the Alzheimer's Society and all the CM Bespoke Care staff are giving their time free of charge. There will be a prize draw and any help with prizes for that will be very welcome. Same contact number if you can help with that.

## ANOTHER PLACE TO PICK UP YOUR CLARION

This month we have a new distributor of the Clarion here in Cleobury Mortimer. It's Purslow's office in Pinkham, where a lot of builders go for supplies and householders for both gas and coal, so we expect their first order to go out quickly. And it's a more handy collection point for folks in the Pinkham area.



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Its roots lie in a national move to honour Florence Nightingale and her remarkable service in tending the wounded in war. The local branch was formed in 2001, when chairman Rosemary Abbiss found herself at the head and facing a requirement to raise £15,000 in funds before the branch could operate.

That may sound like a pretty daunting figure, but the Fund is there to provide extra care whenever it's needed. That's a 60 hour period at first, and it carries on in serious cases if the local nurses ask for it. It pays for proper nursing care and is never going to be cheap - hence the need for decent funds before anybody's hopes were built up.

Today there are three trustees: Chair Rosemary Abbiss, secretary Debbie Brown and treasurer Gill Shorter. The Medical Director is Doctor

Thompson from the Cleobury practice. They all give their time without any payment.



*Rosemary Abbiss has chaired the local Nightingale Nursing Fund since its inception in 2001.*

The service is available for all patients of the surgeries in Cleobury Mortimer, Ditton Priors, Highley and Tenbury Wells with Clee Hill. It provides extra nursing care when the regular carers apply or if the normal nursing staff can see the need.

This does mean raising quite a lot of money - the largest payout in one year reached £15,000 - and the Fund relies upon good people who run events in their

support. Roger Gittins, now retired from running The Bell Inn, still does a sterling job for them and the Sports and Social Club has a special evening booked in February next year to swell the bank balance a bit.

This low profile charity has decided to get itself a little better known, so that people who need help and don't know where to turn, will be aware of them.

They'll be at the Medical Centre on Flu Jab Saturday, or October 8th if you prefer. Do stop and chat, even though you can't see yourself using this invaluable service in the near future. We hope you don't ever need it, but life has a habit of springing the odd unpleasant surprise.

This is certainly one of the local causes people might think of when making out their wills. You can't take it with you, as we all know, but to leave it to such an unselfish charity that helps those in crisis is a good option.

Rosemary Abbiss is the first point of contact with the Nightingale Fund, on 01746 718451. There is an answer phone machine that she does respond to.

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## NEEN SAVAGE W.I. BACKS FIRST RESPONDERS



*From left: Carole Moreton, Angela Flowers and Liz Vanegas, all happy to further a vital service.*

In a friendly climax to their September meeting, Neen Savage W.I. welcomed Cleobury First Responder Liz Vanegas to receive the result of their recent fund raising. A cheque for £140 came from the August Fund Raiser and £84 in cash came from the donations tin that had featured in Institution meetings.

Chairman Angela Flowers and treasurer Carole Moreton handed over the money and Liz explained how the Responders are completely self funding in all their work. A recent donation had helped them buy two helmets that means they can

now attend road traffic accidents and next on the shopping list is a portable generator. They're looking for a sponsor to help with this, which will give them better light at the scene of a night time incident and run for eight hours or more

The big target for the Responders is a Terrafix navigation control like the County Ambulance Service use. This will enable a Responder to find an incident quickly, which is an essential element in saving a seriously injured person. The Terrafix will cost £3085 and there is a need for another £2000 to reach that target. It will be fitted in their Honda 4x4, a vital tool in reaching distant callers that was bought with money from supporters and the four Responders themselves. This is a group of entirely selfless ladies giving time, skills and now money to make the area safer, as well as holding down their normal jobs.

Their numbers are reducing slightly with Rachael Lloyd's resignation because her work in the Accident and Emergency unit at Worcester Royal Hospital is very demanding. She's been a First Responder for four years and Liz and the rest of the team thank her for the time and effort

she's given to the community during those years.

The Responders have a special event coming on the 18th of this month, which is National Cardiac Pulmonary Resuscitation Day. They'll be in the Market Hall from 9.00 until 9.00 (see what we mean about devotion to the job?) giving demonstrations of resuscitation and showing the public how to do it and to use the defibrillator. There's no charge for this, it's just getting some knowledge out there that could help save someone's life one day. Don't forget that there is a defibrillator freely available in the Kings Arms pub; it's lodged there because of easy access for long hours.

So if you've got a little time to spare on the 18th, you'll find a friendly atmosphere at the Hall and could learn something really useful in an emergency. These volunteers do a remarkable job and they deserve the support of all of us.

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**RUN CLEOBURY, RUN**  
**Vicky Honeybourne tells us**  
**about the Cleobury Running**  
**Club and its first birthday:**

It's been a year since Cleobury Mortimer Running Club was founded and what a year! Weekly training sessions, a busy social calendar and outings to races are just the beginning.

"We've had three groups graduate from our successful Couch to 5k programme over the year and some are now running half marathons. I'm so proud of them", explains running coach Jo Watson.

Jennet has gone from complete beginner to half-marathoner in less than a year. "I wouldn't have done a half marathon if it wasn't for CMRC. I can't believe I've got this far!"

Jennet is not the only one. On September 11th, thirteen of the 35-strong club travelled to Lake Vyrnwy to compete in the half marathon. The army of red tops even earned a shout-out from the race compère who quipped, "Is anybody left in Cleobury Mortimer today?"

"Being part of such a fun and friendly group makes all the difference", says five-time half-marathoner, Lindsay Tillsley, "This is the first time I've really enjoyed a race".

CMRC is the club behind Wyre Forest Parkrun, a free, weekly timed 5km run which is open to all and takes place every Saturday at 9.00am. The event has also just celebrated its first birthday and now attracts up to 200 runners each week.



*The weekly Wyre Forest Parkrun is a noted success for the club, drawing up to 200 runners.*

'It's been phenomenal,' says event director Andie Ford, also a coach at CMRC. 'It's fabulous to see an event become so popular and see beginners and families turn up each week.'

Next up is #runandtalk, a national initiative of organised runs which aims to raise awareness of how running can improve mental wellbeing. All are welcome to the Sports Centre at 7.00pm on October 11th to join in a short walk/ jog/ run followed by refreshments. All abilities will be catered for. A great way to meet some of CMRC and to give running a go. You might find yourself hooked.

As if 2016 hasn't been exciting enough, 2017 looks set to be even better. The club are organising a Cleobury Mortimer 10km race in the spring and are publishing a book about their running escapades. Awesomeness? At CMRC that comes as standard.

To find out more about CMRC check out their Facebook page or e-mail [run@runcleobury.org](mailto:run@runcleobury.org). The club meets at 7.00pm on Tuesdays at the Sports Centre and new runners are always given a warm welcome. For more information about Parkrun visit [www.parkrun.org.uk](http://www.parkrun.org.uk).

