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MEDICAL CENTRE START



Key people as the first sod is cut at the new Medical Centre site. From left: Parish Council chair Sean Thorogood, Matrix design director Ashley Seymour, Medical Centre operations manager Sue Arrowsmith and Dr Mahmoud of NHS England.

It's been a long time coming and some of the delays in making decisions along the way may have put the new Medical Centre in jeopardy, but it's on the way. On August 22nd there was an official turf-cutting ceremony to mark the occasion, though a lot of work preparing the one acre site next to Muller's factory had already been done. There was quite a party of people on the site, all issued with hard hats and reflective jackets, but we opted to picture the prime movers in this major development for the community.

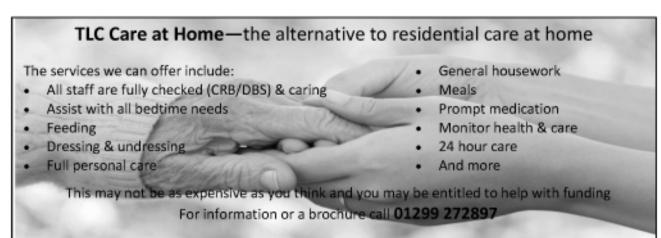
Doctor Mahmoud represented NHS England, the central body with responsibility for health provision across the country; the boys with the money, if you prefer. The construction work is in the hands of Chesterfield based Wildgoose, who already have a notice board in place showing the timetable through to the provisional completion date of April 2014, plus the tasks the team are currently working on.

Matrix are the Centre developers, a company with 40 such projects in their CV. Their Development Director Ashley Seymour explained that this is a £3,000,000 project altogether, with more room and a more efficient layout to work in. Their experience and reputation is why they got the contract in the first place.

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Sue Arrowsmith runs the admin side of the Medical Centre and is clearly looking forward to working in a building where a better service can be delivered to you and me, the people for whom the place is being built. "I could put on extra staff to deal with Monday morning's rush, but we just don't have room in present Centre," the she explained. "Here we'll be able to do it. And we can accommodate other services, like the pharmacy, the chiropodist and the physio on the same site. It will make life much easier for the elderly and we can give better continuity of care and keep better records with it all on one site. And it will make it easier to develop our future plans."

Better access, better working conditions and space to offer more services add up to a better standard of care. No wonder Parish Council chairman Sean Thorogood was smiling: "I really am very happy," he confirmed. "It's going to be an excellent place and very gøod for the whole community." Another Cleobury Mortimer success.



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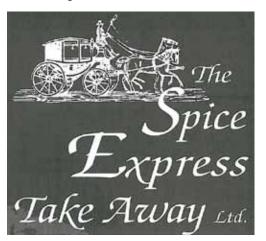
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TOP MAN RETIRES

There's a great tradition of service in the Phillips family. It started with Bob, back in 1958 when he joined Cleobury's volunteer fire brigade and rose to the rank of Sub Officer by the time he retired in 1984. Two years later Bob's son Graham signed up and when his farewell party was celebrated in August he was Watch Manager. That's a total of 55 years of one family serving this community.



This fine illuminated record of the Phillips family's service to the town was one of the gifts handed to Graham.

He's not one to blow his own trumpet, but Graham has some tales to tell. Like the new fire engine delivered to our station after a test period at Shrewsbury. But Shrewsbury is pretty flat compared with Cleobury and the shiny new engine ran out of puff on our long hills. If you ride a bicycle, you'll have noticed them. The problem with the new engine was really highlighted when a call came from Clee Hill. They roared out of the station and headed west, overtaking a lorry on the drop down into Hopton Wafers. But on the climb up Hopton Bank the brigade engine slowed and slowed until the lorry they'd passed earlier overtook them. Red faces all round and today they have the power to take the crew, water and equipment up those slopes with no time wasted

Graham's farewell bash was on the 16th, when Neil Groves of Shropshire Fire and Rescue presented a tankard, the veterans handed over a 'Decades of Dedication' and the present crew gave him a mounted axe. And just to remind him that this lot of devoted professionals never take themselves too seriously, his alert was triggered and he dashed off to that final call to find an ambush with open hoses, flour and shaving cream!

He owes this community nothing; we owe him and his crew a great deal. He'll be spending time with grandsons Jacob and Ethan and getting in

some fishing hours on local rivers. It's a rest well earned.

THERE ARE VACANCIES

At the Cleobury station for both men and women to help swell the numbers of volunteers to carry on the great work that Graham Phillips and his crew have done as on-call firefighters.

You need to be available in the town, which generally means working here, as you will have to be able to get to the station within five minutes of your alert going off. You will go on a 20 week training course, spread evening across day, and weekend courses. There you'll learn how to fight fires and deal with emergencies of all sorts, from road accidents to floods. You need to be over 18 years of age and physically fit.

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If you'd like more information, call Andy Bevon on 07816 293 266 or Shropshire Fire and Rescue Headquarters on 01743 260200. Or look in at www.shropshire.gov.uk



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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD APPEAL

Jenny Vanderhook does more than organise the annual filling of boxes with gifts. She's been to Hyrgyztan and handed them out to children:

I went to Hyrgyztan in March, as I did last year. It was very different this time, partly because we went to the south of the country for a few days. But even in the north it was much warmer, with no snow.

We spent most of our time giving the poorer children shoe boxes, as we always do. I'm sure I'll never tire of this, helping the children to slit open the tape put on in the warehouse, then watching their faces as they wonderingly see what's inside. Each of them is different, some doing it slowly, as if they can't believe what they're finding in their box; others rummage through it all, chattering with the child next to them and seeing what they've got, big smiles on their faces.

Please can I ask you once again to fill a shoebox (or more) to go to the children in Eastern Europe. Paper covered boxes will be in St Mary's Church as usual; please return them on or before Remembrance Sunday on November 10th and do please remember the transport cost, which is now £3.00 a box. All the information you will need is in the leaflet.

Donations may be given to me or Myfanwy Baldwin at any time. Thank you so very much. *Jenny*

A VERY KIND BIRTHDAY PRESENTATION

Alison Osborne had a pretty big birthday in August, with about 120 of her friends filling Cleeton Village Hall to celebrate. They were treated right royally, with food prepared by the family and wine that seemed never to stop coming.

The invitations asked for no gifts, but welcomed donations to the Air Ambulance or the British Heart Foundation. "I don't need gifts at my age, and it's better to have a collection for people who really need will it," she explained. The result was £500 in the collecting box and £230 in the post. Which says a great deal about her standing in the community.

BIG CHOIR NIGHT

Kidderminster's renowned Male Choir, whose roots go back to 1904, will be in full voice in the Parish Church on Friday the 20th of this month. And they have a special guest harpist, Hannah Coleman. It's all organised by the Friends of St Mary's for their funds, which go to help the church's work. Tickets from the usual sources.

CLOWS TOP GARDENING CLUB

September is a time to be gathering in the harvest and autumn colours begin to appear with a distinct chill in the morning air. The effects of the shortening days are now quite noticeable. So it's time to move frost-tender plants indoors. Summer seems to be barely over before thoughts of next spring begin. Buy spring bulbs for the garden early to get the best choice of varieties.

At the July meeting, Sue Russell gave an interesting talk and slide show on Perfume in the Garden. The evening was a great success.

If you're not a member then come along and join us at one of our monthly meetings. It's a great opportunity for you to share your thoughts, ideas and advice with other members.

