

The Cleobury Clarion

SEPTEMBER 2012

HER MAJESTY MOUSE PARACHUTES IN



After stunning the country with her parachute jump into the Olympics Opening Night, Her Majesty had one remaining call. It was on the Severn Hospice Charity Shop in High Street, Cleobury Mortimer, where she joined all the Olympic Mice who had won Gold Medals. Even Lord Coe Mouse was there.

It was all the idea of Gayna Woodland and the skilled hands of Myfanwy Baldwin, who are both polite and mouse-trained, of course.

LACON SUPREME CHILDE

Lacon Childe School just keeps on hitting the high spots. The students' GCSE results were published on August 23rd and once more they are a long way above the national average.

The most common figure for comparison of performance is the pass rate with five or more in the A* to C grades. Our school achieved 77 percent, to put it a long way ahead of others in the area.

Head teacher Alan Gilhooley modestly said: "Our pupils never fail to surprise us with the standard of their results. They are outstanding, and show that hard work by pupils and staff helps to achieve beyond expectations."

What we should all recognise is that we have an outstanding school in our community. One we should be proud of, where the head leads a team of devoted professionals prepared to give more than the average to their jobs. That's where success comes from - from devotion.

THE CLEOBURY FRINGE IS BACK

It's becoming a recognised part of the September social scene. The Cleobury Fringe has been cut a bit shorter this year, to concentrate on events in and around the town. With a lot to entertain you as the children return to school and the pace of life quickens with people back from holidays, busy getting on with life.

It features the well established events, like the Beer and Brass and the Classic Bike Show, plus some new ideas. Like a full evening of entertainment after the Brass have left the Rectory Field, antiques guru John Carter offering valuations of family heirlooms and oddments, a new range of walks across into the Wyre Forest are launched and the final Saturday night will see a professional team offer a dazzling firework display before Comedy Night at the KA rounds the whole thing up. Just go out and enjoy.

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TWO MORE TITLES FROM OUR LOCAL PUBLISHER

The other side of Baldwin's Book Shop, M & M Baldwin Publishers, have two new titles just out:

BLETCHLEY PARK: an inmate's story, by James Thirsk £9.50: The author worked at the famous code-breaking centre from 1942 to 1945, as a 'traffic analyst' interpreting the logged radio traffic from German military radio units.

One of his colleagues, the well-known historian Professor Asa Briggs, says 'Excellent - the kind of history I am trying to write myself.'

HAROLD 'DOC' KEEN & THE BLETCHLEY PARK BOMBE, by John Keen. £6.00: 2012 is the centenary of the birth of Alan Turing, the leading Enigma codebreaker at Bletchley Park. What must not be forgotten was the enormous contribution made by Harold Keen, who converted

Alan Turing's brilliant ideas into a working codebreaking machine - the Bombe. This book is by Harold's son, who has inherited his father's wartime notebooks, and is thus uniquely placed to tell the story of the building of the Bombe.

This is a revised edition of a book we first published in 2003.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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SEVERN HOSPICE CRAFT CLUB ON THE MOVE

Following a successful six months of meeting in the Hospice Shop, the Craft Club will be moving to St Mary's Place, opposite Lacon Childe School, from September 4th. The larger room and comfy chairs will enable people to sit and chat whilst crafting, and also offer room to welcome additional members.

Whether you craft already or would like to learn a new skill, please come along on a Tuesday evening between 7.00 and 9.00 and help make a difference for the Severn Hospice. Items the Craft Club have made are now on sale in our Crafty Corner in the Hospice Shop on High Street, along with crafting supplies. If you don't see what you want please ask and we will try to help you.

Catherine Evans

AN 'INTENTS' MYSTERY

Do you know who delivered a large tent to Knowle Sportsground recently? Audrey Taylor, fund raiser supreme, was happy with the generous gift, but when she opened it up she found there were no tent poles.

Was it you who dropped it off, or do you know who it was? If you can help, please contact Audrey on 01584 890644.

STOTTESDON & DISTRICT WI

August was a 'hands-on' evening, led by rag-rug expert Sandra Shakespeare. An opportunity to learn a little of the history of this craft, which has traditionally brightened the homes of working people by utilising everyday fabrics long before the word 'recycling' was coined. Sandra incorporates a wealth of colour and texture from discarded tee shirts and woollies to velvet and satin scraps, even including plastic bags and tinsel, depending on her design. Working on to hessian backing, the piece grows quickly, and we all came away with a colourful medallion sampler.

We were very grateful to Sandra for this, as she is busy planning a new phase in her career, demonstrating her craft in Kidderminster's long awaited Carpet Museum. This is the culmination of decades of work for local conservationists and textile historians, opening to the public on 20th October.

But first, another date for the diary: our own Show and evening of WI Memorabilia, to which we welcome former members to join us in sharing memories of the early days, some going back to the 1950's.

Come and join us at Chorley Village Hall on Wednesday 19th September at 7.30 pm for a delightful evening.

Marian Wootton

FROM THE LIBRARY

The library has been a hive of activity with the launch of the Summer Reading Challenge. Thank you to author Eddie Sayers who came and read short stories he had written to the children who attended. We have broken our record at the library for children signing up this year, and I am pleased to say we have already met the 100% pass rate set last year with time to spare.

We have a party planned for those who complete the six books in six weeks, where they will collect medals and certificates, with a special guest booked to make things exciting.

I have had enquiries about the Adult Creative Writing Group that will run monthly, aimed at beginners with an interest in learning some basic techniques to get you started on the road to your first 'block buster'. Please contact the library if you would like to be involved.

'Speaker of The Month' will be starting soon with a range of interesting subject matters lined up. I am collecting a data base of willing individuals who would like to speak. *Victoria Alexander*

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HOW GENEROUS ARE THE PEOPLE OF CLEOBURY MORTIMER?

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Add to this all the donations given to the youth and elderly of the town through pub games leagues, various cancer charities, Christian Aid week. The list goes on and this is at a time of cut backs and financial difficulty for many. The donors to our project include individuals, companies and organisations including the Shropshire Historic Churches Trust and the Friends of St Mary's

With all this fund raising going on, St Mary's PCC want to say a great big 'Thank You' for your support in helping raise the extra money to complete the lighting work in your Parish Church.

Not only a thank you, but also an invitation to join us at a short evening 'Service of Light' at 6.30 pm on Sunday September 16th, to celebrate the completion of the work and see the new lights in action. We hope to see you there.

*Roger Skelhorn
St Mary's PCC*

FUN NIGHT COMING

Early notice of a Fun Night with a difference, in Kinlet Village Hall on October 6th.

It's raising funds for the RSPCA 's Kidderminster branch and will be to the music of the Ryan and Taylor Duo, with a buffet included in the ticket

price of £10.00. Naturally, to help the evening along, there will be a bar. It starts at 8.00 and rounds off at 11.30.

Tickets are on sale now, from Anne Himsley at Country Cats on 01299 841270 or Trish on 01562 861628.

AND A FUN DAY...

This month there's a Fun Day at Clows Top Victory Hall on Sunday, September 16th. It's a charity event, run by the Toddler Group, and raising money for the Acorns Childrens Hospice and the group itself.

Doors open at 11.00 and it runs on until 2.00, Fun Races, Toy Stall, Barbecue, Stalls, Bouncy Castle and that old favourite, Face Painting. Entry is free, too. Sounds like a great day out for the children and it doesn't keep them out late.

STOTTESDON AND CHORLEY GARDENS SUCCESS

The Open Gardens Weekend was working to raise money for the National Gardens Scheme's charities. The monies raised go into a central pot and are then passed on to a number of bodies, including MacMillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie Cancer Care, Help the Hospices, the National Trust and others. Over the last decade the NGS has raised over £22 million!

The contribution from the recent Stottie Weekend was an impressive £2,151. Congratulations to all involved.

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DIVE FOR KEMP HOSPICE

Alex Wood is determined to raise some funds for the highly rated Kemp Hospice. Her mum, Linda Knott, spends days at the Kidderminster branch and the family are full of praise for the care they find there.

So Alex is doing something different to raise some money for this great cause. This month she and work colleague Jo Neath are making a ten thousand feet freefall tandem skydive and are naturally looking for sponsorship.

Alex's dad Steve Knott says he'll persuade Lesley at Cleobury News to put out a collecting box, so you can slip a note into that, or a cheque payable to Kemp Hospice. Alex herself can tell you more about the place, the care they give and how to contribute to the fund. She's on 01584 810245.

And she's never done a parachute dive before. The very best of luck, Alex.

THE HISTORY SOCIETY

Are you interested in local history? Enjoy detective work? Want to help build a picture of the fascinating past of Cleobury Mortimer and district? The History Society resumes its meetings on Wednesday September 5th, 7.30pm, in Neen Savage Parish Hall. If you want to find out more about what the Society does, come along and join in – you will be made very welcome.

Robert Hodge

BIG COFFEE MORNING

Sally Andrews extends an invitation to the Coffee Morning she's organising on Saturday the 22nd, in support of the Macmillan Cancer Support Group's 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning.'

It will be in the Parish Hall in Church Street, from 11.00 to 1.00, a handy place to take a break from the weekend shopping.

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CLOWS TOP GARDENING CLUB

At the July meeting speaker, David Cropp, gave a talk on 'Gardening For Climate Change,' interacting with the audience for a light hearted chat with no slides.