*Vicky Honeybourne*

**JUST A REMINDER**

While the Harry Tuffin's branch in Cleobury Mortimer is closed, Hopton Bank Service Station is open from 9.00 until 4.00 every Sunday to supply fuel. They'll be doing that until Tuffin's is up and running again, which we understand will be this month.

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A good place to learn more about the work is at the Annual General Meeting, which will be on October 17th, in the school, starting at 7.00. All parents are automatically members of the PTA and will be very welcome if they can make the time to get there. You'll find them a friendly bunch.

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**Farm Vet Susan Carr MRCVS tells about the importance of an MOT for rams.**

Rams are an often overlooked component of flock fertility – we all understand the importance of good ewe nutrition and preparation in the run up to tupping but a surprisingly large number of rams are found to be sub-fertile. A ram should easily be capable of serving 60 ewes and get 85% of these in lamb within the first 17 day cycle.

Don't wait until scanning to find out if you have a problem – perform a ram MOT well in advance of tupping (ideally 8-10 weeks) so there is time to correct any problems. You need to look at five key areas:

**TEETH:** Check for a broken mouth, over/undershot jaws and good occlusion of the teeth with the dental pad on the upper jaw. Check for any signs of drooling or dropping of food from the mouth.

**TOES:** Any signs of lameness should always be treated as soon as possible but double check rams are moving around well – check for any signs of stiffness; lameness anywhere in the leg will affect a ram's ability to mount. All 4 toes should point straight forward. Tip and check all 4 feet – there is no need to trim the feet unless there are specific problems.

**TESTICLES:** You should assess the testicles either when the ram is tipped or from directly behind. Feel them very thoroughly – they should be freely mobile and approximately the same size. Check for any lumps, bumps or heat and any signs of scrotal mange. They should be an even consistency – think flexed bicep. If they are woolly then they should be carefully shorn. The testes should be kept cool – overheating will kill sperm so shear rams early to avoid this – if they lie down for

long periods then the testicles are warmed up as they are squashed under the body.

**TONE:** Overfat rams are also more prone to lie down so you should aim to keep them trim. If they go into tupping too fat then they are lazy but equally they will lose condition as they work so they should not be too thin – aim for a body condition score of 3.5-4.0.

Finally consider any necessary **TREATMENT** (e.g. vaccinations, lameness treatments) and ensure these are carried out promptly so that rams are fully operational at go time.

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## NEWS FROM THE LEGION

On September 3rd, the Branch held a very successful Poppy Sellers' Awards Evening in the Parish Hall. After an ample buffet supper, Neil Jenkins, RBL's County Chairman, presented the awards to those Cleobury Mortimer Branch members who have given outstanding service, particularly those who have turned out year after year to raise funds by selling poppies. The ceremony was followed by old-time singing led by Trevor Wood, who enlivened the evening by throwing in a few jokes as we went along.

On September 9th, Jim Hulme conducted the Annual Auction Sale of Harvest Produce and other goods in The Bell Inn. As in previous years, a good range of produce was up for bids, and the evening raised nearly £1000 for branch funds, an excellent result. The branch is grateful to Jim for his auctioneering skills (and stamina), to our many supporters who provided items for sale and, of course, to those who packed The Bell that night, leaving with an array of onions,

cakes, wine, beans, and all sorts of other delights.

The branch's next social event will be a Fish & Chip Concert (with entertainment by a local singing group) on October 28th, for which tickets, at £10 each, are available from Ron Breakwell (270830) or Mark Baldwin (270110). Remembrance Day is Friday November 11th, followed by Remembrance Sunday on the 13th.

The Branch always welcomes new members - please contact Membership Secretary Matt Sheehan on 01299 271347 for details, or join up on-line.

### THE BREAKFAST CLUB

Councillor Geoff Hainsworth is the speaker at the next meeting of Saint Mary's Breakfast Club. It will be in Lacon Childe School at 7.25am on October 11th.

Geoff will be talking about an adventure in a 'Trip To The Far East'. Members should book places with chairman Jonathan Fair on CM 271913 and Dr Mark Baldwin on 270110.

### NEEN SAVAGE W.I.

Our September meeting talk was unfortunately cancelled by our talker, due to circumstances out of her control, therefore the

committee rallied around and took along lots of card making bits n' bobs for attendees to make their own home made cards, which was a very enjoyable substitute activity. We also had a visit from First Responders when we presented them monies raised for them - separate report by Jim Reynolds on page 13.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday October 12th, 7.30pm at Neen Savage Village Hall where our visitor Mrs R Guerney from new business Magpie Hill Soaps will demonstrate the process for making cold pressed soaps. Everyone welcome to attend, cost to visitors will be £4 to include refreshments. Please contact our President Mrs Angela Flowers on 01299 270318 for further details if you would like to come along.

*Julie Hobin*

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Come along to see displays of different apple varieties, chat to local apple experts and bring any apples or pears that you'd like them to identify. Children's apple activities and apple-themed food and drinks in the pub.

The main draw is the apple and pear juicing in the garden, with volunteers on hand to turn your surplus fruit into delicious juice for drinking or cider making. So, bring your fruit along for 'scratting' and 'pressing'. Donations please towards equipment costs - if you want to take your juice home you'll need plenty of clean containers to fill; used plastic milk bottles are ideal and can be frozen to keep juice fresh for months.

*Chris Tibbitts*

## **THE FOOTPATH ASSOCIATION**

Through the summer volunteers carried out over 100 man hours

of clearance to keep our footpaths walkable, cutting back hedges at stiles and bramble growing across stiles and paths. Also slashing down bracken, nettles and balsam.

Bramble gets everywhere. To prevent paths being lost, it is essential to make sure that it isn't allowed to root across paths. This is easier to do in the winter when other growth dies down and the ground is soft. So if you are out on a walk, do take secateurs with you and cut back the occasional bramble shoot or even pull small rootlets out of the ground.

Our September work party replaced a broken gate with a new metal one. It was hard work with only four of us, a very hot day and a stony surface. At least the landowner helped. If you walk from Mortimer Hill down to Cleobury Mill you will see our work. Our next work party will be on October 5<sup>th</sup>.

Our next Parish Walk is on Sunday October 2nd at 10.00 from outside St Mary's and we plan to walk out towards the Rea south of the town.

New members are always welcome - our next members' meeting is in the Bell Inn on October 7<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm

*Graham Simpson*

## **THE SMARTWATER HABIT SPREADS**

Cleobury's status as the first SmartWater town in Britain has brought a lot of enquiries from other communities in the region. The latest to become a SmartWater parish is Higher Heath, who saw the effect here in Cleobury and decided to do the same.

West Mercia Police have issued figures showing that in the first five months here in Cleobury there were no burglaries, compared with six for the same five months last year.

Higher Heath, a village with 500 homes, has had similar good news. In the two months before they became a We Don't Buy Crime parish, there were 18 of what the police call 'acquisitive crimes'; that's thieving to you and me. In the three months after the SmartWater and all the notices went in, there was just one offence.