Our next meeting on Wednesday September 25th, hosts Janet Maxwell-Stewart, who will give a talk on 'Speaking Up For Wild Plants'.

Diary Date: Wednesday October 23rd, 'Gardening an Arboretum,' by Michael Darville

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THE METHODISTS ARE DEVELOPING

Big changes at the Methodist Hall. Early in August the kitchen and an internal wall were stripped out, the professionals moved in and a bigger better kitchen is now installed. Other changes were overseen by the St Mary's Youth Project leader Mark Greaves, including a youth painting team; the hall will be ready to host the Cleobury Youth Hub.

SMYP have used the hall for several years, and the church have been gradually renewing the building, including fitting But the kitchen solar panels. was not on the agenda until Shropshire South Housing Association got talking to the youth project. They were told about the dream of a youth hub in the hall and decided to invest by providing a new kitchen. It was clear that more space would be needed and plans were made to put in a kitchen that would be up to current standards.

The congregation are planning other community projects with the new facilities, in partnership with St Mary's and others in the town. Thanks go to South Shropshire Housing Association for the build and kitchen fit, and also to the Hereford Diocese and Wesley's Café in Ludlow (a shared churches project based in Broad Street Methodist Church) and the Police Commissioner's grant scheme who have each given grants.

It is hoped to raise further funds to complete the kitting out of the hall/youth hub with a sound system and large monitor that they can use with games consoles. Watch out for an opening event in September to come and see the changes for yourself.

Helen Roberts

THE BRITISH LEGION **AUCTION**

On Friday September 13th, British Legion branch chairman Jim Hulme will conduct the Annual Auction Sale of Harvest Produce and other goods in The Inn at Lower Bell Street. Donations of goods for sale are sought - please contact Jim on 01299 270261 or Roger Gittins at The Bell on 01299 270305.

Seasonal produce is particularly welcome, but saleable goods of all types are needed. Even if you can't donate anything, do come along and bid. The auction starts at 8.00 pm, and if past years are any guide, there will be an excellent range of fruit, vegetables, cakes, flowers, wine many and other bargains! Proceeds will go to Branch funds.

After the auction, the Branch's next event will be a Bowling Day

on September 21st. For details contact Dave Harley on 01299 271311).

KINLET FAMILY PLAYGROUP

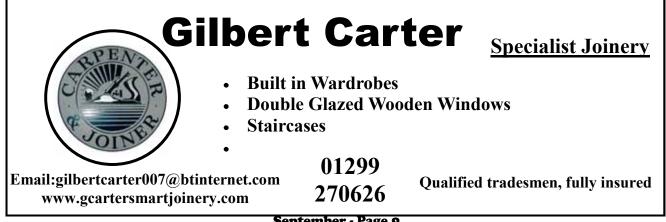
Kinlet Family Playgroup will re-open on Wednesday the 4th, with our first 'Little Tiddlers' parent and child session being held on Thursday 5th (9.30-11.30am, £2.50 per family).

This is an exciting time, as we hear what the children have been doing over their summer break and welcome new faces into our Playgroup community. For the first few weeks, the children will be thinking about themselves and their lives in our 'Myself' topic.

If you would like any more information on the playgroup, please check our website www.kinletfamilyplaygroup.co. uk or call us on 07794 166514 Zoe Pearson

'FLICKS IN THE STICKS' **IS BACK**

The popular 'Flicks' is back in the Parish Hall after a brief summer holiday. Saturday the 7th is the date, 7.30 the time and 'The Great Gatsby' the big attraction. There's a bar and refreshments to make the whole occasion a very happy, social one. It's a great service, bringing feature films within reach of those who have no transport.



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STOTTESDON W.I.

Clare Tibbits, as programme planner, has access to a fund of speakers on intriguing topics and far-flung regions, but none to match her own recent tour of the wildlife of New Zealand. 'Rata, Orca and Kiwi' provided an insight into the unique diversity of species 'down under', their evolutionary origins, and the impact of the antipodean location. А fascinating talk with excellent photos. Thanks to Clare and Chris, and we hope your next holiday is equally adventurous!

It has been a busy month for Clare in also co-ordinating our Burwarton Show entry, and congratulations to all involved in a chieving a Highly Recommended result.

As autumn approaches we have two September dates. The first at the WI tent at Farlow School PTA fair on Saturday 7th jams & chutneys, children's bags and little gifts to suit all pockets will be on sale.

Open Evening Wednesday 18th 7.30 pm: Helen Broadway of Ebenezers, Bridgnorth will talk on Hand Tied Flowers. This is sure to be a lovely evening, with platefuls of refreshments to follow Helen's expert demonstration. Do join us for these events. *Marian Wootton*

FLOWER ARRANGING CLASSES

Hazel West is starting a nine weeks course in flower arranging, starting on the 25th this month. There will be both morning and evening session - a neat idea to fit in with people's working hours - at Mamble Village Hall. Beginners and old hands catered for, just call Hazel on 01299 832793

THE WORLD'S GREATEST COFFEE MORNING

It's a friendly way of raising funds for Macmillan Cancer Support, with coffee mornings in halls and homes all over the country. This year the Cleobury Mortimer version will be in the Market Hall on Friday the 27th of this month. It starts at 10.00 and runs on until 12.00 noon or whenever the visitors leave.

Organiser Sue Henderson, who does a lot of very good work in her quiet, modest way, says that anyone who can make a cake or help on the day is welcome to call her on CM 270507.

THE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Members gathered at Farlow Farm Nursery where we were warmly welcomed and had an enjoyable time wandering around the beautifully laid out plants .The family were on hand to point out the merits of anything we were interested in and we were amazed at the variety and extent of the nursery.

At the end of a pleasant stroll we repaired to a potting shed and were served delicious cake and tea. We left with our various purchases satisfied and in awe of the hard work that the family do to keep their business successful. *Liz Smurthwaite*

KNOWLE SALES

There are two of those very fine sales this month at Knowle Sports, on the Tenbury Road at Clee Hill. They're on the 7th and 28th, both running from 8.00 until 11.00am, with a good variety of household goods to be had at truly bargain prices. Worth a call, buying or not.

BAYTON CHURCH EVENT

Saint Bartholomew's in Bayton will be joining other local churches on September 14 and 15th with a festival to celebrate the setting, heritage and people of that lovely village.

It's open from 10.00 to 5.00 on Saturday the 14th and 10.00 to 4.00 on Sunday. There will be a sale of arts and crafts and light refreshments will be available. More details from church warden Peter Stanley on 01299 832 334. The views of the surrounding countryside are well worth the jøurney.

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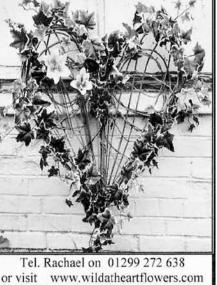
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Bayton Church of England Primary School



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Despite all this (and so much more), our Year Six children once again have put on a unique and entertaining Leavers' Service, produced by teachers Mrs Morrish and Mrs Harris. The performance, called Ratty's Big Adventure, was based on a play script co-written by a Year Five and a Year Six pupil based on the Wild Wood chapter from Wind in the Willows. The play centred around Ratty and Mole who went in search of Badger, taking in adventures involving their class topics, which included World War Two, the Aztecs and the American Civil War. It was a fantastic production, with every Year Six pupil having a sizeable role. They were supported by Year Five, and a great time was had by all.