As gardeners we need to change our gardening habits, and adjust seasonal patterns to the time of the current growing year. Seasons don't always conform to a rigid timetable. Plants themselves seem to be adapting better than us gardeners. There were lots of hints and tips on defensive gardening. The evening was a great success with everyone thoroughly enjoying the talk.

Pauline Bowen

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION ANNUAL HARVEST AUCTION

On September 14th, Chairman Jim Hulme will conduct the Annual Auction of Harvest Produce in The Bell Inn, Lower Street, Cleobury Mortimer. Donations of goods for sale are welcomed – please contact Jim on 01299 270261 or Roger Gittins at The Bell on 01299 270305. Goods of all types are welcomed, not just seasonal produce. Even if you can't donate anything, do come along and bid! The auction starts at 8.00 pm, and if past years are anything to go by, there will be an excellent range of fruit, vegetables, cakes, flowers, wine and many other bargains! Proceeds from the auction will go to Branch Funds.

After the auction, the Branch's next events will be a visit to SS Great Britain in Bristol on October 3rd. *Mark Baldwin*

NIGHTINGALE NURSING FUND MEETING

Rosemary Abbis explains:

There will be a meeting of the Nightingale Nursing Fund at the Sports & Social Club on Sunday September 2nd at 7.45 p.m.

This is to sign the accounts off for the financial year 2011/2012; the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer positions will also be due for election. The meeting is an open one and anyone interested is welcome to come along and discuss future fund raising etc. It is a very informal gathering even though it is essential that the meeting is held.

The fund pays for nursing care in the home at times of medical crisis. Care is accessed through the District Nurses and nurses are from a reputable agency, due to the need for insurance.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Rosemary

THANK YOU

Hazel Morrell would like to thank Neville Weaver and an unknown lady and gentleman who came to her aid when she had a nasty fall in the Tenbury Road. All three were truly "Good Samaritans."

THE CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES

Jenny Vanderhook looks back at the joy of giving and forward to helping more children:

What a wonderful opportunity it was to go to Kyrgyzstan last March and actually give out shoe boxes from England. On our travels we saw the national cycling team from Kazakhstan practising for the Olympics as we drove alongside Lake Issy-Kul. That day we went up into the beautiful mountains and gave out shoe boxes to disabled children. It was very moving.

Please will you fill one or more boxes for this Christmas's appeal? Covered boxes will be in St. Mary's from the middle of September, along with the leaflet giving suggestions of what you can put in them. If you would prefer, just buy some soap, flannels, toothbrushes or toothpaste and we will pack them for you. The third way you can be part of this is to sponsor a box. Each box has to have a £2.50 minimum donation to help forward transport costs. This money can be given to me at any time, or handed in to the Book Shop from October onwards.

Thank you so much for your continued support.

Jenny Vanderhook and Myfanwy Baldwin.

THE BELLS, THE BELLS

The bells of Saint Mary's will be ringing on the afternoon of Monday September 17th, from 3.00 to 4.00 when a team of Devon Call Change Ringers are coming to Cleobury.

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IT'S FLU JAB TIME

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FAREWELL, OLD FRIENDS

Timmis's Hardware Store has graced Bewdley's Load Street for 150 years, always as a family concern. But on September 15th it will close down and a new proprietor will move in with a business that Guy Timmis is pledged not to reveal at this time. That sounds rather like a guessing game to keep old customers on their toes.

We'll miss the shop that seemed to have everything you needed for the home. From

enquiring about an individual house sign to buying a single masonry drill bit, they had it and served you with a smile and any advice you needed.

THE FIGHTING COCKS

WINS AGAIN

There must be something special in the water at Stottesdon. After the success of the Open Gardens Weekend, we hear that the Fighting Cocks has won the Campaign For Real Ale Telford and East Shropshire Region's Pub of the Year 2012 and Rural Pub of the Year as well.

They went on to take the CAMRA Marches District Pub of the Year, which puts them in the final of the West Midlands competition. And when a BBC Radio Shropshire programme questioned if there's a future for the village pub, a CAMRA member called in to tell them that if they're like The Cocks there definitely is a future!



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The Far Forest Show - Another Resounding Success

This is a veteran amongst shows, its roots going back to 1902 and local people wanting to show off their garden produce. It's grown a great deal since then and the organising Far Forest Society own the site that bounds the A456.

The morning of this year's event proved its reputation, with a heavy shower that would hit most outdoor gatherings hard. But the car parks were almost full by then.

More vehicles than ever covered a large area and our eye was caught by a rare Daimler Dart sports car from 1961. Owner Maurice Cole explained: "I've got two V8s, this and a Rolls, plus a V12 Jaguar and this is by far the smoothest." He fired it up and it soon settled to a murmur of a tickover. The intricate curves of the fibreglass body told a lot about Daimler's expertise with a new material when the car was launched.



Maurice Cole's lovely Daimler Dart drew attention all day.

Nearby was a totally different Daimler product, a Ferret armoured car dating from 1964. Four tons of steel clad aggression, it leads a quiet life since Mick Salter restored it and uses it as a fund raising draw. In 2011 Mick and Ferret earned £2,100 for the British Legion's

Poppy Appeal. Curiosity made us ask just how fast it could go. "About 65mph, but a realistic cruising speed is about 45," said Mick.



Mick Salter was busy all day talking about his very different Daimler 'Ferret' armoured car.



Couldn't resist a picture of the traditional way of picnicking.

Produce was naturally a feature, in the marquee where the local W.I. worked wonders feeding a constant demand for tea, sandwiches and cake. And nearby the Food Hall tempted appetites and wallets with a huge range of mainly local products. I can personally recommend the wonderfully

named Scrumptiddlyumptious Cakes from Bewdley. Oh well, the diet can wait another day...

Outside the Dog Show judges were busy and Marcy Hutchinson of Cleobury was rightly proud that she and Elmer had taken the Most Like the Owner prize. Mind you, she did put on a pug mask for the occasion.



Not at all alike when she takes off the pug mask. Marcy and Elmer.

Catering for the children were an inflatable Crooked Cottage and 50cc quads for youngsters to drive around at very limited speeds. Great fun.



The bad weather turned to sunshine and everyone smiled. The Far Forest Show is one of the very best value-for-money outings.

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FOREST PIGS FIND MORE SUCCESS

Jeremy and Sally Levell's 'Forest Pig Charcuterie' goes from strength to strength. They entered this year's Great Taste competition, organised by the Guild of Fine Food, with their range of pork products from pigs they rear and nurture within the bounds of the Wyre Forest. It was an ambitious idea, with over 8,000 products facing no less than 300 judges. 300 judges!

These are two people with young children to bring up, quite separate careers to pursue and a total belief in quality food. That dedication paid off in one of the toughest judging climates - two products got Two Star ratings and two others were awarded One Star each.

You can try the Forest Pig experience for yourself at Carrot Tops.

THE FRIENDS OF SAINT MARY'S CHURCH

The Cleobury Mortimer Garden Trail was our August event, held jointly with The Shropshire Historic Churches Trust. Eight gardens around Cleobury were open for visitors. Our thanks to all those who opened their gardens for us to enjoy and raise about £600 to be shared with the Churches Trust.

The Friends' next event is on September 26th at Mawley Hall, our Equinoctial Supper with guest speaker Eleanor Oldroyd of Radio Five Live. Eleanor, who used to live in Cleobury, will be telling us about her experiences reporting on The Olympic Games from Australia to Great Britain via Beijing.

Tickets for the supper, 7pm for 7.30, are £17.50 each to include welcoming drink, buffet supper with wine, choice of sweets and coffee. Tickets available from Cleobury News, Cleobury Pharmacy, Spire Hairdressing or members of the committee. Numbers are limited.

Alec Osbaldiston

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Organiser Pat Smith is standing down from her position in the Voluntary Car Scheme, after five years of excellent service. "The time has come to hand over to someone younger and fitter than me," she says.

"I will still be in place until the end of October to assist the new person, as this is such an invaluable scheme for local residents. I want to ensure that things continue to run smoothly."

If you want to really make an effective contribution, have a word with Pat on CM 270833 or 270592. You'll make a difference in the community and a lot of grateful friends along the way.

FOCUS ON YOUTH

Fantastic time had by all.

"Amazing, inspirational, like a family, wonderful friendship." Just some of the words our youth leader Ayesha used to describe the recent "Soul Survivor Festival" event.

Following a busy year and the successful fundraising abseiling event in April, 23 members and volunteers of St Mary's Youth Project were able to attend the Christian Festival in the West Country this August.

The festivals attract over 28,000 young people and young adults at the various summer events it organises in this

country. These are aimed at Christian young people, giving them the opportunity to enjoy a huge event, gain inspiration and worship God through music. Twice daily meetings in "The Big Tent" bring everyone together. There are also many cafes and meeting places, craft classes plus gigs where the young can demonstrate their musical talents. Young people of all Christian faiths attend, mostly camping within the venue.

The festival is a great place to meet people and make new friends. SMYP attend every year, however for the first time our leader Mark was unable to attend the entire event because his wife Bev gave birth to their first child just before Congratulations to them both on the safe arrival of Taylor Grace - the three of them managed to attend the event for the last two days.

Sarah Wilde

CLEOBURY W.I.