And the Police did a survey of known burglars, asking what deterrent they disliked most. SmartWater came out Top of the Pinchers' Pops with 8.3 points out of 10; second highest dislike at 7.4 points was high visibility police patrols, and we don't see many of those about these days.

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"I wasn't accepted for an apprenticeship at Austin in Longbridge, so I went to a toolmakers in Birmingham." Geoff Hainsworth began his engineering life from the shop floor before joining the Austin Motor Company in 1968 as a production engineer.

Austin grew to become British Leyland, a mighty company that incorporated a range of famous old car makers, like Jaguar, Rover, Land Rover, Morris, Riley and Wolsley. Geoff's first car was a Mini and as he moved up the career ladder he acquired some variations on that theme, notably a Wolsley Hornet with a tuned 1275 Cooper S slotted into its innocent looking body. "Little old ladies drove Wolsley Hornets," he laughs before admitting how fast it would go

through the bridge ess-bend on the A456 at Blakedown.

British Leyland at its peak employed 250,000 people, had 73 percent of the British car market and a troubled history before finally closing in 2005. The common view is that union problems caused its downfall, but Geoff sees it differently. "What went wrong was Harold Wilson letting Lord Stokes take it over; he had no experience of running a big company like that." He cites Alec Issigonis, the brilliant designer behind the Mini. "The Mini never succeeded properly because it was a prototype put into production. Issigonis had the proper Mini Mini drawn up that was designed for production, but he was ignored. Ended his life working on a steam engine that he fitted into his proper Mini; it was brilliant. Would have cost a lot less to make and could out accelerate a Cooper S; it would burn almost any fuel and would have been kinder to the environment." What happened to this revolutionary steam car? "On the day Issigonis died they took everything out of his office and burned it!"

Geoff was involved in the cooperation with Honda, when they learned a lot about efficient production, like the Triumph

Accord at the Cowley plant. The last Leyland car to reflect Honda's influence was the Rover 600: "A nice car. I had a number of them." Things changed when the British government offered the group to Honda for £1.00, which the Japanese declined. That's when the company was sold to BMW and Geoff did three years in Munich, where he made his mark by stopping the production line when he saw the conditions in which the power steering was assembled. Stopping the line at a BMW supplier is rather like telling Harrods you've cancelled Christmas, but he did it. The people building the assembly cleaned up their act; he doesn't suffer fools.

By this time he was working on the new Range Rover and with six months of his Munich assignment to run, the company was sold to Ford. He doesn't talk much about that period, but when a voluntary redundancy package came along he took it and settled to a quiet life in Cleobury Mortimer, where his technical knowledge and objective judgement make him a good Parish Councillor. And applying that judgement, what was his favourite car? "My Rover 200 R8. A really great car."

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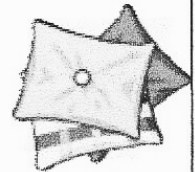
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Last week I met constituents from Shropshire MIND, which provides support to those suffering with mental health conditions. A good chance to discuss their experience of service provision in the county, but also some of the wider problems that affect their daily lives. Mental health is now much more widely acknowledged. Progress has been made in reducing the stigma attached to it and other debilitating conditions of the brain, leading more people to seek the help they so need.

Last month I undertook training to become a Dementia Friend, a great opportunity to learn more about how the disease affects peoples' lives and how others in society can help to give consideration to those who suffer. I encourage you to consider becoming a Dementia Friend.

It is estimated that at least one in four people will experience a mental health problem at some point in their life, so this is not a niche concern, nor confined to the elderly. One in ten children aged between five and sixteen have a problem, and many continue into adulthood.

It is vital we take mental health seriously, and provide the care people need to address underlying mental issues. Just over 800,000 people accessed talking therapies in 2014/15, up from 700,000 in 2013/14, showing more people are coming forward to get the help they need.

Your local GP is often the first point of call for those seeking help for a mental illness, but there are also some services that will allow people to refer themselves. This commonly includes services for drug and alcohol problems, as well as some psychological therapies. The NHS Choices website has further information on how to access

these services and gives a good overview of different mental health conditions.

The independent Mental Health Taskforce published its report, the Forward View for Mental Health, in February 2016. The NHS and Government welcomed the report and the Department of Health is working on publishing a detailed action plan for taking forward the Taskforce's recommendations. Spending has already increased to an estimated £11.7 billion in 2014/15, from £10.6 billion in 2009/10. Clinical commissioning groups (CCGs) are committed to increasing spending on mental health each year.

For the first time ever, NHS England's planning guidance for 2015/16 made the expectation clear that each CCG's spend on mental health services in 2015/16 should increase in real terms, and grow by at least the same percentage as each CCG's allocation increase.

In January the Government announced almost £1 billion of additional investment for mental health, including £290 million of investment over the next five years to provide perinatal mental healthcare; £247 million to invest in liaison mental health services in emergency departments; and over £400 million to enable round-the-clock treatment in communities as a safe and effective alternative to hospital. This is in addition to the £1.4 billion for children and young people and eating disorders.

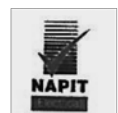
The Government has also invested £120 million in the first ever waiting times standards for psychological therapies and early intervention in psychosis to ensure that more people have timely access to treatment.



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**Katie Griffiths reports:**

We are delighted to report that we came second in the National Finals held at Cheltenham on September 17th. A great day and much celebrating was had by all.

The local community should feel proud of the town band and what they have achieved over the last few months, representing the whole of the Midlands Area. Thanks again to those who donated money to help us get there.

We move on to the Autumn/Winter season of engagements and a quieter couple of months before the onslaught of carol playing and our annual sell out Christmas Concert – date to be announced in next edition.

We will be leading the parade in Cleobury on Remembrance Sunday and also playing at the annual British Legion service at Clee Hill in the evening.

Our friendly and enthusiastic band are looking for a couple of experienced bass players to join the fold, please get in touch if you are interested.

Our website lists our forthcoming engagements and also has contact numbers for both senior and training bands.

[www.cmcb.org.uk](http://www.cmcb.org.uk)

*Katie Griffiths*

## **VICTORY HALL PAYOUT**



*Nigel Caldicott hands a cheque to Martyn Carter of Far Forest and Rock British Legion.*

On June 18th Victory Hall at Clows Top held a celebration of the 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday of The Queen and of her Armed Forces. The Hall Management Committee planned that donations would be made to West Midlands Air Ambulance and the Royal British Legion from the proceeds of the event and cheques have been handed to both charities.

The Far Forest and Rock Branch of the Royal British Legion were selected to receive the donation which was handed to the Branch Secretary, Martyn Carter, by Nigel Caldicott,

Secretary of the Victory Hall Committee. Martyn said “The donation will help boost our contribution to this year’s Poppy Appeal. The support of local people is very important to the Legion and the wide range of welfare work that we do for service personnel and their dependants.