And now we are very much looking forward to welcoming our children back to school in September. Before the summer holidays we worked with them during House assemblies to discuss a range of Values for Life and then the children chose those that they felt were the most important for them. We have now decided on our Nine Values and have commissioned Victoria Harrison to design a mosaic showing them. The children will be involved throughout the entire process and the finished artefact will be displayed in the school grounds. Our Nine Values are:

Perseverance - Responsibility - Hope - Friendship - Respect - Trust -Truthfulness - Forgiveness - Compassion.

For further details about our school, contact the office on 01299 832393. Alternatively, visit our website at www.baytonpri.worcs.sch.uk



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A RATHER SPECIAL SPEAKER

Cleobury Compassionate Communities are delighted to invite you to a cheese and wine evening at the Market Hall on Thursday September 26th at 7.30. Not only will you whet your palate with a choice of red and white wines and sample a tasty selection of cheese and biscuits, but you'll then be entertained by journalist, radio producer and author, Jock Gallagher.

For many years Jock was head of Radio at BBC Pebblemill where he edited The Archers amongst other programmes, eventually becoming an independent producer. With a further interest in publishing and writing, Jock's own most recent publication is 'Scotland's Global Empire - A Chronicle of Great Scots,' eight years in the making! As the very creator of the Bewdley Festival, and on the Federal Executive of the Lib Dem party he will certainly be an interesting man to hear speak and ask your questions of. Tickets: £8.00. Proceeds to Cleobury Compassionate Communities - your local team of volunteers befriending those in need. Enquiries to Katja Jones 0 1 2 9 9 270018, cleoburycoco@hotmail.com

EARLY NOTICE

Kinlet C of E Primary School have an Open Day shortly. It's on October 12th and will be open to everyone who's interested. More details in the October Clarion, but if you want to know more now, the contacts are 01299 8 4 1 2 1 0 o r admin.kinlet@shropshirelg.net

ANOTHER LACON CHILDE HIGH

Allan Gilhooley's final duty as head of Lacon Childe School was to be there when this year's exam results were released. The national press had been making great play of a predicted lowering of results, but our school beat its last year figures with 71 percent of students achieving five or more GCSE passes. Congratulations to the whole school for an excellent result that bucks the national trend.

And we've had a reminder from the school PTA about the looming Bag2School day:

Bag2School collections are made twice a year at Lacon Childe, with all funds raised going directly back into the school. The organisation accepts any textiles (clothes, curtains, bedding) shoes, bags, belts and old soft toys, but no pillows or duvets, please. Please start

saving items for the next collection on November 25th and drop at the Sports Hall on the afternoon of Friday 22nd or the morning of Saturday 23rd. Any carrier bag or bin liner will do. Every item will help to increase the total weight and therefore the amount of money raised. For more details on the PTA's activities, please go to <u>http://</u> www.lacon-childe.org.uk/ Parents/PTA. Thank you.

DAVID LIVESEY Sharon Wakeman pays tribute to a local hero and friend:

On 29th July Dave passed away from a heart attack; he was 45 and leaves his widow Alison and two daughters. He gew up in Clows Top and went to Lacon Childe and always kept local connections. He was well known on the national motocross scene and every weekend he raced; had done so since he was a schoolboy.

Two events have been named in his honour and the Facebook page "A Dave to Remember" has raised over £2500 for charities chosen by his family, to whom our sympathies go. His send-off was at Worcester Crematorium on August 12th. He always said he valued his friends from Cleobury for the feeling of being welcome amongst them. Rest in peace, Dave.

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Star of the Small Ads - Handy Matt



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"I spent the first ten years after I left university just travelling around the world. Working my way, doing labouring jobs or whatever, to pay off my debts. Did a lot of machinery operating and cøncrete laying in Australia,' he recalls.

Handy Matt is just that, a very handy man who can tackle just about any task. And if he can't, he has a list of experienced trades people who will do the job.

In the tme he's been an advertiser in the Clarion, I've realised what a straight dealer he is. He gives a price for a job and sticks to it: if he had a motto it would be "Do it well, do it once" and has been shocked at some of the prices other operators have quoted. Like a one to instal guttering to an exension a local resident had built. "Labour and the cost of materials came to £600," he remembers. The client could hardly believe his ears; he'd been quoted £1800 by another company. Even better, the man who gave that price looked at the extension and said the roof was all wrong "because it was Metric and should be Imperial"! Everyone who hears that claim is still trying to work it out.

His work is mainly local, travelling out from his Bewdley home to the Welsh border if work is there. And he is very busy, reflecting his keen pricing. "There are people doing the same sort of work as me, whø say I don't charge enough," he explains. "But I drive past their houses and the vans are in the drive because they haven't got work." He's in a competitive business and readily competes.

I chose Matt Norman to revive part of our back garden, looking wrecked after a gas tank was He buried there. discusses, listens and suggests, then sources materials at the best price; we saved £170 øn flagstones that he installed with great care and frequent checks spirit level. on the The transformation pleased everyone, from grandchildren to us oldies. I would happily recommend him to friends.

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The Severn Edge Vets Pets Page

The holiday season has brought us some lovely weather, just brilliant for getting out into the great outdoors – warm, but not too hot, and mostly dry. At our Bewdley surgery, we are even happier as we have just celebrated our first Birthday. Yes, we can barely believe it, our little branch has had a great first year, and somehow 12 months has passed quickly as a flash.

As we get towards the end of the summer, and the good weather inevitably becomes slightly damper, the risk of lungworm infection increases again. Lungworm is an infection that dogs pickup by eating infected slugs or snails. These develop internally causing various problems, least of which is a cough. We have had confirmed cases in the region, so we have no doubt that it is here, but there has been no real surveillance of just how common the infection is. Recently, our recommended routine tableted wormer has gained a new license for prevention of lungworm infection, but only if it is used on a monthly basis. It is important to remember that not every dog is likely to catch lungworm. Certain risk factors greatly increase their chances. These include eating slugs and snails, but perhaps more commonly a slug on a tennis ball can easily become a swallowed slug. I am not suggesting you should stop playing fetch with Rover, but be aware of the risks of this disease, talk to us about it when you come in, and we can advise you on the best way to reduce their chances of the infection. We now have 'dogside' tests for lungworm at very competitive prices. These kits can detect the presence of lungworm infections in a very small blood sample, and will help to give us some data on the actual level of the problem in the area. We hope to report our results to you when we know more.

Last month I wrote about the importance of neutering female dogs. This month it's the cats' turn. September sees Severn Edge Vets teaming up with Shropshire Cat Rescue's neutering campaign. Throughout this month we will neuter all cats (male and female) for a bargain price of £10. All you need to do is get in contact with Shropshire Cat Rescue to obtain a voucher, and bring the voucher to us. Please call in advance to book an operation appointment, then simply turn up on the day with the voucher, £10, and we will do the rest. Everything to the same high standards that we normally follow. As you know – at Severn Edge Vets we will never compromise on quality, safety or care of your pets.

Also this month we have a promotion on lumps and bumps. If your pet has a knobbly bit, lumpy bit, or dangling bits where they shouldn't be, we will check it out for you at a reduced price. Through September – we will offer testing of these bumps for only £30. This price includes the consultation, sample taking and professional laboratory testing. It is a bargain – so don't hesitate to pick up the phone and get it checked. It is probably nothing to worry about, but occasionally we find something that needs further attention, and in that case the sooner, the better. Don't hang around, pick up the phone now to speak to our team at Cleobury. As always, Thanks for reading

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The Local Success - Ashley's Bakery



Ashley and Estelle Pugh. The secret of their success? "Working as a team," says Estelle.