August saw us in the Parish Hall for the President's Garden Party, as our usual idyllic spot had been flooded badly a few weeks before. As usual members sat down to a delightful spread; it gives everyone a chance to show off their cooking skills.

Flowers and plants were the theme of the raffle and several delighted members went home with a floral prize.

Our next meeting will be on September 11th, when Mrs Davies will talk about the beautiful bulb fields of Holland.

Liz Smurthwaite.

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A SEPTEMBER VACCINATION AMNESTY FOR CATS AND DOGS

Jeremy is in a very good mood, with the weather forecast to improve and his wedding fast approaching.

Maybe it is a little late to be asking this, but are you ready for summer? Yes, September is set to be a much nicer month than August! This is all my fault, I'm afraid. At great expense we have ordered a lovely month for you all and we shall be very upset if the supplier fails to deliver it on time. I, of course, have a personal interest in the weather drying up just a little more than it has already as we need the field for our wedding marquee to dry out so we don't all sink. Fingers crossed!

So, hopefully with the weather improving, we will all manage to get away a little more, and this may mean that your pets may need to go into kennels or cattery. Now you need to ask yourself 'Are their Vaccinations up to date?'

Yes? Great! All you need to do is sit back and relax, marvelling in your own organisational ability.

No? Not a problem. We can help. Throughout September, together with our vaccination supplier, we are offering a Vaccination Amnesty Month. If your pet has missed a booster vaccination, and you were holding off restarting the vaccines, now is the time to get them booked in. For September only we can offer you a whole re-vaccination course for the price of a booster. This would include 2 vaccinations at a set interval for the price of your usual annual booster.

It may be that he/she does not even need to restart vaccinations completely. There is a certain amount of leeway in the vaccination schedule, and we will not recommend anything for your pet that is not absolutely required in our opinion.

The offer extends only to dogs and cats, and will run through the month of September, so get booked in fast for your appointment. As with any vaccination, it is not just an injection, you get a ten minute appointment with one of our friendly vets, your pet will receive a full clinical examination and health check, and, of course we will answer any questions you may have about their health or care.

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In summary, September is busy! Hopefully the weather will be better, I am getting married, and Severn Edge are running a vaccination amnesty. For more information, please don't hesitate to pick up the phone, or pop in to one of our branches.

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Since then the whole school has taken part in planting flowers and vegetables, making full use of the greenhouse and the new raised beds. The Reception children planted spring bulbs and the rest of the school were allocated a raised bed per year group,

planting cabbages, beans, radishes, etc. The Head Gardeners from each year group have enjoyed tending to the beds and watering them during the occasional sunny spell.

Recently, parent Mrs Evans, who has been overseeing the gardening, entered Bayton into the Cleobury in Bloom Primary Schools' Competition and I am pleased to say that we came first! A very big thank you to Mrs Evans and our Gardening Team for all their hard work.

Sarah Brown

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The six week academic holiday is proving to be a fairly busy one for Little Learners Holiday Club as well as the nursery. Traditionally the holiday was to allow children to work in the fields to gather the harvest grown by local farmers. In the days of health and safety awareness children are being warned about dangers on farms with all the large mechanical equipment and high tech mechanisms.

The nursery however recognises a need for the outdoor life and awareness of risk in outdoor play. Children are generally not experiencing enough of the values of outdoor adventure and prefer to get them from the virtual world on computers and gaming machines. Although the nursery has information technology access for all children, we also give them the opportunity to explore Mother Nature and discover what she has to offer, from which they gain knowledge and pleasure.

During the holidays children have been taken to a local fruit farm to pick their own strawberries. Not only have they learnt how strawberries are grown, they also see how important it is to work as a team to pick the

fruit needed for their snack on return to the nursery. They then see that freshly picked fruit has qualities above that sat in punnets on supermarket shelves for a few days.

Water play was also enjoyed during the first week which gave us the hot weather. Risk assessment was explained to the children regarding water and sun safety and slipping hazards. I'm sure children learn from experience rather than lectures, especially when younger, therefore if a child slips on wet grass after being told about slip risk the information is reinforced and learnt. I am thankful that the government are now recognising that risk assessments must not inhibit learning opportunities, as putting our children completely in cotton wool will do nothing for their future learning. However, I am aware that more dangerous or unnecessary risk would be fool hardy too!

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Happenings on High Street

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Cllr Betty Davies on the newly installed Diamond Jubilee seat outside the Parish Church.

Campaigning to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, Councillor Betty Davies saw an ideal opportunity with the need to replace a broken bench outside the Parish Church. It's a popular spot to take a rest or just take in the busy street scene while enjoying the sunshine.

She presented the idea to the Council and it was readily accepted. In July Roger Price of Country Skills was commissioned to instal a fine teak bench from Cyan of

Coulsdon in Surrey, suitably engraved across the back stretcher. "I just thought we should do something special for the Jubilee," explained Cllr Davies. And so they did - it's a quality addition to the town's main street.

THE MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

The Cleobury branch of Macmillan Cancer Support is holding part of the Biggest Coffee Morning in the World on Friday the 28th of this month. In the Market Hall, from 10.00 to 12.00. This is one of those causes we should all do our best to support; they are a truly wonderful charity.

THANK YOU

Ken Davies had a bad experience made good by local people:

My sincere thanks to all those kind people who came to my aid when I fell down in the High Street on Saturday, August 4th.

Especially Vicki Alexander, who was very helpful.

Ken Davies

TALBOT SQUARE'S NEW SHOP

The Talbot Square shop that's recently been used as an office for EZ Solar is no longer empty. Wade Davies, whose big Transit van is a familiar sight around the area as he goes about his carpet business, is taking over and will

have a showroom there. Another local business that is growing.

But it looks as though next door Cobbler's Corner is closing down, as the shoe repair machinery has been up for sale and the fixtures were being moved out at the end of August.

At the last count that makes three empty business premises in the main shopping areas of the town. Compared with some other towns with rows of shops unoccupied, Cleobury Mortimer seems to be surviving this recession quite well. Full credit to the shopkeepers who keep their doors open and the town alive. They deserve our support.

THE CHURCH'S NEW LIGHTS

An appeal by Rector Ashley Buck for donations to cover the cost of new wiring and lights in the Parish Church was a great success and the work is well under way.

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Star of the Small Ads - The Iron Lady



Jean in the crowded ironing room that doubles as her office. That friendly face isn't exactly in the Iron Lady image, is it?

Jean Basham quit her job as Head of Laundry at the Manor House in 2005, as that once proud building began its sad decline. She wanted another job in the care business ("I loved that job," she explains) but the posts advertised were for drivers and that's something she doesn't do. Then daughter Claire suggested she should start an ironing service.

Aware that running a business from a council owned property can be complicated, she wrote to the South Shropshire Housing Association asking for their agreement. "It was much easier than I expected," she

says with a smile. "The only condition they laid down was that I couldn't have a sign outside." She was in business and hasn't looked back since.

From the beginning she's offered more than ironing, with washing and small repairs also on offer. "Shortening jeans is the most common job, but if I'm ironing and there's a button missing I'll sew one on as part of the service."

There's no commercial plant used here, just two washing machines and a Morphy Richards electric iron upstairs in the ironing room cum office. "I won't use a tumble dryer, I don't think they're very good for the clothes," she says. "I like to dry them outside." Still using a hand iron? "I've got a rotary iron somebody gave me - it's in the loft."

This is not an expensive service from somebody with a lot of experience and developed skill. "Five pounds for a load of washing and seven pounds an hour for ironing. I haven't put my prices up for four years and I don't want to, the way things are right now."

You can see why she's busy, working about 40 flexible hours a week: "If somebody wants a job urgently, I'll be up at six in

the morning to get it done on time, or I'll work until eight at night if needed." She quotes the example of a customer bringing a suitcase of clothes needing ironing before they went on holiday. "I got it done somehow."

It can be lonely work, her and the Morphy Richards pressing their way through stacks of clothes. Doesn't she ever get tired of it? "No, I really do like it. I can do a lot of thinking when I'm ironing; I don't have the telly on, because you have to concentrate when you're working."

She has customers from as far as Orleton, Ashford Carbonnel and Bagginswood, who know her through the Clarion or by personal recommendation. So does she ever think about taking on someone to help her with the load? "No," she says firmly. "I don't think I could get anyone to do it to my standard. And I know customers' clothing - what belongs to who."

What would she like to make the job easier? She thinks a while, then "I'd like the weather to be better so I could dry the washing outside." That is all she asks - her skill and high standards need no more.

Special Notice - The October Clarion

There is an early deadline for the October Clarion - September 15th.

This early because the editor has to go into hospital for an operation in mid September and will be in recovery at the time he would normally be putting the next issue together. Will all correspondents

please note this date. No exceptions.

Entries for the Social Calendar should be here by the 12th. Sorry, but we will not be taking new advertisers until the November issue.

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Letter from Westminster - Philip Dunne MP

With the spectacular success of the London 2012 Olympics now behind us and the Paralympics under way, it has been a joy to see the country unite behind the remarkable achievements of both Team GB and what has been widely admired as the most successfully organised Olympic Games of recent times. It has also made a refreshing change to read positive stories in the media this summer.

This has been a great year and Britain has been a great place to be during the Queen's Jubilee and London 2012. We have presented the country to the world combining all that is best about the traditional and contemporary society in which we live.