Chairman of the Victory Hall Committee Roger Dyer said “This was a new type of event for us. Because of popular support of the event, we are already planning a Village Party in 2017.”

## **ANTHONY SHER IS KING LEAR**

In a widely acclaimed RSC performance of King Lear, Anthony Sher’s Lear has been described as “a crowning achievement in his career” by the Daily Telegraph. You can watch it by live link at the SpARC Theatre in Brampton Road, Bishop’s Castle at 7.00 on October 12th. Too good to miss?

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**OTHER LIBRARIES**

Cleobury Mortimer is fortunate in having its library in premises where the County has signed a 25 year lease, which gives the place some degree of security. We should not be complacent and think nothing could ever harm its operation, because these are tough times when it comes to spending money.

Church Stretton has been through an exercise recently, when residents were asked if they wanted to keep their library in its established home, or have it moved into the local school. The survey produced a resounding majority of 84 percent of respondents saying keep it where it is, even if that means a little more on the rates. Just 7 percent wanted the move to the school.

Church Stretton is not unlike Cleobury Mortimer, in that it has a strong sense of

community, and the clear wish for the place to stay as it is may lead to some rethinking at County Hall. This is not to knock the councillors, who have a very difficult job to do in saving a lot of money because government funding has been cut so severely. But it's good to know that people will stand up and vote for the status quo when those in charge push them too far.

**A POEM FROM PAULINE**

There's mention elsewhere of October 6th being National Poetry Day and the expected announcement of the formation of a Poetry Club. Pauline Rae, just one of a number of people who enjoy putting their thoughts into rhyme, kindly offered a recent work that seems very fitting for the October Clarion:

**On This October Morn  
October mist shrouding the trees,  
Down by the river as far as you see  
Capture the beauty for a while  
On this October morn**

**Last of the summer roses, bring some indoors  
Don't let the fragrance fade too soon  
It's a pleasure to watch the petals fall  
On this October morn**

**Apples are a feast now, a very good year  
Harvesting so many fruits, put them in store.  
Another year may not be as good  
As this October morn**

**Not a cloud in the sky  
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Sat 1st	8.00	Sale of household goods at Knowle Sports, Tenbury Rd, Clee Hill	Audrey Taylor	01584 890644
Sun 2nd	10.00	Parish Walk starts from the Parish Church & heads south		
	12.00	Songs of Praise service in Bayton Village Hall, followed by lunch. See page 5		
Wed 5th	10.00	Walking for Health step out from Sports Centre then return for tea		
	2.00	Short Mat Bowls Club start the season in Parish Hall, see page 5		
	8.00	Whist Drive at Doddington Village Hall, where parking is easy	Sonia Pearsall	01584 890 874
Thurs 6th		BLACK WHEELIE BIN & RECYCLE BOXES EMPTIED TODAY		
	10.00	Special Coffee morning at The Old Post Office, Stottesdon, see page 5		
	7.00	Open Poetry Evening at the library, Love Lane, a free glass of wine & a chance to read your own work or a personal favourite. No pressure, a gentle evening to share a love of the English language.		
Tues 11th	7.25	St Mary's Breakfast Club meet at Lacon Child School to hear Cllr Geoff Hainsworth talk about his 2015 Trip to the Far East. See page 21	Jonathan Fair	01299 271913
	2.30	Henry Sandon takes tea with visitors at Baxter Hall, The Bull Ring, Kidderminster, see page 5		
	7.00	Open Evening about the benefits of running at Sports Centre, organised by Cleobury Running Club, see page 17		
	7.30	Cleobury Mortimer WI gather in the Market Hall for their AGM before choosing photos for their 20176 calendar, see page 35		
Wed 12th	10.00	CoCo Coffee Morning at the Market Hall, offering homemade cakes & coffee for a mere £1.50		

**An Invitation from Cleobury First Responders. On October 18th the Responders will take over the Market Hall from 9.00 until 9.00, to host special demonstrations of Cardiac Pulmonary Resuscitation and to teach volunteers how to use the defibrillator that's kept in the King's Arms. No charge.**



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## The October Social Calendar Continued

Date	Time	Details	Contact	Telephone
Wed 12th	7.30	Neen Savage WI meet in the Village Hall for hear Rhian Gurney tell all about making the excellent Magpie Hill Soaps see page 231		
	8.00	Royal British Legion meet at The Bell Inn, Lower Street	David Taylor	01299 270793
	8.00	Charity Quiz at The Fighting Cocks, Stottesdon in aid of Alzheimer's Society		
Thurs 13th		GREEN WHEELIE BINS EMPTIED TODAY		
Fri 14th	8.00	Bingo Night at Cleeton St Mary Village Hall, proceeds to the hall		
Sat 15th	9.30	The Farmer Market in and around St Marys Church with extra stalls in Market Hall too. Great foods and goods		
	7.30	Jazz in Rock, presents the Sussex Jazz Kings in the excellent Village Hall, all proceeds to Save the Children Fund	Len Pitman	01299 832294
Sat 15th		80s Night at Kinlet Village Hall, in aid of Trust Lewis funds. <a href="mailto:trustlewis7@gmail.com">trustlewis7@gmail.com</a>	Rachael	01299 841032
Mon 17th	7.00	Lacon Childe PTA AGM in the school. If you have children there, you're entitled to attend and speak		
	7.30	The Reading Group meet at the Library to review David Lodge's work "Deaf Sentence" see page 43		
Wed 19th	10.00	Walking for Health are on the move again, starting from the Sports Centre		
	8.00	Whist Drive at Doddington Village Hall		
Thurs 20th		BLACK WHEELIE BINS & RECYCLE BOXES EMPTIED TODAY		
	12.00	Cleobury WI's Soup & Pudding Lunch in the Market Hall in support St Mary's Youth Project, see Page 43		

**There are more Social Calendar dates on Page 47. Apologies, but we couldn't get all the dates and details into the space normally allocated for this service.**

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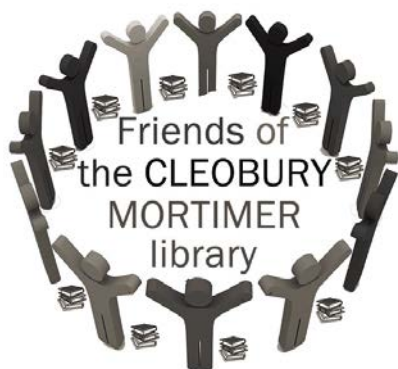
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## NATIONAL POETRY DAY

October 6th is National Poetry Day, and as there is a move to form a Poetry Club in the town, the Friends of the Library are organising an Open Poetry Evening at the library. It will be an informal occasion, with a glass of wine for visitors and the chance to read your own work or even something from your favourite poet.