They've come a very long way since they managed to persuade the landlord of No 19 High Street to let them take on the tiny shop and open a sandwich and cake business. That was in 1989 and their bread supplies came from Richard Swift on Clee Hill, while their mums made the cakes that tempted people in.

By the early 1990s they made a brave move to start baking their own bread and took on the old bakery at 57 High Street, where bread was first baked 165 years ago. They were renting a one bedroom flat in the same address and Estelle was pregnant with their first child, Alice.

"We took out a loan and went to this chap up north who could kit us out with good used equipment." Ashley explains. "The roll maker we bought then is still here, in use." They learned a lot from suppliers, who found them willing to listen to advice, so gladly passed on tips.

The first piece of new equipment was a mixer they still use today. "We paid for

that with post dated cheques," he remembers. "People sometimes think that because you're in business you can buy what you want, but it was a struggle back then."

They operated from that little shop for years, with people queuing out onto the pavement every day and the staff performing near miracles to get sandwiches cut and made, the home made cakes cut to order. The service from the bakery was in the hands of Ashley's dad Trevor, who arrived in the van and unload more trays onfloaves and rolls. The place had a real buzz, and Estelle still sings the praises of the staff who made it all work.

Eventually that business was sold on, and they concentrated on building the bakery business and retailing at local fairs and shows. Public demand for what they made persuaded them to move back into the retail business with the Cleobury Cafe, noted eating house on the High Street.

They were still selling bread at shows and at the Tenbury Wells Applefest in 2011 the number of people asking them to open a local shop sewed the seed for their next move. In February 2012 an old charity shop on Street fell vacant and Teme Ashley offered to take it on a three months trial. "After two weeks we agreed to take on the lease," Ashley says. "It was an affordable rent, we have a good landlord, the staff are great and it's a busy shop. They take a full vanload of bread every day. It was a natural progression for the business."

And this year they were offered the Bewdley Bakery shop on Lode Street. In June they put the 'Ashley's Bread' sign up and the business has grown ever since. "It's doing exceptionally well and the staff we took on are very good. We get calls from people asking what we sell and they become regular customers."

So from that start making sandwiches and cakes, they've grown to be a notable local business, employing 26 people in the three shops and looking for another baker to help them meet demand.

But they've outgrown the old bakery at Mortimer Gardens and are looking for larger premises for the baking side of the business. "We've risen enough here," as Estelle puts it, with a smile.

The Pughs haven't had it easy, with no big backer and the need to earn every penny they've spent. And the hours are long. "I start baking at 3.00 and work until 1.00," Ashley estimates. "Get a couple of hours sleep, go and close the shop at Tenbury, then come back here so we can meet at the cafe."

Estelle works in the bakery from 5.00 until 9.00, then starts on the day's paperwork until she drives over to Bewdley to close the shop before meeting Ashley back at the cafe. When that closes at 5.30, they're back to the bakery and preparing the next day's baking. Ashley reckons he puts in an average day of 14 hours and Estalle is not far behind. And she does Sunday mornings at the Cleobury Cafe.

They're still grafting hard. "And if we have a problem, we'll sit down and work out the way around it," Ashley says. It certainly works for them.

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Happenings on High Street

MAN OF SEVERAL TALENTS



Mike Davis at Jules on the High Street. He's a lot more than a knowledgeable jeweller.

Mike Davis has been part of the Jules team for years. Julie's long term employee, he has a good knowledge of gold values, but refers wider jewellery matters to the guvnor. He did show us the Barryon range of silver that's new in the showroom, featuring some lovely modern designs, but modestly did not offer any professional comment.

He does know the pawnbroking business that is part of the Jules service. There are very strict regulations governing this trade, with a contract stating how long the customer has to pay the loan to redeem whatever they've given as security. Checks on identity are a natural precaution, plus proof of identity and in some cases a photo of the borrower is taken. All sensible precautions in a business where people can borrow money against precious possessions like family silver or jewels, but where thieves also try to pass on stolen goods. Trade secrets will not be given away here, but you can take it that these professionals are not daft.

"It's a convenient way to pay an unexpected bill," explained Mike. "And you can pay the loan back at once or over the period of the loan, whatever suits you best."

Mike is also a very experienced photographer, whose work has been used by the BBC locally. He proudly shows off some of his images on his Samsung, including a pipistrelle fly shot with a lens that cost about \pounds 1,000.

There lies the crux of the freelance professional snapper's problem. Very few magazines can afford to pay what such a photo is worth, and many local papers (good to see that the Shropshire Star is an honourable exception to this) just issue reporters with a Smartphone and ask them to bring back a useable image. As Mike puts it: "That's not what you get in National Geographic magazine." So he's a jeweller and pawnbroker, but a hobby photographer who enjoys what he does and doesn't get wound up about earning a living with his lens.

HAVE YOU TRIED?

This is another treat you can find on the High Street, but not in any big time supermarket.

On a Saturday, Crusty Cob have a selection of French and Italian style breads baked by Richard Swift up on Clee Hill. I often buy one for lunch, not knowing what it's called and just enjoying a flavour and texture very different from the British norm. If that sounds too simple to be sensible, I can assure you it's not. It's more like a culinary mystery tour, where you have a pleasant surprise as you discover another taste treat.

We normally eat it with either cheese or pate, available nearby at the Simply Fresh deli counter, plus vegetables to suit from Carrot Tops. All available on or just off the main street, and the range on the Crusty Cob counter seems to change every week.

The latest was an Italian type made with onions and Shropshire Blue cheese, and combined with a Forrestiere pate it made a very fine lunch. A glass of a decent red wine would have gone down well, but would have been pure self indulgence.



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Clarion Clippings - The Local News

CLEOBURY IN BLOOM

Each year as part of Cleobury in Bloom, the Horticultural Society sets a challenge for primary school children. This year we included the playgroups and nurseries, all being invited to grow potato tubers, keep a log of their activities and record what they had learned.

Three schools and six nurseries entered the tubers that we gave them in March. Despite what the weather threw at them, they persevered and were rewarded at the prize-giving. 'Ever After' Nursery scooped the pre-school prize group, with Kinlet Family Grassroots Playgroup and Playgroup and Rising 5s second and third. Kinlet C of E Primary School won the school category, followed by Stottesdon and Bayton. The judges were amazed at the activities the children had been involved in as part of the project: reading, drawing, writing, photography, singing using information and technology to mention just a few. The quality of the potatoes was very high.

Next year, we shall include a category for adults, so look out for information early next growing season. If this whets your appetite for an allotment to grow food on a larger scale, we have a small number of full and half plots still available at Green Barn allotments: contact Doug Smurthwaite on 01299 271194 if you're interested. *Flo Hadley*

MADGE SHINETON

I will be holding a Surgery in the Market Hall, Cleobury Mortimer on September 7th from 11.00am to 1.00, to help with any Shropshire Council problems.

Ι will also have the Parliamentary Petition with me. Ludlow is one of the constituency collecting areas signatures for a Petition asking the Government for a fairer share of taxpayers' money to come to the rural areas.

The Government's formulae give urban councils 50 percent more funding per head than the rural ones, despite the extra cost of delivering services in sparsely populated areas. Last year the government agreed that the rural areas needed extra money and increased some sparsity formula elements to help close the gap. But they only allowed a small part of this gain to reach the rural area authorities, delaying the phasing in of the rest until at least 2020.