This has certainly been true in Shropshire which put on a remarkable pageant for Her Majesty and where thousands turned out to witness the Torch Relay. But we have also shown that we can deliver major infrastructure on time and within budget. This bodes well for securing contracts for British businesses from the 4,500 overseas businessmen present for London 2012.

We also learnt last month that the successful tenderer for the new West Coast Main Line will be adding a direct train service from Shrewsbury and Telford to London from 2016. This will be first such service to and from Shropshire to be fully integrated with the West Coast line services and providing a direct link to London without the need to make a connection elsewhere. Not only will this provide an economic boost by improving access to Shropshire, but it will also allow for more reasonable fares for local residents no longer having to connect between services from two different operators.

Another good news story from last month

was the latest employment figures, showing that since the election more than 600,000 have found work, which is very encouraging. There are now 29.48 million in work across the country. These figures demonstrate the strength of the private sector – notwithstanding the difficult economic times, it has still created 906,000 jobs since the general election, the vast majority of which are full-time and permanent.

Unemployment is falling and the claimant count is down in Shropshire as well. In the Ludlow constituency there are more than 100 fewer people claiming Jobseeker's Allowance than at the start of the year.

The other better news is that young people aged 16 to 19 not in education, employment or training, the so-called NEETs also declined in June having peaked in September last year. Inflation has halved since its peak in September but any increase is disappointing.

It remains a tough time for families at the moment and that is why government this year reduced income tax, and froze both council tax and fuel duty. Significant measures were also announced over the summer which will provide: the biggest modernisation of our railways since the Victorian era; an £80 billion Funding for Lending scheme offering cheap funding to enable banks to lend for business growth; and 'UK Guarantees' which will use Britain's hard won fiscal credibility to provide guarantees of up to £50 billion of private investment in infrastructure.

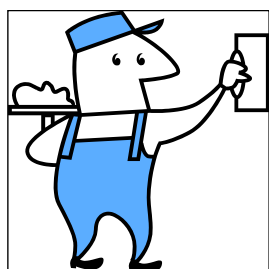
Parliament returns on 3rd September with efforts strongly focussed on restoring growth to the economy. This will remain my main focus for Shropshire.

Philip Dunne MP

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The September Social Calendar

Date	Time	Details	Contact	Telephone Number
Sun 2	11.00am	Bewdley Local Produce Market is in Load Street. Fine food and crafts.		
	7.45pm	Nightingale Nursing Fund annual meeting is at the Sports and Social Club, to sign off the accounts and elect officers for the coming year.		
Mon 3	7.00pm	Parish Council Meeting in the Market Hall. There is a 15 minute period when the public may bring their concerns to the council		
Tue 4	10.00am	Sociable Craft Sessions start at Victory Hall, Clows Top.	Jude	CM 269047
	2.00pm	Doddington Friendship Club, Village Hall. Brian Draper MBE on Ironbridge and Coalbrookdale		
	7.00pm	Severn Hospice Craft Club meet at St Mary's Place, Love Lane. See page 5.	Catherine Evans	CM 270647
	7.30pm	The History Society meets at Neen Savage Parish Hall.		
Thu 6		GREEN WHEELIE BINS EMPTIED TODAY		
Fri 7		Craft class at Uncllys Farm covers coppice development and the use of tools		
	7.30pm	Bingo Night at Cleeton St Mary & Silvington Village Hall		
	8.00pm	Whist Drive at Doddington Village Hall.	Sonia Pearsall	01584 890874
Sat 8		Clee Hill Coach Tour to Weston Super Mare	Margaret Gregory	01584 891464
Sun 9	4.00pm	Memorial Service for Corinne Bellfield at St Mary's.		
Mon 10	8.00pm	The Horticultural Society, Methodist Hall, Church Street. Derek Walker talks on 'Vegetable Growing'.		
Tue 11	7.30pm	St Mary's Breakfast Club meet at the Golf Club. Speaker: Gill Guest on "Life With a Sufferer of M.E."		
	7.30pm	Cleobury W.I. meet in the Parish Hall, to hear about the bulbfields in Holland		
Wed 12	12.30pm	Ladies Luncheon Club meets at The Royal Fountain.	Alison	01584 890414
	8.00pm	Royal British Legion meet at The Bell Inn, Lower Street.		
Thu 13		BLACK WHEELIE BINS AND RECYCLE BOXES EMPTIED TODAY		
	7.00pm	Kinlet W.I. leave for a tour of the Worcester Marble Company's works.		
Fri 14/ Sat 15		Craft class at Uncllys Farm on juicing and cider making. Repeated on Saturday 15th		
	7.30pm	Bingo Night, Cleeton St Mary Village Hall		
	8.00pm	Royal British Legion auction of Harvest Produce and other goods. In the Bell Inn		



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Sun 16	10.30am	Cafe@Melville open at the Melville Chapel, Oreton.	Ruth	01584 890186
	11.00	Fun Day at Victory Hall, Clows Top, raising money for Acorns Hospice and the Toddler Group. SEE PAGE 7.	Vicky May	07966 812122
Tue 18	1.30pm	1.30 Doddington Friendship Club, Village Hall. Skittles!		
	2.00pm	Cleobury Carers Group meet at St Mary's Place, Love Lane.	Wendy	CM 270562
Wed 19	7.30pm	The History Society meets in Neen Savage Parish Hall.		
	7.30pm	Stottesdon W.I.'s Show of Memorabilia and members' reunion, Chorley village hall. All former members welcome. SEE PAGE 5		
	8.00pm	Whist Drive at Doddington Village hall. See 7th above.		
Thu 20		GREEN WHEELIE BINS EMPTIED TODAY		
	7.45pm	Whist Drive at Sports & Social Club, Love Lane.	Alan Evans	CM 270114
Fri 21		Final craft class at Uncllys Farm concentrates on jams, pickles and vinegars		
	8.00pm	Bingo Night at Doddington Village hall. See 7th above.		
Sat 22		Cleobury Mortimer Concert Brass are off to the National Band Finals at Cheltenham. Wish them all the luck in the world!		
Mon 24	6.30pm	Open Evening for Year 5 & 6 pupils at Lacon Childe School, in Love Lane		CM 270312
Tue 25	9.00am	Open Morning for Year 5 & 6 pupils at Lacon Childe School, in Love Lane.		CM 270312
Wed 26	7.30pm	Friends of St Mary's Equinoctial Supper at Mawley Hall. SEE PAGE 17		
	7.45pm	Clows Top Gardening Club, Victory Hall. Talk subject: 'Not All Leaves are Green' plus Autumn Show . SEE PAGE 9.	Marion Wilson	CM 270475
Thu 27		BLACK WHEELIE BINS AND RECYCLE BOXES EMPTIED TODAY		
	8.00pm	Whist Drive, Neen Savage Village Hall.	Clare Ratcliff	CM 270173
Fri 28	10.00am	Macmillan Cancer Support's Biggest Coffee Morning in the World - our local branch will be in the Market Hall until 12.00 noon.	Sue Henderson	CM 250597
	8.00pm	Bingo Night at Doddington Village Hall, See 7 th above		
		AND LOOKING AHEAD TO OCTOBER..		
Tue 2	2.00pm	Doddington Friendship Club, Village Hall. Linda Worthy on Jewellery		
Wed 3		Royal British Legion visit to S.S. Great Britain in Bristol.	Mark Baldwin	CM 270110
	8.00pm	Whist Drive, Doddington Village Hall.	Sonia Pearsall	01584 890874
Thu 4		GREEN WHEELIE BINS EMPTIED TODAY		
Sat 6	8.00pm	Autumn Fun Night at Kinlet Village Hall. SEE PAGE 7.		

The Clarion Social Calendar - so much information about what's on in Cleobury Country and around. If you want your event in these pages, get details to the editor by the 20th of the preceding month.

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The book will be for sale at the Hobsons stand at the Festival and you can also see a cooking demonstration of the winning 'Saucy Postman's Pudding', created by Debbie Powell of Cleobury.

The book will also be available online at local book shops, pubs and farm shops. It will also be going on tour, visiting local pubs with the recipe writers onboard to sign books and offer samples of their funkies dishes. For more information please

visit www.hobsons-brewery.co.uk

KINLET FAMILY PLAYGROUP

We re-open our doors for the new Autumn Term on Wednesday September 5th. We welcome back our younger children, who've no doubt shot up over the holidays, and look forward to welcoming some new faces to our sessions and to Little Tiddlers.

Sadly we had to say goodbye to one of our Session Leaders, Miss Hanson, during the holidays. Her house sold and she is currently in the process of moving North to be closer to family. We wish her, and her family, lots of luck with their life there.

This term the playgroup will be open Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 9.00am to 3.15. Our Toddler group 'Little Tiddlers' (where an adult and children can stay and play) runs within the Thursday morning session from 9.30-11.30am, at a cost of £2.50 per child.

LACON CHILDE OPEN

Lacon Childe School will have an Open Evening for Year 5 and 6 pupils and parents on Monday the 24th this month, from 6.30 to 8.30.

And for those who can't make it in the evening, there's also an Open Morning on Tuesday the 25th. from 9.00 through to 11.00.

FROM THE BANDROOM

Cleobury Mortimer Concert Brass are having a very busy Summer Season. Earlier this month they travelled to Shrewsbury where they played for the Shropshire Festival of Transport.