It starts at 7.00, entry is free and the plan is that Simon Thomas will announce when and where the Poetry Club will be meeting. Simon's idea is the club will be based in a pub - we understand he's talking to Wendy at the KA - so that the more shy amongst us can sip a glass of Dutch Courage before reading their words in front of others. That can be a very nervous moment when you do it for the first time. Best to do it when you're with people who

share your enthusiasm for the written and sometimes rhyming word.

Everyone is welcome to the Open Evening, whether you're a fan of poetry or simply curious to know what it's all about.

### IN PRAISE OF...

**Bob Westwood had a problem and found the solution locally:**

This morning, Sunday, what I would call the ball cock in the loo in my en suite failed. Kept filling and overflowing, not a major issue, except that when I went to switch off the supply to the cistern via the inline valve on the inlet pipe that failed and water was squirting all over the shop!

Still not major. I turned the water off at the main stop tap, with a view to turning it back on as and when for short period, and hoped to get NJ Plumbing out on Monday.

I sent an email to them explaining the issue, saying I hoped they might squeeze me in on Monday, and that I would phone them on the morrow

Early this evening I received a phone call from Nick at NJ, to say he had just checked his emails and was off on holiday with wife and son at 0600 Monday morning! Not around for two weeks, but as it sounded a straight forward job (easy for

him to say) he would call by now " If that's OK."

Was it ever! Job done in around 50 to 60 minutes. What superb service, above and beyond, the antithesis of a Rogue Trader indeed.

*Bob Westwood*

## ROCK PATHFINDERS WALKS

Rock Pathfinders' walks this month reflect the shortening hours of daylight, both of them starting at 10.30. So time for a decent walk before lunching and then heading for home.

The first is on Thursday the sixth, starting at Queenswood Country Park on Dunmore Hill, which is on the Leominster to Hereford road. HR6 0PY for the sat nav or Ordnance Survey reference 507514.

The second walk is much more local, beginning at the Colliers Arms on Tenbury Road, Clows Top. DY14 9HA or OS reference 725722.

Everyone is welcome to join them. More information from Alan on 01299 400304 or look in at [www.rockpathfinders.16mb.com](http://www.rockpathfinders.16mb.com)

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A quieter month than usual for breakdowns although someone spotted three Diamond buses parked in a layby at Henley. Perhaps the rescue bus had broken down as well resulting in the need for a rescue bus. Of course they may just have been participating in a bus rally but if they were no one else was taking part. In addition, at least one of Diamond's finest has also been seen on a low loader so no change there. Diamond were represented at a recent steam rally though with a shiny new vehicle pushing their new Kiddy to Stourbridge 25 route. Shame we never see a modern bus here. This was bought home when one user flagged the Ludlow bus down outside the Crown at Hopton. Having boarded, the driver told her that stopping there was the last thing she wanted as it stopped her getting a run up Hopton Bank. Sure enough, progress up the slope was stately to say the least...

Some of you may have seen the shiny new bus shelter at the Mawley Town Farm stop. This is the result of efforts by our Parish Council Clerk, so thank you Matt. At least users can now wait in the dry when the bus doesn't appear although this assumes that the replacement doesn't go the same way as its predecessor when a driver fails to negotiate the bend...

Worcestershire Council have been monitoring the use of the 9/9A Cookley to Kiddy route which they have taken over after the operator pulled out. They have discovered that about 75% of users had either a 'Older persons' bus pass or a student pass. I imagine that the 2L would be similar which is good news for any commercial operator as the payment the operator gets for the former is supposed to be quite generous.

The Shropshire Council Bus Strategy consultation is apparently now starting at some point in October and will include

provision for hard copy responses so no need to have access to a computer. As soon as the start date is finalised, we will put posters up and arrange for copies of the response document to be put in the Market Hall, Library and anywhere else we can think of. Please make sure that you take part in this exercise as otherwise we may well have a 'Cleobury Mortimer – where's that?' situation. I am told that the consultation will also be available on the Shropshire Council online Consultation Portal so the IT savvy will also be catered for.

There was a meeting on 12 September to discuss possible ways forward in the absence of anyone willing to take on the 2L route in the short term. Several options are being explored including additional services using Community minibuses or those owned by Lacon Childe School. These would run directly to Kiddy and due to legal constraints would be unable to pick up anyone once across the County boundary into Worcestershire. This is because it would be seen as unfair competition with the commercial provider i.e. Diamond.

The advantage of this direct service would be that it would not do a guided tour on the way, thus cutting travel time by around half. The only downside is that users would have to pre book – again for legal reasons although I gather that this could be done on a block basis for regular users. This also prevents a wasted trip of no-one wanted to travel on a particular service. Timing would depend on demand and how this would dovetail in with the existing 2L times. Another possibility might be a service to Kinlet to link up with the hourly 125 service which could well still be quicker than using the 2L. Nothing is certain yet as a number of stakeholders have to be consulted and funding levels identified. More on this when further details are known.

*Steve Todd*

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Reported crimes of interest since mid August:

A burglary took place on August 18th/19th at a farm in Stottesdon where a tack store had various items stolen including saddles, bridles and horse bits worth £20000. A garden shed at the rear of a house in Curdale Close, Cleobury Mortimer was broken into overnight on August 20th/21st and power tools stolen. On August 21st/22nd saddles, a battery, a generator and an anvil were stolen from a shed on a farm at Kinlet. Three sheds in the grounds of a bungalow in Rock were broken into in the early hours of August 22nd. Power tools and three go-karts were among the items stolen. Just after 1:00am on August 24th, a resident of Kinlet heard the alarm on his van parked on his driveway. He found the rear door of the van had been forced open, and heard a vehicle being driven away at speed. Nothing was in the van to steal. On August 25th/26th, power tools were stolen from a van which was parked on a driveway to a house in Button Oak. In the early hours of August 26th two mountain bike wheels worth £1000 were stolen from a bike attached to a van parked on the driveway of a bungalow in Rock. On August 25th/26th a chainsaw and some oil were stolen from a locked vehicle parked outside the owner's home in Far Forest. A shed was broken into at the Wyre Forest Visitors Centre at Callow Hill on August 26th/27th; nothing stolen. At a farm in Rock there was a failed attempt to enter a garage on August 26th/27th. During the afternoon or evening of August 29th a motorcycle, motorcycle parts, a petrol mower and a quad bike were stolen from outside a house in Clee Hill. On August 30th during the afternoon, a generator and a compressor were stolen from an unlocked stable block at a cottage in Oretton.

Between August 30th and September 1st, CCTV

equipment worth £2000 was damaged in the grounds of a house in Rock. A barn in Rock was broken into between August 29th and September 4th and power tools, non-power tools and a can of petrol stolen. A van parked in Tenbury Road, Clee Hill was broken into in the early hours of September 4th. Power tools and a radio were stolen. Another van parked in Hopton Wafers overnight on September 3rd/4th had the licence plates stolen. A large trailer and a road roller were the main items stolen when thieves broke into Clee Hill Plant Ltd sometime between September 3rd/5th. Overnight on September 3rd/4th pedal cycles and tools were stolen from a shed at a house in Stottesdon. Power tools were stolen from a van parked in front of a house in Betjeman Way, Cleobury Mortimer in the early hours of September 4th. The café at Wyre Forest Visitors Centre at Callow Hill was broken into overnight on September 8th/9th. Nothing was stolen. Between September 5th and 19th a mobile sales office was stolen from a site in Worcester Road, Burford. This, including office equipment inside, is worth £10000.