The petition is an important part of the rural action to bring this date forward. Many thanks to everyone who has already signed, there are forms in the Cleobury Country Centre and with Madge Shineton and Gwilym Butler.

We will need to collect the forms back by September 23rd.

THE WARBLERS HAVE WANDERED ON

Reid Warblers have moved their rehearsal home from Neen Savage village hall to Cleobury Golf Club. It seems members found the rigours of last winter too much to cope with in a lovely hall that doesn't have the luxury of the golf club's wood burning stove. Graham Pain at the club is also keen to get his own members involved in the choir and the Warblers will be putting on a concert for them in the future. (Suggestion for Songs for Swinging Golfers welcome like "All you need is clubs").

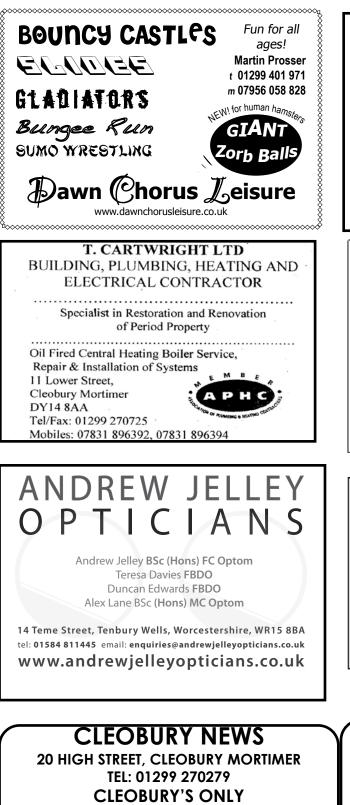
" I am personally very grateful to the village hall committee for making us so welcome," Judie Reid told members. "Perhaps we could use it on special occasions for parties."

DEMENTIA CARERS

There will be a Carers' Survival Guide course in Saint Elizabeth's Church Hall on October 22nd. The aim is to help anyone caring for a dementia sufferer and explain how much advice is available in the county. More details next month, but if you want to book your place early, talk to Julie Wenlock on 01743 341995.



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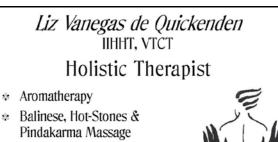
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Letter from Westminster - Philip Dunne MP

Back to School

I write as the summer holidays draw to a close. This of course means the return of that one event that can bring relief to parents and a foreboding to children: the start the new school year.

We are fortunate to have some excellent schools in Shropshire, both at primary and secondary level. These schools boast staff who combine effective teaching with genuine pastoral care. They are assisted by parents, many of whom take an active role in their local schools and help build productive relationships with teaching staff to improve the overall student experience.

In Shropshire Barrow 1618 Primary School, near Broseley, is a shining example. When threatened with closure governors, staff and parents came together to make Barrow the first free school in Shropshire, granting more freedom over the curriculum and its own budget. The school is already expanding to meet the influx of new students wanting to enrol, and has performed above the national average in its first year's SAT exams.

August has given us good reason to celebrate the achievements of Shropshire's schools. We have seen some excellent GSCE and A-Level results in schools right across the county. I congratulate our hard-working young students and hope that they have enjoyed a well-earned summer break before going off to further education or find their first job.

Shropshire's schools have a strong record of educational attainment despite the low level of funding per pupil. The opaque funding formula inherited from the previous government meant that Shropshire suffered from one of the lowest rates of funding for schools in the country. I have long campaigned for fairer funding for rural schools, and I am pleased to say that steps are now being taken by the Department of Education to improve education funding in Shropshire.

From April 2014 reforms will allow local authorities greater flexibility in providing additional funding for small schools in sparsely populated areas. This will pave the way for a planned new funding formula to be introduced in 2015-16 during the next spending review period. I fully expect this to mean more money for Shropshire's schools.

The need for school places is also expected to increase in Shropshire. Predictions for population growth in Shropshire estimate a 17% rise from 2006-2031, meaning nearly an extra 50,000 people. We need to ensure that places and funding increase with the growing population.

Education is a field in which we can never afford to be complacent. The schooling of our next generation is too important, so we must strive for excellence whenever we can. New funding reforms, coupled with greater freedom for schools over funding and the curriculum should mean that Shropshire's educational standards continue to rise and that we provide our young people with means to choose their own futures and give them the best possible start in life.

I wish students, parents, teachers and all those involved in our schools from volunteers, other staff and governors alike the very best for the school year ahead.

Philip Dunne MP

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The September Social Calendar

Date	Time	Details	Contact	Telephone Number
Wed 4	10.00am	Walking for Health stroll out from the Sports Centre, Love Lane	Mandy Smith	CM 270312
	8.00pm	Whist Drive Night at Doddington Village Hall	Sonia Pearsall	01584 890874
Thu 5		GREEN WHEELIE BINS EMPTIED TODAY		
	10.30am	Rock Pathfinders meet at Hawksbatch Car Park on the B4194	Alan	01299 400304
		Dowles Road to Bewdley for a countryside walk. Everyone		
		welcome.		
Fri 6	10.30am	Craft and Chat gather in the Market Hall. SEE PAGE 9.		
Sat 7	8.00am	Sale of household goods at Knowle Sportsground, Tenbury		
		Road, Clee Hill		
	11.00am	Cllr Madge Shineton has a surgery in the Market Hall. No need		
	to	to book.		
	1.00pm			
Wed 11	7.30am	The Breakfast Club meet at the Golf Club to hear Rob Watkins	Gill Chapman	CM 270575
		talk about Being a Golf Pro		
	12.30pm	The Ladies Luncheon Club meet at The Plough, Far Forest	Alison	01584 890414
	7.30pm	Neen Savage WI meet in the Village Hall to hear Helen Booton		
		talk about cake decorating		
	8.00pm	Royal British Legion meet at the Bell Inn, Lower Street		
Thur 12		BLACK WHEELIE BINS AND GREEN RECYCLE BOXES		
		EMPTIED TODAY		
Fri 13	7.30pm	Bingo Night at Cleeton Village Hall		
	8.00pm	British Legion Auction of local produce, with Jim Hulme at the		
		helm. It's in the Bell Inn, Lower Street and is always a good		
		evening		
Sat 14/		The Borders Classic Bike Show is at Lacon Childe School, with a		
Sun 15		huge array of historic bikes on show and more in the bike park.		
		All profits to the School.		
Mon 16	6.30pm	Cleobury Patients' Voice meets at the Market Hall	Lyn Young	CM 271506

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The September Social Calendar - continued