An Open day was held, with a view to starting a new Training Band. Young people came along, heard the band play and tried an instrument for themselves. There was a lot of interest and instruments will be provided for those who join. For further details contact Jack Martin on CM 271302 or Katie Griffiths on 270262.

Rehearsals are well under way with the expert direction of Steve Pritchard Jones, in preparation for the band's participation in the National Finals contest at Cheltenham on September 22nd.

Arrangements are well in hand for the Beer and Brass Festival the band are hosting on the field adjacent to Cleobury Mortimer Rectory on Saturday September 1st. This promises to be an excellent day with Cleobury Mortimer Concert Brass and visiting bands. There will be refreshments available, a tombola stall and a comedian in the evening.

Stella Wilcox.

THE DREADED DOG POO

Firstly, warm congratulations to the Primary School and whoever thought up those very pointed posters about dog soiling on their playing field. You could almost feel the anger as you read it.

And Susan Sharp's petition for action on this nuisance is gaining a long list of support, so she's giving it an extra month to build weight. You can sign it at Cleobury News, the Library and Severn Edge Vets surgery in Tenbury Road.

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HIGH FLYERS

Strange shapes flying over the town in August marked the arrival of the Shropshire Kite Festival. A regular Shropshire event moved south from Shrewsbury to fill the Lacon Childe sports field.

Away from the crowded main area, two enthusiasts with matching kites had them swooping and diving like summer evening swallows. From them we learned that they are made with a carbon fibre frame and the sails of a lightweight ripstop nylon fabric. Hi-tec stuff.

These kites were silent, others not so, which doesn't please everybody. There are beaches in both the UK and France where kites are banned because of the noise.



Silent, swooping flight as two experienced flyers show their skill.

Kite flying is an ancient art that originated in China, and some of the styles hovering over the main arena reflected this. The wind was not strong enough to lift what looked like a 35 metre octopus into the sky, but we spotted a dog and a

large boy taking to the air amongst a myriad of shapes.

John Ryan from Lichfield had a tethered line, held up by a kite 100 feet above, with small lantern-like decorations strung along the line. It was made for him by Kite Bums of Wem, who organised the Festival. Look in at www.skybums.net to learn about the subject from people who've been in the business for 26 years.

We watched John wind in the line, unclipping the decorations and stowing them in a custom made bag. A tidy and colourful exhibition of harnessing the power of wind.



John Ryan winds in his line of colourful decorations.

Everyone we spoke to at the Festival was welcoming and helpful, happy to show off their kites and explain what they can do. We do hope they'll come back next year. If they do, take a little time to watch the flying. This is a craft that can lift cameras to help archaeologists with an overview of a site and has gathered weather information in the Arctic. Fascinating stuff.

IN PRAISE OF...

For some time, finding a recycling centre in the area was a headache. Limited facilities at Ludlow and two hard-to-find sites, one near Onnifield and the other well outside Bridgnorth.

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The place is open 9.00 to 7.00 weekdays and 9.00 to 6.00 weekends until the end of October, then 9.00 to 5.00 through the winter. 9.00 to 5.00 on Bank Holidays.

THE HILL GAMES

This ancient custom was due to be revived with a special event on August 25th. Sadly the ground was waterlogged and with more rain forecast, the organisers have postponed until early October.

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Clive Davies' Westwood Diary

WESTWOOD FARM DIARY 21st August

Probably there hasn't been a more difficult farming year than the past twelve months has offered. Well, not in living memory anyway. Whilst the weather of autumn-time was manageable and the winter clearly very open, this spring and summertime have been difficult. The wet past few months have resulted in crops not reaching their potential and the harvest of them very snatchy. Whilst the harvest of substandard crops is disappointing the livestock farmers have had major problems in getting forage crops cleared. With ground conditions soft, a fair amount of damage has been created and many fields of both grass and crops have had areas left unharvested or alternatively well rutted. All this gives signs of a challenging winter-time ahead. Crop farmers will have to be in top form in marketing their less than ideal produce and livestock keepers will be juggling with substandard forage supplies in most cases. Many are reporting that grass quality is on the low side and that the difficult harvest conditions have led to high moisture content of silage and in some instances, soil contamination. None of this is good news and lays the chances of an expensive winter time ahead. For stock feeders, cereals could well be too highly priced but that might be of little benefit for the grain sellers who will have experienced some expensive production costs. Around Westwood it's worse than that! We haven't yet cut any grass. We still hope to make hay. There have been a number of issues which have led to not getting-on but there is nodoubt that the weather has been the biggest hold-up. No sleep has been lost on this situation just yet but it will be good to get things done and dusted very soon. Atleast we have some hardy Herefords to utilise what

will be low quality feed! What is better news is that our animals have been attracting attention. We have had some good showing results and have featured in the championships at most events entered. The highlight for our Herefords came with the winning of the National Championship with a five year old bull, Westwood Director. He is considered as good as any ever bred here and Tom had him looking well at the Tenbury Show to take this top accolade. The sheep have also kept-up the pace. We took the Breed Championship in the newly introduced Shropshire Sheep classes at Tenbury. We have also had other good wins against top breed opposition at the Sunday Show of the Three Counties and at Minsterley. Most of our sheep showing is done in 'Any Other Breed Sections' and we again did well at Newport Show in July. More shows are planned in the weeks ahead although some have been cancelled because of adverse ground conditions. A real highlight for us has been the Annual Shropshire Sheep Sale at Shrewsbury. Coming off a good result last year we felt we had a better offering this time. So it proved to be. Our two year old ram beat our record price of a year past and this year's yearling sold much better. We had top price in the ewe section and the five yearling ewes presented averaged in advance of last year's result and all of this on a slightly slower trade than in 2011. We had put some extra work into preparations, led by Will Price, and particularly from a heath testing point of view, but the results were encouraging. If we can continue to move this enterprise forward it will be a useful addition to the business. It's now to the haymaking, probably.

Clive Davies



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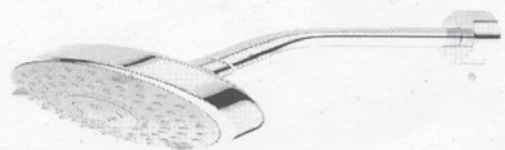
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It's a bit of a drive, through some of the best Shropshire countryside, but it's worth taking time to visit The Castle if you like films and theatre.

The SpArC Theatre in Brampton Road has been chosen by the National Theatre to receive their new live broadcast direct from the London stage.

It's on September 6th, starting at 7.00, and you can see the adaption to theatre of Mark Haddon's book 'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night'. 15 year old Christopher gets caught up mysterious happenings and he overcomes shyness to solve the incident. It's on just one night and tickets are £10 or £7. They'll be a lot more in the West End, believe me. The Box Office is on 01588 630243.

And on the 14th there's a showing of 'The Pirates! In An Adventure with Scientists, starring Hugh Grant in a hunt to be acclaimed Pirate of the Year. Tickets are £4 and £2.00. Start time suits the children this U feature is aimed at - 6.30. Box Office number above.

CAFE@MELVILLE

An unusual experiment at Oreton. Ruth Downes explains.

People passing Melville Methodist Chapel, Oreton, on the third Sunday of the month, may have noticed a sign saying Café Open, and wondered what it was.

Café@Melville is not a Church service. On these Sundays the Chapel is open from 10.30am to 12.00, serving tea, coffee and

light refreshments, as a place where people can come to meet and chat with friends. Sometimes we provide a craft activity which anyone can try, and an assortment of toys is put out for children to play with. At the back of the Chapel there is a quite reflective space which anyone has the option to use.

Each Café tries to have a topical theme for the day; we have had an Olympic theme and a Best of British. We have also supported Children in Need, Comic Relief and Macmillan coffee morning.

Our next meeting is on September 16th. Please come along and bring your friends.

Further details from me at 01584 890186

Ruth Downes

THE BOWLS CLUB

Two Club Competitions and two Fund Raising Competitions to report. The Reed Cup was a doubles competition, the finalists Howard Broome and Albert Mantle against Bill Taylor and Dot Davis. The Cup was won by Howard and Albert, twenty one points to nine.

Another doubles, the finalists for the Downes Cup were Paul and Christine Lloyd; against Jean Wilson and Chris Cowdell. Paul and mother Christine won a close fought game, 21 points to 19.

Our two fund raisers were the Daniel Taylor Air Ambulance Days at Cleobury and the Highley Miners Welfare Bowling Clubs. At Cleobury the final was over eight ends, between Joe Burnside and Brian Williams

against John Smith and Chris Cowdell. With the score at eight points each, a coin was tossed to see who would lead off in a sudden death end. John and Chris won the toss, but a poor lead let Brian and Joe in to win nine points to eight.

At Highley there were doubts the competition would be played, but the sun did come out. Finalists were Lauren and Eunice versus Chris and Bob and the Winners were Bob and Chris, the aggregate score nine points to six.

Over the two Competition Days total money raised was £530.00. Well done bowlers from Cleobury Mortimer and Highley.

Dave Harley

CLEOBURY MORTIMER FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Club are having an enjoyable summer and recently travelled by coach through the glorious Welsh countryside to Pontcysyllite to board a canal boat and travel over the aqueduct to Llanidloes. A substantial Welsh cream tea on board was appreciated.