From time to time it has been reported in other areas that thieves have stolen vehicle keys when they have entered properties, and then stolen the vehicle. It's good practice to get into the habit of keeping vehicle keys in a safe place, not obvious to thieves, when they are not being used. Now that the nights are drawing in, it might be timely to remind parents of children who go out on bicycles to ensure that they have both front and rear lights which work at the very least. A cycle helmet and a 'hi-vis' jacket are other useful safety precautions that should be considered. Having said that, I've seen some adult cyclists who could benefit from a course on how to ride a bicycle safely and legally!!

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The winter 'thrushes' - fieldfares and redwings - arrive in Britain now, moving down from their northern homes in Scandinavia to an environment which is less harsh and can provide food for their survival. They can be seen eating berries such as rowan and holly in the forest, but fieldfares often seek out apples in orchards and all kinds of berried trees and shrubs such as pyracanth in gardens. Butterflies are partial to rotten fruit too, and we may see commas, peacocks and small tortoiseshells feeding on fallen apples this month.

The fruits of the season include fruiting bodies of various fungi. One that is known to many people is the shaggy ink cap or lawyer's wig. This favours grassland and can be eaten when newly sprouted and when the gills are still white - not that you'd want to eat it once it ripens into a dripping, inky mess (that is, when it's *deliquescing* - a wonderful word which I challenge you to work into your conversation!). Sadly this isn't the place to search for truffles as the soil is too acidic. I don't really like them but like the idea of wandering the woods with a pig on a lead, and success would bring some cash for me and a longer life for Nigel or Boris, currently destined to be sausages by the end of 2016.

The fallow bucks now have their new antlers fully-grown and have rubbed them free of the

velvet which encased them as they grew. They are also in peak condition and charged with testosterone, ready for the rut which peaks in the middle of the month. The bucks contest the right to mate with the females attracted to the rutting grounds by their deep, groaning calls, and the does stay in harems for about a month. The sounds of groaning and fighting are a rare but evocative sound of Wyre in the autumn, restricted these days to the more remote areas of the forest where disturbance is less likely.

If you visit the Callow Hill end of the forest look out for the autumn trail around the yellow route. If you're visiting Wyre or any other forest with children or are open to suggestions for some walk-enhancing activities you may like to have a look at the downloadable autumn activity ideas at [www.forestry.gov.uk](http://www.forestry.gov.uk). There are two fundraising events in the Wyre Forest this month: the Resolution Run on October 2<sup>nd</sup> to raise funds for the Stroke Association (see [stroke.org.uk/resolution](http://stroke.org.uk/resolution) for details); and Halloween Walks on 29<sup>th</sup> October at 4pm, 5.30pm and 7pm (for children) and 9pm for adults with the registration fees and sponsorship going to KEMP Hospice. Register online at [kemphospice.org.uk](http://kemphospice.org.uk) or contact Shelley on [events@kemphospice.org.uk](mailto:events@kemphospice.org.uk) or 01562 756077.

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## CLEOBURY W.I.

Our ever popular soup and pudding lunch is in the Market Hall on Thursday October 20th from 12.00 - 2.00pm. Cleobury WI have chosen to support the Youth Project this year in their fundraising.

At the September meeting we were told about the work of the Associated Country Women of the World. WI members are affiliated to the movement and many WIs collect "pennies for friendship" at their meetings to help provide much needed finance for projects which help women across the world. Cleobury WI have sent almost £50 this year. There was also an amazing display of Fair Trade goods for us to see and purchase, the biscuits are particularly good!

Next month is our AGM on October 11th at 7.30pm in the Market Hall, when we will choose photos for a 2017 calendar and bring and share a buffet. Anyone is welcome to join us, more information on Cleobury Mortimer WI's Facebook page, contact Judy Sant on 01299 270983 or email judysant10@gmail.com.

## CLEOBURY

### PATIENTS' VOICE

There's been talk about appointment booking at the medical centre. GPs' summer holidays led to a short-term reduction in available slots to book online at the end of August. A new voice message appeared, suggesting it would be helpful, when ringing for an appointment, to let the receptionist know a little about the reasons for wanting a consultation.

With home visits to conduct, a variety of specialised clinics, and telephone conversations as well as face-to-face consultations, the doctors have to try to organise their working day as efficiently as possible, and the receptionists – who are required to maintain patient confidentiality at all times – can help you to see the most appropriate doctor for your particular circumstances. If you would still really rather not outline the reasons for your call, you won't be refused an appointment, but it may not be the one best suited to your needs. As a patient group, we think this is a reasonable position for the practice to take.

We continue to discuss the matter with the practice in our monthly meetings, so do please get in touch if you don't agree.

October 8th sees the first 'Flu Clinic' of the season. This is a mass vaccination initiative, which sees hundreds being vaccinated in a single morning. With so many in attendance, it's something of a social occasion. For most, flu is a week-long illness from which a full recovery will be made. However, for the more vulnerable, such as pregnant women and the elderly, the complications of flu can be very damaging. Different strains of flu evolve and become more or less prominent from year to year, and a new vaccine must be developed every year. So if you are 65 or over, pregnant or a carer, please book with the Medical Centre beforehand and then come along between 8:30 and 12:00 on the day.

CPV meets at the Medical Centre every third Monday of the month at 6:30pm. We always welcome new members so if you would like to get involved please contact us: telephone 01299 407224, email [cleoburypatientsvoice@hotmail.com](mailto:cleoburypatientsvoice@hotmail.com).

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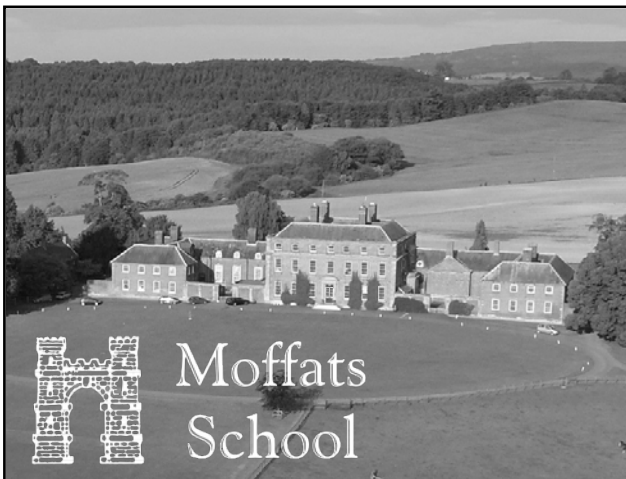
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Under the watchful eye of principal Ann-Marie Bard BChD (UK) GDC 71958 the young dentist was in the Talbot Square practice as part of his Foundation Training and “full of enthusiasm for the job,” recalls Marilyn.