Date	Time	Details	Contact	Telephone Number
Wed 18	10.00am	Walking for Health are out again.	Mandy Smith	CM 270312
	7.30pm	Stottesdon WI Open Evening at Chorley Village Hall. SEE PAGE 11.		
	8.00pm	Whist Drive at Doddington Village Hall	Sonia Pearsall	01584 890874
Thu 19		BLACK WHEELIE BINS EMPTIED TODAY		
	10.30am	Rock Pathfinders meet at The Duke William Inn, Rock for another of their country walks.		
	7.45pm	Bingo Night at the Sports and Social Club	Alan Evans	CM 270114
Fri 20	7.30pm	Kidderminster Male Voice Choir entertain in the Parish Church. SEE PAGE 7.		
	8.00pm	Bingo Night, Doddington Village Hall	Sonia Pearsall	01584 890874
Sat 21		British Legion Bowling Day at CM Bowls Club	Dave Harley	CM 271311
Wed 25		Morning and Evening Flower Arranging Classes start at Mamble Village Hall.	Hazel	01299 832793
	7.45pm	Clows Top Gardening Cub's Autumn Show, in the Victory Hall. SEE PAGE 7	Marion Wilson	CM 270475
Thur 26		GREEN RECYCLE BINS EMPTIED TODAY		
	7.30pm	Jock Gallagher is the star speaker at a Cleobury Compassionate Communities event at the Market Hall. SEE PAGE 15.		
	8.00pm	Whist Drive at Neen Savage Village Hall.		
Fri 27	10.00am	Macmillan Cancer Support's Biggest Coffee Morning in the World has its local branch in the Market Hall. SEE PAGE 11	Sue Henderson	CM 270507
	8.00pm	Bingo Night at Doddington Village Hall	Sonia Pearsall	01584 890874
Sat 28	8.00am	Sale of household goods at Knowle Sportsground, Tebury Road, Clee Hill		
		AND LOOKING FORWARD TO OCTOBER		
Wed 2	8.00pm	Whist Drive Night, Doddington Village Hall	Sonia Pearsall	01584 890874
Thu 3		BLACK WHEELIE BINS AND GREE RECYCLE BOXES EMPTIED TODAY		

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The Croft • Cleobury Mt'r

The Croft is a detached family house located in the quiet village of Oreton which can be found approximately 5 miles from the town of Cleobury Mortimer. The Croft has four double bedrooms, large kitchen, spacious living room and downstairs walk in shower room. Energy rating E.



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The Cliffords • Nash

Detached character farmhouse in a rural location with beautiful views over the surrounding countryside. Cliffords Farmhouse is well presented throughout with attractive character features to include inglenook fireplace and exposed beams and timbers. The accommodation includes 'country style' kitchen and breakfast room, utility, two receptions and conservatory. 4 bedrooms, ensuite & family bathroom. Detached garage and garden. Energy rating E.



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Wayside • Hopton Bank

A most impressive five bedroomed property with breath-taking gardens, occupying a total plot of approximately half an acre.Wayside's accommodation encompasses porch, kitchen, dining room/snug, sitting room, cloakroom, conservatory, office/utility, family bathroom and five bedrooms (master having en-suite). Double garage with driveway and ample parking to front and rear. Energy rating E.



22 Barnfields • Cleobury Mt'r

Detached family home located in desirable area what very impressive size garden. Spacious accompone comprising two receptions, kitchen / diner and bom, master bedroom with dressing room an-suite. Three further bedrooms, family bathered id double garage. Viewing highly recommend



The Gardens • Cleobury Mt'r

Situated in a rural village this detached family home with four bedrooms, two receptions, kitchen / breakfast room, cloakroom, pantry, bathroom and shower room. The property also benefits from a spacious studio and a workshop offering versatile uses. Surrounded by pretty gardens and extensive views over the beautiful countryside. Energy rating D.



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Clarion Coppers - with CSO Nick Morris

Crimes committed in our area during the last couple of months are as follows. Overnight on June 26th/27th lead worth £500 was stolen from a roof at Lacon Childe School, and a security light and a camera ripped off the wall and damaged. On July 1st/2nd two cars in The Hurst and Ronhill Crescent, and two in Clee Hill had the hubcaps stolen from them. On July 3rd/4th there was an attempted burglary at a property in Coreley. During the night of July 6th/7th a vehicle parked in Childe Road West car park had its catalytic convertor stolen. Be aware that there have been quite a few thefts of catalytic convertors in Burford, Ludlow and other areas during the last few months.

On July 28th a man was arrested for criminal damage to a van which was parked in Lower Inhedge. During the early hours of August 4th a laptop was stolen in a burglary at a house in Farlow. Between 11:00pm on August 13th and 7:30am the next day access was gained to a garage at Milson from where a lawn mower, a combi strimmer/hedge cutter, a leaf blower and a chain saw were stolen. Another garage was broken into at Doddington between 7:45pm on August 13th and 1:20pm on August 14th. Here two chainsaws were stolen. There was a burglary at a fixed mobile home in Chorley between August 13th and August 18th. A laptop and jewellery were stolen from there.

Good news is that burglars and other criminals continue to be arrested and dealt

with over the West Mercia area, with a particularly high detection rate in Shropshire. For those who venture to night clubs and the like, where they like to get drunk and afterwards wander the streets, a word of warning. In larger towns and cities there are regular reports of criminals targetting people in drink to relieve them of their wallets, money, mobile phones or other items. Sometimes sexual offences and other crimes are committed. When these types of crime happen, the victims are usually unable to remember important details which could lead to police catching the offenders.

Are you frustrated when you see vehicles parked illegally and causing an obstruction or other problems? You may not be aware that there is a way on the Shropshire Council website to report these offences. Go onto the website, click on 'transport and streets', and put 'illegal parking' in the box. You will then see how to bring up the form. Needed are the details of the vehicle, registration number, time and place. The more reports that are submitted, the more likely a Civil Enforcement Officer, or traffic warden, will be deployed and penalties issued. Police deal with vehicles causing an obstruction, including obstruction of a drop kerb preventing certain public access, and parking at a pedestrian crossing, but not much else related to illegal parking. Not a lot of people know that! Nick Morris





Clarion Clippings - The Local News

CLEOBURY PATIENTS' VOICE

The Medical Centre is looking at ways to help those with long term conditions to spend less time going backwards and forwards to the Doctor when perhaps most of the checks could be carried out in one visit. From anyone with a long term condition, we need to know what suggestions you might have.

Our next Meeting is at the Market Hall at 6.30pm 16th September. If any of you would like to make any suggestions call Lyn Young on 01299 271506.

Vice Chair Jacqui Lewis is working on an initiative to help young people in Cleobury Mortimer tell us what practical things they think would encourage them to stay healthy. Jack Martin came to talk to us and gave an excellent presentation. It is recognised that not all of you are sporty or want to join organised groups, but if we know what you would enjoy then your local Youth Forum are there to help.

HealthWatch - yet another change for us all to get used to. This is a County wide group with some Government funding that is also a charity. There are some practical ideas coming through which will be good for all of us. We will keep you posted as they happen.

One group which is already set up and running is POWHER, who are able to support patients and relatives when there is a complaint about care, when they have already spoken to their doctor, nurse or other professional and still feel their complaint has not been dealt with satisfactorily. However, most cases can be resolved simply by talking to your doctor or bringing your concerns to your CPV.

Action For Warm Homes. Yes, it is still summer. However there are some out there who will be worrying whether they are going to manage those oil bills. The RCC are launching a campaign to try to help. If you know someone who is struggling then ring me on 01299 271506 for further details Remember this is totally confidential

If there are any local concerns about health please contact us. One last reminder: soon it will be the flu season, so make your injection appointment now. *Lyn Young*

MANSE CRAFTS

Rev Helen Roberts has launched an unusual fund

raising scheme for the Methodist church. It's called Manse Crafts and is centred around glass as a creative material. She is offering to make almost anything you want, like bowls from bottles, glass carving, personalisation of items or she'll give you a day's tuition in design for just £60.

You can get hands-on with the secrets of glass fusing, so that you make you own pendants, broken bottle art pieces or kiln carved pictures. She will be at some Farmers' Market days to show off what can be achieved with a material we mostly throw into the recycling bin.