On arriving at Llangollen it was time for ice creams and a visit to the gift shop before the journey home.

The following week members met at the Cleobury Cafe, where they were made very welcome and served an excellent lunch.

The Club meets on Tuesdays from 2.00 at the Parish Hall and all Senior Citizens are invited to come along. Local transport can be arranged.

For further information, just contact me on 01299 270353.

Janet Rolston

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1: Cleobury Compassionate Communities

Interviews for the post of Cleobury Co Co Co-ordinator will take place at the beginning of September. The successful applicant will hopefully be in post from October 1st, when we open our new office in the Market Hall. This will be open for two hours every morning Monday to Friday and will become the Cleobury CoCo base.

New volunteers have been trained recently and more training is available in October for those wishing volunteer. We do need participants for these sessions so if you would like to volunteer please look out for training dates and contact Jenny McCrorie on 01299 271383. The more

volunteers we have, the more people we can help!

2: Medical Centre Online Forum

The Medical Centre and CPV are keen to start an online patients' forum through the website (see below). They would like people to join in with a view to commenting on future service changes and developments. Also to comment on issues arising through CPV.

Again, if anyone is interested in joining, contact Jenny McCrorie on 01299 271383 or cleoburypatientsvoice@hotmail.co.uk.

For more information, go to the Medical Centre Website: www.cleoburymortimerm.co.uk

3: New Medical Centre

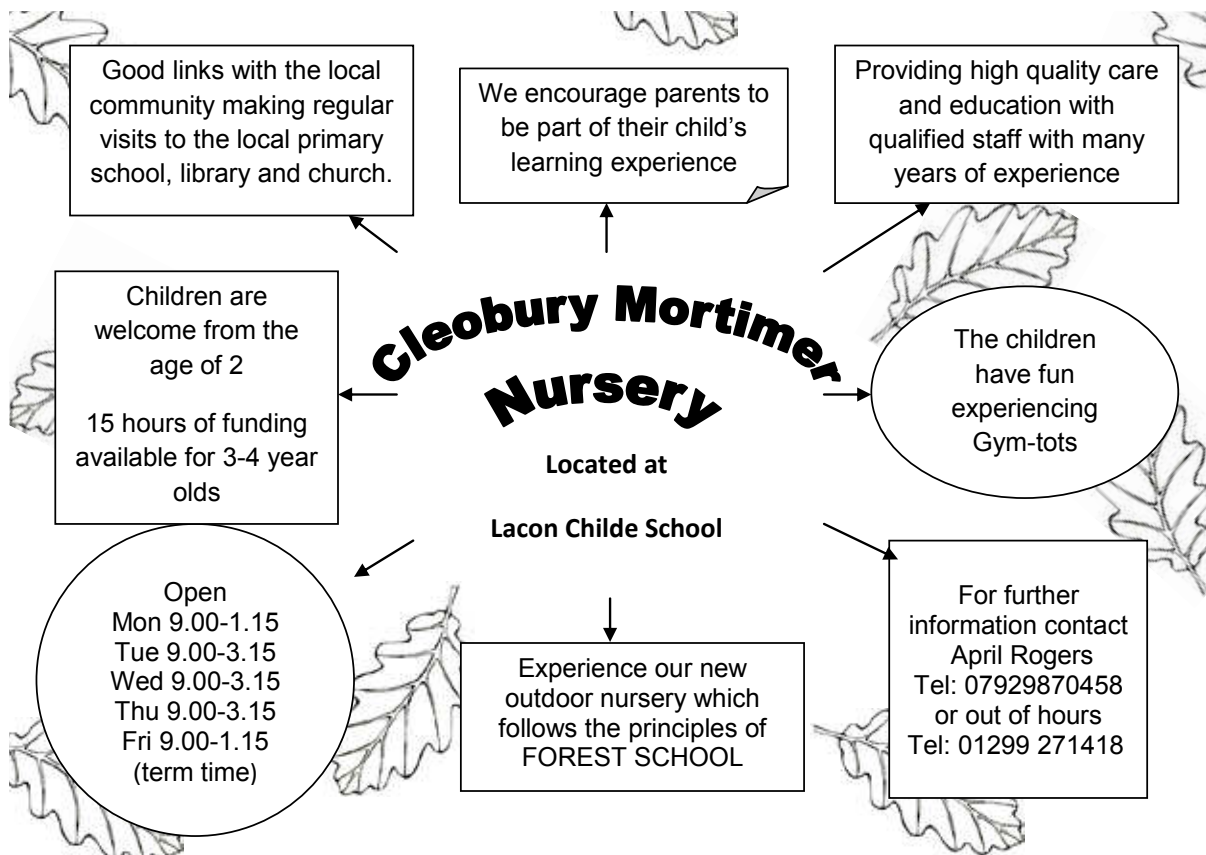
The Centre continues to move forward. Negotiations are

taking place between Matrix Medical the developers and the District Valuer. The outcome of the negotiations will be put to Shropshire Primary Care Trust at a meeting in September. It is hoped all matters can be finalised and the construction of the Medical Centre can be commenced as soon as possible.

4: Cleobury Carers Group

This an important new service for our community, so to help with its success CPV has agreed to help by paying their room hire for meetings until they can set themselves up as an individual organisation. We have also adopted them as our chosen organisation to support for 2013. We will organise and run fundraising events for them.

Jenny McCrorie, CPV Chair



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Day	Time	Event	Contact	Phone	
Sun	08.30	Holy Communion, Parish Church		CM 270624	
	09.45	Parish Communion, Parish Church		CM 270624	
	09.00	Mass, St Elizabeth's, Lower Street	Canon Walsh	01584 872906	
	10.30	Cleobury Country Archers, Lacon Childe Sports Field	Lesley Burnside	CM 271374	
	10.30	New Life Church – for venue call	Derek Morris	CM 270787	
	11.00	Morning Service, Methodist Church	Rev H Roberts	01584 819649	
Mon	08.00	Kinlet Family Playgroup, Kinlet School Mon to Fri		07794 166514	
	08.00	Chorley Family Playgroup, Stottesdon School Mon to Fri	Zoe Day	01746 71879	
	09.00	Peter Rabbit Nursery, Lacon Childe School Mon to Fri	April Rogers	CM 271418	
	09.00	CM Playgroup, Primary School, Mon to Fri	Jane Preece	07816 193933	
	09.30	Morning Workout, Sports Hall	Deena	CM 271317	
	10.00	Age UK, Monday Club, St Mary's Place	Sarah Wilde		
	15.45	Gym Club with Ann Davis, Lacon Childe Mon & Wed	Don Carter	CM 270312	
	18.30	Karate Club, Lacon Childe School	John Nelson	CM 879210	
	19.00	Tai Chi Class, Lacon Childe School	Rose Jacks	01584 875544	
	19.30	Rangers Meeting, Old Pump House, Church Street	Helen Smith	CM 270912	
	19.45	Bingo, CM Sports & Social Club	Alan Evans	CM 270114	
	20.00	Women's Clog Dancing Classes	Linda Small	01746 718624	
	Tue	10.00	Nippers, Moths & Tots, Methodist Hall, Church Street	Emma	CM 272959
		14.00	Friendship Club, Parish Hall, Church Street	Janet Rolston	CM 270353
15.45		Ballet Class, Lacon Childe School	Liz Broadway	CM 251246	
17.00		Sports Roundabout, Sports Hall, Love Lane		CM 271317	
17.30		Beavers Meeting, Old Pump House, Church Street	Becky Keeley	CM 271416	
18.45		Bridge Club Hopton Wafers Village Hall	Wendy Duley	CM 270562	
19.00		Bell Ringers' practice night, St Mary's Church	Liz Walker	CM 271808	
19.30		Modern Dance Sequence Club, Lacon Childe School	E Wrigglesworth	01562 822291	
Wed		10.30	Over 50s Relaxing Exercises, Doddington Village Hall	Freda Childe	01584 891180
		16.45	Gym Club for 6 & over, Lacon Childe School	Don Carter	CM 270312
	17.15	Brownies Meeting, Old Pump House, Church Street	Emma Reynolds	CM 272746	
	19.00	Guides Meeting, Old Pump House, Church Street			
	19.00	Yoga Class with Anna, Lacon Childe School	Don Carter	CM 270312	
	19.00	Zumba Class with Emma Forni, Lacon Childe School	Emma Forni	01746 862842	
	19.30	CM Concert Brass Band practice, Parish Hall	Stella Wilcox	CM 270560	
	19.30	New Life Church prayer meeting. For venue call	Derek Morris	CM 270787	
	19.30	Choir Practice, Parish Church	Philip Engleheart	CM 270627	
	Thu	09.30	Little Tiddlers, Kinlet Family Playgroup, Kinlet School	Zoe Pearson	07794 166514
11.00		Sale of second hand goods, Knowle Sports Club, Clee Hill	Audrey Taylor	01584 890644	
14.00		Scrabble Club, St Mary's Place, Non residents £1.00	Jo Booton	07969 104808	
15.30		Cleobury Comets Netball, CM Sports Centre term time	Mandy Smith	CM 271809	
17.30		Brownies Meeting, Old Pump House, Church Street	Rebecca Barnes	CM 272945	
19.00		Bell Inn Band improvers rehearsal, Bell Inn, Lower Street			
19.15		Cubs Meeting, Old Pump House, Church Street	Kate Pearce	07772 102986	
19.30		Tums and Bums, Lacon Childe School	Don Carter	CM 270312	
19.30		Adult 7-a-side Football League, CM Sports Centre	Dave Hinves	CM 271317	
20.00		Bell Inn Band rehearsal, Bell Inn, Lower Street			
20.00		11-16s Badminton Club, CM Sports Centre		CM 271317	
21.00		Over 16s Badminton Club, CM Sports Centre		CM 271317	
Fri	10.00	Tiny Stots, Chorley Playgroup, Stottesdon School	Zoe Day	01746 717769	
	10.00	Tiny Tots, Parish Hall	Bettina Poole	CM 271868	
	17.30	Rainbows Meeting, girls 5-7 years, Old Pump House	Jean Basham	07792 813774	
	19.00	Scout Meeting, Old Pump House, Church Street	Chris Andrews	CM 270937	
	20.00	Badminton, CM Sports Centre		01584 881359	
Sat	08.30	Sale of second hand goods, Knowle Sports Club, Clee Hill	Audrey Taylor	01584 890644	
	10.30	Junior Coaching, CM Golf Club, Wyre Common	Robert Watkins	CM 271112	

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EWES A CHAMPION

What comes to mind when you hear the name 'Percy Tait'? Legendary motorbike racer? Successful motor dealer? How about champion sheep breeder?