“I had two teeth that had been filled and filled and filled and I was introduced as a patient to this young and very keen dentist.”

The integrity of the teeth had been seriously compromised over the years as they had been “patched up” and the remaining natural structures had become too small to effectively secure a long-term repair.

It was decision time for Marilyn: Did she invest in a long-term lifestyle solution with implants, or seek advice from Ann-Marie on alternative options?

A keen Cleobury Golf Club player, the retired Lloyds banker adds: “My teeth had done well . . . as a teenager I often didn’t look after them properly and I knew the time had come where I required some extensive dental work.”

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A lifestyle investment, she adds: “It’s lovely that I no longer have to put a prosthetic into my mouth.”

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Wed 26th	10.00	Coco Coffee Morning in the Market Hall		
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She must be the youngest stall holder at the Farmers' Market. A young lady who recently missed a couple of months as she worked for her GCSE exams. Did very well, too: two A Stars, six As and four Bs. She's now at sixth form college in Stourport,

but still finds time to bake batches of her cupcakes and bring them to our market.

She had no plans to lift what was a hobby to this semi-trader level, until her mum told her that nobody was selling cupcakes here in Cleobury's market: "All the people who'd been doing them were too busy," she explains.

As mum Kay was coming every month to sell the excellent meats that come from the Lickhill Meats family farm, it was too good a chance to miss. She's now a regular feature and does good business most months. And what happens if she brings in too many and is left with cakes unsold, we asked? "My family soon eat them," she smiles. "They could eat the whole batch."

She learned basic cooking with mum, browsed the internet to find other dishes to try and found cupcakes. "Pretty and eye-catching," she says, and the display confirms it. It's a colourful and tempting array

she offers and if you buy a few for the family, they come in a proper delicatessen style box.

I did just that, carrying the box home for my daughter in law and family to share. Grandad didn't get a look in on the feast and you'll have to accept the verdict that they were very yummy. Oh dear, I feel a regular expense looming.

The batches are cooked in the kitchen at home and put into storage to keep them fresh until the next market, when a selection is picked out. Always a variety on offer.

Does this talented thinker see a career in catering as the way to go? A diplomatic pause before she says "Maybe." Then admits that she's working towards a qualification in midwifery with her college work.

So this is a hobby that makes a little money, because at £1.50 each she's not heading for a fortune. But that's clearly not the way she was brought up; she enjoys what she does but has her feet firmly on the ground.

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*Kay Kightley*

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In September Mike Poultney had us listening and laughing as he told about his methods of composting. He only uses organic material and went on to detail his ingredients. These are chopped finely and kept in separate bags, then added to his compost according to the mix

required; these mixes are used for specific growing purposes. He also has composting hoppers on his allotment, made from pallets lined with white plastic.

It must be kept moist so the worms that are important for breaking down the contents are happy. He has three bins to enable transfer from one to the other as it is important to turn the compost and ensure there are plenty of worms, if there are not enough worms he suggests adding some.

Mike is a member of many gardening and horticultural societies, giving demonstrations and talks around the country. He spends most of his time gardening and tending his compost, experimenting with mixes to suit the things he is growing. He is also involved with his local school, where he has of course got them composting and has set up raised beds and an orchard. The gardening club has a waiting list and we could understand why, he is just so enthusiastic and makes you really want to get on with the task.

*Liz Smurthwaite*

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## THE YARNERS



*Debbie Buzzard (left) with her mermaid blanket and Yarners organiser Janice Lockett.*

I'll admit my ignorance. I'd never heard of a mermaid blanket until I talked to the Yarners. They're a group who meet in the Market Hall every Thursday to knit, crochet or maybe tackle any form of using yarn to make gifts or stuff to use at home.

Debbie Buzzard made this mermaid blanket, one of three she's producing for grand children. Our picture doesn't show the multi-coloured effect, but you can see the gathering

that forms the mermaid tail and the blanket to wrap around a child as they dream of living a life in the depths of the ocean.

It took Debbie about two weeks of part time work, whenever she could find a few minutes. Time well spent for such an unusual gift.

Janice Lockett is the group organiser and welcomes enquiries from anyone who would like to try their hand at such work. The great advantage of such a body is the experience and knowledge you can draw on before you make too many mistakes. That could save you both time and money.

The cost is just £4.00 for two hours and that includes tea and biscuits as well as all that free help and advice. Janice is on 07970 568 448.

### A VERY SPECIAL LADY

Ellie Targett is coming to the Market Hall on November 10th. She'll be talking about her father, who fought the Germans as a member of the resistance in Norway in the 1939-45 World War and wrote a book about it: "Another Man's Shoes."

Ellie worked for BBC Radio in this area for eight years and four years ago saw a picture of a dreadfully abused child that

changed her life. This little girl, called Honour, could not speak or walk. She has AIDS and is only about ten years old.

Ellie is a great supporter of the Teddy Trust, who sent Honour a teddy bear that she carries everywhere, even to hospital. Last year Teddy Trust sent 20,000 teddies to children all over the world and so far this year it's 13,000 sent.

When Ellie Targett talks, it will be about Teddy Trust, as well as her father. And if anyone wants to bring teddy bears to donate to the cause, they will all be very welcome.

The talk starts at 2.30 and is expected to last until about 4.00. Admission is free, but donations to help the Teddy charity will naturally be appreciated. You can Google Teddy Trust or try the name on Facebook to find out more. But a live speaker with a good story will be more interesting. If you plan to come, please call CM 270713 or 07976 307889 so that the organisers have an idea of the number to cater for with the teas, squash and biscuits.

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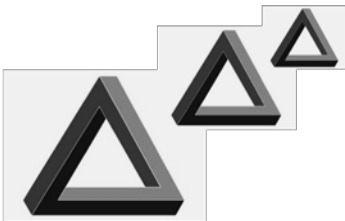
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## CLEOBURY PLAYERS LOOK TO THE FUTURE

Cleobury Players is heading for middle age at about 40 years old. That's not to suggest that it's unfit in any way, because at 40 you've learned quite a bit and can be in good physical shape.

It's just that 40 or thereabouts is the time when you wonder if you should be changing direction before you are too old to do it. And Cleobury Players have shown time and again that they can handle almost anything in the way of drama, from the belly laughs of comedy to tear jerkers that offend some and make others wish they'd known better how to handle some nasty situation. It's what amateur dramatics at its best should do - it makes you stop and think.

The group's reputation for entertainment may be the reason why they're short of people to get out there on stage. "We've got lots of backstage people, but there's a lack of stage bodies," as chair Annabel Gemmill puts it. Are people who've seen their presentations left feeling that they couldn't measure up to that standard? But didn't all the actors start at point zero sometime?