All profits will go to Cleobury's Methodist Church. Learn more by talking to Helen on 01584 819649 or e-mail helen_goolwa@hotmail.com

OPEN GARDEN SUCCESS

The Ingrams' Open Garden Day at Stiggley Cottage in Stottesdon, reported in last month's Clarion, just outshone the indifferent weather.

Enough to attract 110 paying visitors and make the mighty impressive sum of £831 to send off to the National Garden Scheme for their charity fund. "Couldn't do it without those wonderful people," said Denise.



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For more details and to book in contact Pat Smith 01299 270592



The Farming Page John and Catherine Evans explain to the non farmers amongst us just how diverse their crops and end uses are. Including some that eventually come back to the farm after much processing.

Weather is the main topic of conversation in every farming household and it is usually doing the wrong thing. This year, due to the wet autumn and cold spring the harvest is about three weeks later than normal. Now long dry spells are critical to allow the combine to get out into the fields and cut the crops. Our main arable crops are wheat, oats and barley and we grow some oilseed rape, beans and maize.

Wheat we grow for animal feed and feed it to our own stock as well as selling on the open market, but it can be used for bread if the variety is right and the quality good enough. It can also be used for sugar production and is sent to a plant in Manchester that processes it and the sugar is used in food production. The waste product when the sugar has been extracted is used to produce vodka and the final residue is sold back to the farmer as animal food!

Barley is distinguished by the hairy 'beard' and is also used as an animal feed. We have

tried to grow Maris Otter, a variety used by Hobsons in the production of their beer, however the protein content of the barley has been too high due to the high fertility of our soil and this inhibits the malting process. Malting barley is best grown on chalky soil.

The oats we grow are also milled with the barley and wheat to produce our own animal food mixed with minerals and molasses. If the quality is good enough they are also sold for porridge or muesli.

Maize is made into silage by chopping it all up and compacting in a silage pit where it ferments over the winter and is then fed to the cattle. The beans can be used for animal feed or are exported to the Middle East where they are eaten as a breakfast cereal. Oilseed rape is sold off the farm and processed into rapeseed oil - about 44% oil is extracted and the residue is sold back to farmers as a high protein feed. The oil is used in cooking or for bio fuel.

Catherine and John



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A NEW APPROACH TO CARING



Jacqui Jackson heads the new company with a simple philosophy: "If I can improve someone's quality of life, that's good."

TLC Care at Home is a new domiciliary care business, based in Neen Savage and building an experienced staff of carers to cover the local area. It's led by Jacqui Jackson, a registered foster carer who wants to develop an interest in care for the elderly. Her daughter, also an experienced carer, will be joining her to strengthen this family business.

Using the principles of the Person Centred Plan that originated in America it has a thinking approach. "Just because a person has dementia and perhaps can't speak, they are still a human being,' she reasons. "We are going to deliver person centred care. We'll develop a care package based on individual needs and empathy with the person."

Jacqui herself has five years experience in care and is Care Quality Commission registered. She already has six staff and is still recruiting, as her plan includes the ability to provide 24 hour care if it is needed. "We are completely flexible," she explains. "We can run the house if needed, while the family are at work."

What drives this compassionate ambition? "I have elderly relatives with dementia and sometimes you can forget the people they were. You have to treat them with respect."

Each care plan is developed in line with the needs of the individual and includes a risk assessment. "We keep a record with the plan, and problems, needs and progress are all recorded. If there is a problem I'm alerted the same day and we deal with it promptly."

Any experienced carer with the right qualifications and good caring approach can contact Jacqui on 01299 272 897.

IN PRAISE OF....

Collecting my much better half from ten days in hospital was delayed until the matter of slow toilet flushing could be dealt with. The use of a plunger seemed to have cured the problem and I arranged to collect the lady the next day, as all seemed well.

At 7.30 the next morning my son reported an emergency, with the drain cover lifted by back pressure and the back garden partially flooded. Not a pretty sight at all.

My firct action was to call Tom Cartwright and explain. "The lads will be there in five minutes" he reassured and I donned wellies and tried to clean up. The Cartwright Crew arrived at 7.40 and by 9.00 the system was working properly. Before they left, they poured out good measure of their а disinfectant to help me clean down the patio. They left with a tip and my undying gratitude to a small local firm that can act quickly and effectively. And none of that whopping great call-out charge nonsense because they know you're desperate.

Tom Cartwright is on 01299 270 725. Just don't give him too many jobs like this one, please . *Jim Reynolds*



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The Clarion Weekly Social Calendar

Day	Time	Event	Contact	Phone
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	09.45	Parish Communion, Parish Church		CM 270624
	09.00	Mass, St Elizabeth's, Lower Street	Canon Walsh	01584 872906
	10.30	Cleobury Country Archers, Lacon Childe Sports Field	Lesley Burnside	CM 271374
	10.30	New Life Church – for venue call	Derek Morris	CM 270787
	11.00	Morning Service, Methodist Church	Rev H Roberts	01584 819649
Mon	08.00	Kinlet Family Playgroup, Kinlet School Mon to Fri		07794 166514
	08.00	Chorley Family Playgroup, Stottesdon School Mon to Fri	Zoe Day	01746 718769
	09.00	Peter Rabbit Nursery, Lacon Childe School Mon to Fri	April Rogers	CM 271418
	09.00	CM Playgroup, Primary School, Mon to Fri	Jane Preece	07816 193933
	09.30	Morning Workout, Sports Hall	Deena	CM 271317
	10.00	Age UK, Monday Club, St Mary's Place	Sarah Wilde	0.01 27 15 17
	15.45	Gym Club with Ann Davis, Lacon Childe Mon & Wed	Don Carter	CM 270312
	17.30	Cubs Meeting, Old Pump House, Church Street	Kate Pearce	07772 102986
	18.30	Karate Club, Lacon Childe School	John Nelson	CM 879210
	19.00	Tai Chi Class, Lacon Childe School	Rose Jacks	01584 875544
	19.30	Rangers Meeting, Old Pump House, Church Street	Helen Smith	CM 270912
	19.45	Bingo, CM Sports & Social Club	Alan Evans	CM 270712 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 272353
	15.45	Ballet Class, Lacon Childe School	Liz Broadway	CM 270333
	17.00	Sports Roundabout, Sports Hall, Love Lane	LIZ DI Oadway	CM 231240 CM 271317
	17.30	Beavers Meeting, Old Pump House, Church Street	Becky Keeley	CM 271317 CM 271416
	17.30	Bridge Club Hopton Wafters Village Hall	Wendy Duley	CM 270562
	19.00	Bell Ringers' practice night, St Mary's Church	Liz Walker	CM 270302 CM 271808
	19.00	Modern Dance Sequence Club, Lacon Childe School	E Wrigglesworth	01562 822291
Wed	19.30	1	Freda Childe	01584 891180
	16.45	Over 50s Relaxing Exercises, Doddington Village HallGym Club for 6 & over, Lacon Childe School	Don Carter	CM 270312
	17.15		Rebecca Barnes	CM 270312 CM 272945
	17.13	Brownies Meeting, Old Pump House, Church Street	Rebecca Barnes	CIM 272943
	19.00	Guides Meeting, Old Pump House, Church Street 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
		CM Concert Brass Band practice, Parish Hall	Stella Wilcox	CM 270560
	19.30 19.30		Derek Morris	CM 270380 CM 270787
	19.30	New Life Church prayer meeting. For venue call Choir Practice, Parish Church	Philip Engleheart	CM 270/87 CM 270627
Thu	09.30	Little Tiddlers, Kinlet Family Playgroup, Kinlet School	Zoe Pearson	07794 166514
	14.00	Scrabble Club, St Mary's Place, Non residents £1.00	Jo Booton	07969 104808
	16.45			CM 271809
		Cleobury Comets Netball, CM Sports Centre term time	Mandy Smith	CM 271809 CM 272945
	17.30 19.00	Brownies Meeting, Old Pump House, Church Street Bell Inn Band improvers rehearsal, Bell Inn, Lower Street	Rebecca Barnes	CIVI 272943
	19.00	Tums and Bums, Lacon Childe School	Don Carter	CM 270312
	19.30	Adult 7-a-side Football League, CM Sports Centre	Don Carter Dave Hinves	CM 270312 CM 271317
	20.00		Dave millives	CIVI 2/151/
	20.00	Bell Inn Band rehearsal, Bell Inn, Lower Street		CM 271217
		11-16s Badminton Club, CM Sports Centre		CM 271317 CM 271317
Fri	21.00	Over 16s Badminton Club, CM Sports Centre	Zoo Dov	
	10.00	Tiny Stots, Chorley Playgroup, Stottesdon School	Zoe Day Ratting Poole	01746 717769 CM 271868
	10.00	Tiny Tots, Parish Hall Rainbourg Masting, circle 5,7 years, Old Pump House	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
Cot	20.00	Badminton, CM Sports Centre	Dohort Watting	01584 881359
Sat	10.30	Junior Coaching, CM Golf Club, Wyre Common	Robert Watkins	CM 271112