Percy began his career as a motorcycle racer and won his first race at Silverstone in 1952. "That was the first time I had ever raced on the road and I won" he beams. Even at the age of 82, Percy can still remember the adrenalin he got from racing; "As soon as the flag drops you don't think of anything, apart from winning". However, Percy always enjoyed coming home to his farm "You're stressed all the time with motorcycling and farming gives you peace of mind... It's relaxing". Although he had always bred pigs and horses, eventually he tried Charollais sheep. His friend then told him that he "Must try Rouges" and he has never looked back... "We've had tremendous success. They are a very very good sheep".

Percy now lives with his wife Di, dogs Jessie and Gemma, and a ménage of sheep, ducks and chickens. He also has help from his employees, such as Will Price from Cleobury Mortimer, who since leaving college has helped Percy with many shows and sales. Percy says that he "Only has the best" when it comes to

his staff and because of them "The success has come along".

He specializes in award-winning continental sheep Charollais, Bleu de Maine and Rouges. His champion flock has won many prestigious events including The Royal Show, The Royal Welsh and The Royal Highland, however he admitted "One of the biggest achievements I've had is winning the Yorkshire two years running. No other show means quite as much".

After decades in the farming industry, Percy has learnt a lot: "You can pick the good lambs out when they are born. We often say that's our winner there!". Even after so many wins, he still has the same rush of emotion "It's a great achievement to breed something and win."



Percy with his trophy from the Royal Welsh Show. His collection of trophies is quite amazing.

Percy has more than proved why he is an inspiration and insists that the key to success is having patience "I've spent a lot of time studying sheep. It doesn't come easy, you have to spend a lot of time. It's about determination more than anything. People say to me many times how have you learnt so

much about sheep, but if you're interested in something you'll learn about it".

When asked if he would ever consider retiring, Percy chuckled "No... I don't think I will give up farming. It's like a disease, you can't give it up. It's a wonderful way of life and I shall keep going until I drop down! Its hard work but it's worth it."

Sarah Williams

THE CLASSIC BIKE SHOW

This is the 26th show, drawing visitors from all over the Midlands and looking good with some different ideas under new organiser David Spruce.

The bike jumble now fills two days and the car park at the front of the school will be used for club stand and the Race Paddock where an assortment of noisy bikes will fire up on Sunday. All visitors use the entrance at the back of the Sports Hall, next to the parking areas.

Hobson's are offering a special Champion Ale to honour the great Peter Collins. He's a multi world champion at speedway, but is better known in Shropshire for appearances at the huge grass track meetings at Ludlow, Hereford and the Bewdley Bonanza. Peter has promised to bring two of his own machines that he has restored.

It's on Saturday and Sunday, the 8th and 9th and the gates open to the public at 10.00 both mornings. At just £4.00, admission to such a varied show is great value. Come along and wonder or reminisce, depending on your age. You'll find them a very friendly crowd and the bike owners happy to chat about their precious machines.

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SEPTEMBER IN THE WYRE FOREST

I live surrounded by the majestic oaks of the Wyre Forest National Nature Reserve and get used to seeing their stately forms showing me the changing light of each day and signalling the seasons of the year. When I go into Bewdley or other towns, however, I see that fewer trees are tolerated along streets and in gardens. They fall to make way for underground cables, buildings, roads, wider access, more light, fewer leaves to clear up.

"What did the trees ever do for us?" you may ask, in the manner of "The life of Brian". I'm sure you know at least some of the answers, which are all very important to us humans even in the 21st Century:

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Oak is probably the dominant tree in the Wyre Forest, not only because of the local soils and climate but because it has been selected by generations of local craftsmen and merchants as the most useful and valuable timber available. As firewood it gives out a good heat for a long time – a well-seasoned log or two will keep the fire in at night. Converted into charcoal, it can burn with temperatures

high enough to smelt iron. Its bark can be used to tan leather and the wood is strong and durable: perfect for all kinds of uses from casks to ships. When cut radially the wood shows a lovely silver grain which is especially valued for panelling.

Being of the female variety and a former era of schooling, I never learnt how to work with wood, so I'm very interested in a series of courses being offered at Uncllys Farm starting this autumn. The "Introduction to Woodworking" course will be one day a week for 6 weeks under the experienced eye of Wade Muggleton, who was a cabinet maker before he joined the Worcestershire Countryside Service. There will be three more courses over the coming months, so anyone interested should speak to John Iles on 01299 488083 (or john@wyreclt.org.uk) as soon as possible.

The Forestry Commission's Discovery Centre at Callow Hill has a range of exciting events on offer over the next two months:

Saturday September 29th - Fungus Forays. 10.30am to 12.30 from Earnwood car park, 2.00pm to 4.00 from Hawkbatch car park. (Both of these car parks are on the B4194). Cost £7. Booking essential.

Sunday September 30th - Forest Discovery Day 11am to 3.00. Free activities to encourage all the family to get more out of their local forest.

Sunday 14th October - Fungus Forays 10.30am to 12.30 from Hawkbatch, 2.00pm to 4.00 from Earnwood. Cost £7. Booking essential

Linda Iles

HELP THE DISABLED CHALLENGE

This is an appropriate time to ask people to help the disabled. If you've been watching the Paralympics, you will have an idea of the devotion and work that goes into getting a place in that heroic arena. And Shropshire Disability Network wants to get teams of local people involved to raise funds for disabled people in the county.

On Sunday the 16th of this month, they'll be challenging teams of 10 people to carry a disabled person in a wheelchair up the Carding Mill Valley from Church Stretton. Up to Pole Bank, the highest point on the Long Mynd, a spot disabled people would never normally reach; this way, they will be able to see the spectacular views. Then it back down via The Burway to complete the 10km course. Special carrying frames to fit wheelchairs will be provided.

Each team has to pay £100 entry fee (not a lot, just a tenner each) and can raise sponsorship from anywhere else they choose. Full details and forms from Dave Hewetson on 01743 247019, mobile 07972 254010 or davidhewetson@talktalk.net

The event is called the Geoff Forgie Disability Challenge in memory of the man who got the Shropshire Network started. Geoff was confined to a wheelchair himself by ME, and lost his battle with the disease a year ago. Making this fund raising challenge to help others like him a real success is down to people of goodwill and charity. People like you. Please think about trying it.

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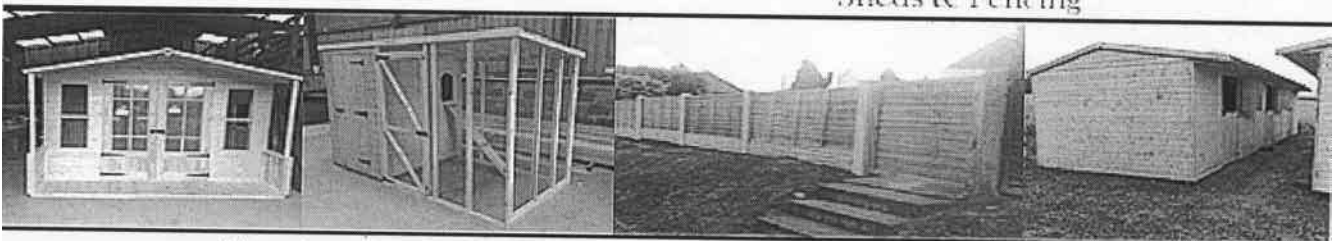
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The Cleobury Fringe

September 1st to 16th

The Fringe is back again, with a range of entertainments and events to attract visitors to the town this month. Take your pick and enjoy!

Saturday the 1st:

10.30 Bread Making Maestro Richard Swift demonstrates his craft in the Market Hall and lets you sample his wares.

11.45 Beer and Brass in the Rectory Field, featuring Cleobury Concert Brass and a range of other fine bands to entertain you. Beer and food by the Kings Arms crew. No entry charge, but a donation in the bucket would be much appreciated.