*Annabel Gemmill, chair of the Players, will be hosting readings at her home to encourage new blood.*

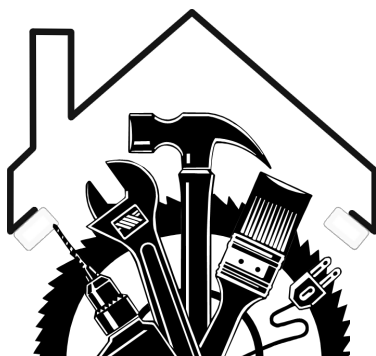
Annabel recognises the problem and is planning a new approach to tempt more people to try a simple reading as an introduction. She'll host the first at her home in Larks Rise on October 12th, starting at 8.00. "There is a strong social element with the Players," she explains. "So there will be wine and refreshments provided. We'll be reading whatever people want to try: one act plays, monologues, just come along and try." She's asking the established membership for their ideas about what they can be doing to encourage people who may never have thought of

themselves as actor material to just try reading or taking a small part in a production to see how it works. With so much experience to back up the novice, it's a good way to find out if you can do it.

Annabel herself has been a member for about ten years and has worked with all age groups in that time. The Players will take on anyone over the age of 16; not that they're against children, just that involving younger children brings in another layer of responsibility and the inevitable bureaucracy.

"We could possibly do a small scale production and if it works, scale it up to do a bigger event. With small scale you can go out to other centres, so long as you don't need a big stage set." Cleobury Travelling Players, perhaps? They are looking at small halls in which to perform, the bigger scale like Lacon Childe being used for their major events that require stage settings and rehearsals in that surrounding.

Annabel is looking and listening, with an open mind on the future. When she announces their next production, would you like to be part of it? Give her a call on CM 270666 and have a chat.



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## THE BORDERS CLASSIC BIKE SHOW

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The weather was not kind on Saturday and rain certainly affected play. But on Sunday the morning brought sunshine and a good crowd rode in. The school PTA proved equal to the task of feeding the horde and they found a display of about 80 widely varied motorcycles to examine.



*Grass track and speedway bikes always attract attention, with their spindly appearance and amazing acceleration.*

There were some rarities to savour, one downright scary ice racer from Eastern Europe, its spiked tyres keeping curious little fingers at bay with steel tubular guards. Across the hall

was a Czechoslovakian CZ racer from 1955, its streamlining a beautiful example of the panel beater's craft. And in the central display Brian Glover offered a 1964 Bianchi with its fairing removed so that the detail work was visible; typically Italian, every part was a work of engineering art. Behind it was Brian's 500cc Benelli four cylinder racer and to cap it off he presented a three-cylinder Honda that started life as a two cylinder model and had another grafted on.

In the second hall stood a graceful Derby built Silk, 636cc of two-stroke roadster that Pauline Dawson admitted she spent her retirement lump sum on when she finally quit nursing. "Got the cheque Friday, spent it on the bike Sunday," she grinned. Husband Phil showed off a very rare 750cc Matchless, the first of its kind I've ever seen.

From North Wales came the British Motorcycle Preservation Society, Monty proudly telling people about his 1951 500cc Triumph Trophy that has been ridden through two International Six Days Trials, it's been raced and it's been ridden to work. The mileage so far is

337,000 miles covered, and that is not a misprint. "Just look after them and change the oil and they'll do the miles," he smiled.



*Everybody wanted to take Brian Glover's 350cc Bianchi racer home.*

At 1.30 on Sunday there was a stirring as a selection of bikes was wheeled outside and lined up for the Fruity Fire-Up. The deep bellow of the Bianchi took the verdict to win the She Would Appreciate That Sound award in Valerie Reynolds' memory.

Guest of Honour was sidecar champion Mick Boddice, who talked about days working in the BSA factory and racing every weekend. An entertaining man, his final talk spoiled when the PA system gave up. Mick helped move the trophies to the front of the stage and the finale of the weekend was conducted at a shout. Lots of people went home smiling and when the sums were done the PTA made £3500.

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There's a secondary trade going on between stall holders, like Rupert Bennett supplying his rape seed oil to Rhian Gurney of Magpie Hill Soaps for an experimental batch. Too early to say how well it works, but the quality of the oil obviously appealed to Rhian. We'll let you know when she tells us if it's a realistic proposition or not. What we can tell you is that any of her blends that involve honey use one bought from Angela at Shroppie Sheep, who is almost a neighbour up there on Titterstone Clee.

A very sensible control that manager Clare Todd exercises is to avoid traders clashing. There can be nothing worse for a new stall holder than to arrive at a

small event and find someone else is selling almost the same thing. It's inevitable in big places that you'll have an overlap, because big operations need to sell all the space they can, but at small local events common sense can rule and traders do better.

Just an aside to confirm that point. In a past life I ran the Classic Village at the NEC Motor Cycle Show, and if there were two people selling similar stuff I kept them well apart; it worked. When the organisers decided to use their staff to run every section of the show, I talked to two traders offering protective ear plugs. They had no trade connection, just rivalry, but their stall were side by side. They did not look happy.

Obviously the market is run with the consent and cooperation of the clergy, while the Parish Council supported the venture with space and a storage shed behind the Market Hall. Any profits made - and at £10 a stall there is a little to show for all this effort - goes to the church, who also have volunteers serving tea, biscuits and cake to make a little extra for the good cause.

Traders do come and go, that's the nature of the business, but there is a strong core who come every month and accept that the takings can vary with the season and the weather. That £10 rental is a very low one, compared with such levels as £25 not very far away.

Charities and new local businesses are welcome to come and try the experience at no charge for one event. It encourages people to take a regular booking and the more variety we offer the local shoppers, the more they will come.

There's an addition to the offering with a small number of stalls in the Market Hall. Marion Wilson and her home made produce is a regular there, her fruit cakes and jams always a temptation.

The whole event, which opens its doors to the public at 9.30, is a friendly place to visit. And some of the food you can buy is really good; my regular sausage supplier is Good Game, met at the market.

If you haven't been, you've missed a gentle social occasion and a pretty good place to shop for something a little different from the usual. Try it.

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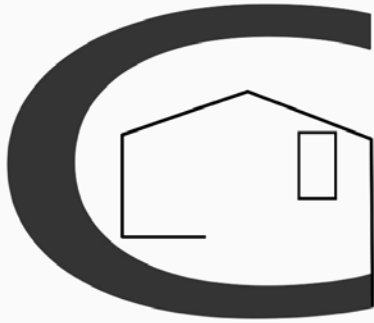
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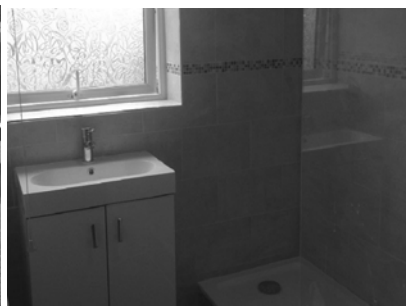
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