7.00 Bob Slayer & Co. Local stand-up comedian Bob Slayer leads an evening of laughs and entertainment that's really for the grown ups, so bringing the children is not a good idea. The gig runs through to 11.00. Beer and food still available, of course. Admission by £5 wristband, from local shops.

Sunday the 2nd:

10.30 Hobson's Cricket Championship Final Day On the Sports Field in Love Lane, the battle for the title will be fought, the final game starting at 4.45 and both winners and losers celebrating in style afterwards. The Hobson's real Ale Bar and Barbecue will be in attendance.

Saturday the 8th:

10.00 Borders Classic Bike Show opens for the weekend at Lacon Childe School, with Guest of Honour ex world speedway champion Peter Collins on stage at 3.00 for an interview. Two halls of classic bikes, bike jumble in the playground, home made food in the dining room.

In the evening the Balti Bar will be extra busy, as they all go for a curry.

Sunday the 9th:

10.00 Borders Classic Bike Show second day offers another Peter Collins appearance and the concours prize giving at 4.00. Listen for the noise of racing bikes firing up in the Grand Prix race paddock.

Saturday the 15th:

10.00 'til 3.00 The Antiques Roadman will be in the Parish Hall to give advice and

value your own special items. His expertise and great depth of knowledge costs just £1.00 per item.

Wyre Forest to Cleobury Golf Club Walks open. A whole range of new walks through the borderlands into the Wyre Forest are officially opened this weekend. Celebration barbecue at the Golf Club and food at the Wyre Forest Visitor Centre too. This is a real breakthrough, with long unused forest paths brought back into circulation and previously unknown vistas open for all to see.

If you want to join the inaugural walk from the Forest Visitor Centre out to the Golf Club, you'll have to book your place with Susan Sharp at susan@eaglelane.co.uk

8.15 Grand Raffle Prize Draw. Who will win the first prize of a day at Oulton Park race track and a ride in a competitive Honda Civic racer with an experienced race driver.

8.30 Fireworks Finale on Clarvers Field.

A professional display to mark the final weekend of the Fringe, sited on Clarvers so that almost everyone will be able to enjoy the spectacle. Please drop a little cash in one of the collecting buckets, to help with the bills the organisers now face.

c.8.45 Comedy Night at the Kings Arms.

A happy ending to Fringe events in the town, with a pint of ale and a good laugh to round the day off. A number of comedy acts promised; should be a great night.

Sunday the 16th:

10.00am and 2.00pm Wyre Forest to Cleobury Golf Club Walks. Open again, to introduce more people to the beauties of this area. Two guided party walks scheduled, to give visitors maximum information.

Should be a more relaxed day, with the choice of walking from one base to another, or exploring the circular walks.

6.30pm 'Let There be Light' thanksgiving service in the Parish Church to christen the new lights and celebrate the rewiring of the building that is still a central focus in the town.

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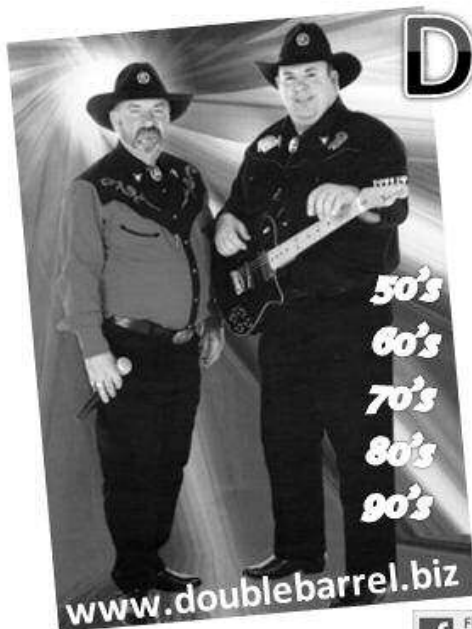
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There are 33 local special deals supporting the idea, and you should be able to identify them by the circular Shop and Save Scheme sticker in their window.

All you have to do is pick up your Shop and Save card from any of these businesses and present it to them when you buy whatever goods or service they offer. The shop will stamp the card to confirm that you've been there and taken up their offer.

Take up 17 or more of the 33 offers and you're eligible for the prize draw in December. Take your card along to the Cleobury News shop in the High Street, they'll check that it's in order before adding your name to those in the lucky draw. The closing date for entries is November 30th.

On the card it says you can visit the Cleobury Country website for the terms and conditions. In fact, they call them t & c's on the card, which will puzzle some people. And there was nothing on the site on August 25th when we looked. Hope that's all in place by the official launch date.

But let's not quibble about such minor details, let's look at who's supporting this venture and remember to call in and see them when we need whatever they offer. They are:

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You can see just what each of them is offering on the card.

This is fundamentally a good idea that we should all support as much as we can, because the more secure our shops and traders, the greater our feeling of a united community. Does anything bring a town down more than the sad faces of empty shops along its streets? Whatever it takes, let's not go there and damage the fine place where we live.

This is an experiment, supported by the Chamber of Trade, Cleobury Country Limited, the Parish Council and Shropshire Council. If it works well, it will continue and the £250 draw become a regular feature to look forward to. That likelihood of success is down to us all and it would be a good idea to remember that when you go shopping.

PRESIDENT'S DAY CELEBRATED THE GOLF CLUB'S 20TH



Top man on President's Day was 14 year old Louis Edwards, winner of the 27 hole main event.

August 18th was a rather special President's Day at Cleobury Golf Club. It was also the club's 20th anniversary.

The playing side featured three competitions, over 9, 18 and a stamina testing 27 holes. Founder member Glen Tramaseur took the 9 hole award, with four strokes under par. Over the full 18 holes Dean Carpenter was just one shot under Dave Smith for a close win.

The full 27 holes that the Club offers is a stiff test of stamina and concentration, and Louis Edwards showed some hardened veterans the way with a score of 99, six under par. For Louis golf is a family affair, as his dad is a founder member. No doubt the old chap is walking tall after his 14-years-old son emerged as the star of the day.

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His knowledge of windows goes back to the day he left school and started to learn the fabrication side. "I had a good gaffer, who taught me all I know about that," he recalls. Five years later he moved over to start learning the fitting business and after another four years he was working as a surveyor and running three teams of fitters. If that sounds tedious, it's not; it's thorough. The man knows every side of the industry from long experience.

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keeping overheads at a minimum so that his prices are competitive. And with his good grounding in the industry, he knows where to go for the best quality and value.

That's one fabricator, who uses only Pilkington glass in his units and gives a 15 year warranty. To back that up, Pete gives his own 15 year guarantee on the installation side of a job. "If you instal the windows properly, you should never have to go back," he explains. In fifteen months of work, he's had one problem with misting. "I called the fabricator, we agreed it was a faulty unit and two days later the replacement was on the doorstep. I went straight out and replaced it." With that level of service, you can see why the bulk of his work comes through word - o f - m o u t h recommendations.

These same units are "Secure By Design" in the maker's words. That means made to the standards of the commercial market, like they fit in schools and business premises to give extra security. On top of that, after seeing a demonstration of how quickly thieves can break a normal barrel lock open, Pete specifies the higher grade barrel that isn't so vulnerable to attack by Mister Nasty and the

Burglary Band. And he always instals windows with the securing beading inside, so a casual thief can't lever it out and gain easy access.

All that may seem a trifle over-the-top and technical, but it means a window giving greater security. The combination of toughened glass and the unit filled with argon gas for better heat insulation keeps both cold and intruders more firmly at bay.

With a business that has a growing reputation for quality, you might expect Peter to be looking to recruit fitters and expand. He shakes his head at the suggestion - finding people he can trust to work to his standards is not easy.

He has a big job coming up, the biggest in the fifteen months life of Wyre Forest Windows. He got that job because the customer put a smaller one out to tender and looked at installed cost and standard of work. Peter's price was £1400, his bigger operator competitor quoted £4,500!

This is one busy man, putting in long days with minimal breaks to get the job done and let him get home to spend time with Leo, two years old and full of energy and play. Those 20 years learning his business are paying off.



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MARKET HALL- Dorothy on CM270324, 07761 976650 mobile or mcbrideneenpc@aol.com

MEDICAL CENTRE - 01299 270209. At weekends, the Shrop Doc Service.

THE PHARMACY - 01299 270219. Closes for half day on Saturday. Delivers prescriptions.

NIGHTINGALE NURSING FUND - 01746 718210. Rosemary Abbiss is the contact.

PARISH COUNCIL -Clerk Matthew Sheehan is in the Market Hall from 9.00 'til 2.00, Monday to Friday. 01299 271154. The Council meets in the Market Hall on the first Monday of the month; meetings are open to the public, who may address the Council in the open Democratic Session before the business meeting starts.

POST OFFICE - 01299 270201. Many services in Cleobury: car tax, foreign currency cash point

SAINT MARY'S YOUTH PROJECT - Mark Greaves 07828 116810, mark.stmarys@live.co.uk

SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL - 0345 678 9000

SOUTH SHROPSHIRE YOUTH FORUM - E-mail richard@ssyf.net.

VOLUNTARY CAR SCHEME - 01299 270833. Mrs Pat Smith is the coordinator.

WASTE DISPOSAL - 0345 678 9007. Contractor Veolia

WATER SUPPLY EMERGENCIES - 0800 783 444. 24 Hour helpline if you have a serious problem.

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