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Clarion Clippings - The Local News End to End Charity Ride Skate Park Fun Day



Neal Deller and his friends from the Ludlow Cycling Club completed an 11-day charity cycle ride from Lands End to John O'Groats in July. Neal's aim was to raise money for the Teenage Cancer Trust at Birmingham Children's Hospital and so far he's received donations for just under £1000. His mates, Dover Disney, Tom Green and Peter King, had their own quite separate causes to support

Although the signpost says that Lands End is 874 miles away, the four friends actually rode over 1,000 miles on their route, which used country roads and took in their overnight stops. "We had only two days of heavy rain and the wind was generally a kind southerly." said a relieved Neal. "Dover's wife and son came in a support van with essential parts, and we generally didn't see them until the hotels each night. But we did have seven punctures to deal with and Tom had a rear wheel explode just after we left the hotel one morning. It was a big bang, and there was a nine inch section of the wheel rim sticking out to one side. Fortunately we had spare wheels in the van so it didn't cause too much of a delay."

Clarion readers have already sponsored Neal, but if you missed the chance first time around you can make an on-line donation now at http:/www.justgiving.com/Neal-Deller1. There can be few causes more deserving than this one.



Philip Dunne was a welcome visitor, seen with Ben Wadey (left) Jack Martin and a pretty scarily painted Nat, another of the Wadey tribe.

The South Shropshire Youth Forum held their inaugural Cleobury Mortimer Skate Park Fun Day on the 17th August. The idea emerged at the newly formed Cleobury Mortimer branch of the South Shropshire charity, generated by children themselves and then carried forward and organised by Jack Martin, Amy Clarke and Sandra Edwards. Local children took part on the day to man games and stalls and performed live music to the public, helping to raise money to fund the work of the Youth Forum. The organisers would like to thank all who supported the day and made it such a huge success, as well as local businesses, whose kind donations were much appreciated. Many thanks to Philip Dunne MP, Sean Thorogood and the local Police CSO's for coming along, talking to young people and seeing what they can achieve for their community.

Jack Martin



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September In The Wyre Forest - Linda Iles

September is the month when summer shows that it is turning into autumn. The colours give it away: the oldest bramble leaves are turning orange and red while their prickly stems hold out juicy, purple fruits; rowan trees are decorated with bunches of orange berries which are enjoyed by blackbird and mistle thrush and if the weather allows we should see the shapes and colours of a variety of fungi appearing.

Heather will still be flowering where the soil is dry and acidic and not shaded out by trees. Wyre has the ling rather than heath variety of heather. The forest has such a patchwork of habitats that you come across some heathland (or at least the plants which indicate heathland) whichever path you take. However, it is decreasing across the country and for the sake of all the plants and animals (such as adders and lizards) that depend on it, has to be maintained by tree clearance and grazing or cutting of the shrubs.

This is the month when harvesting begins and two day courses at Uncllys Farm will both be using seasonal produce in different ways. At **Juicing and Cider Making** on the 14th, apples from local orchards will be used to show the process of scratting, pressing and pasteurising juice for a longer shelf life, and of course how to ferment to make your own cider. On the 21st **Natural Dyes** will be a day of experimentation, using materials from the garden, hedgerow and kitchen to dye fleece, homespun yarn and cotton using various dying techniques. The days cost £45 and £40 respectively and you can call 01299 488083 or info@wyreclt.org.uk for more information.

The 29th is the date for **Fungus** Forays: 10.30am to 12.30 from Earnwood car park, 2.00 to 4.00 from Hawkbatch car park, both on the B4194. There will be a short stroll through the forest looking for the amazing variety of fungi large and small, that are so vital to our woodlands. £7 per person with an ID guide available for £4. Please book with the Forestry Commission's Discovery Centre: 01299 266929 www.forestry.gov.uk/ or wyreforest If you can't make these dates, there are two more walks on October 19th.

Schools will be going back so Forest Friends, for pre-school children and their carers, will be meeting again at the Discovery Centre at Callow Hill from 10.00am to 11.00 on Thursdays. The first Thursday of the month will be led by a Forestry Commission learning ranger (programme available) but on others you can turn up and use the education enclosure and box of activities on a self-led basis. There is a small charge for this.

ACCOUSTIC BLUES AND FREE KAZOOS

What on earth can this be about? It's actually a musical evening coming to Neen Sollars Victory Hall on October 11th. Just thought we'd give you extra early notice to get used to that title.

It's a trio called Mumbo Jumbo, well known in the Midlands, who play piano-based blues and other styles in a relaxed way. As well as the piano, Oliver, Abby and Chris have a trumpet and ukulele and a notable extra - to encourage their audience to join in, they hand out free kazoos for anyone to play.

They come with a solid name for good music, their 2012 album 'Life of Riley' getting good reviews and a a nomination in the British Blues Awards for Best Song of the Year.

'Blues in Britain' Magazine said of them "The musicianship is unsurpassable and the song writing is excellent". And the Worcester News added "The pleasure of watching musicians doing what they do best and having such fun doing it is very infectious." It promises to be a very good night.

Doors will open at 7.30 and the gig starts at 8.00. Tickets are £7.00 prebooked or £9.00 on the night. From Craig on 01299 270054 or via www.mumbo-jumbo.biz Go on, let your hair down and have fun.

Linda Iles

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The scheme was introduced to help tackle the problems of rogue traders, many of whom 'cold call' or deliver leaflets looking for work. Although this is not an approval scheme, Trading Standards set up the register in conjunction with Telford & Wrekin Council to help combat these cowboy traders.

People looking for home improvement want to be sure they are not dealing with traders who feature on programmes like Watchdog and Rogue Traders. Consumers can find details of many trades on the Register.

Sometimes disputes may arise and we cannot guarantee that using a Register member will eliminate problems completely. But if something has gone wrong, we will work with both parties to seek a positive solution accordance with in our complaints resolution procedure. Trader Register members have pledged to work with Trading One Standards. member "When commented, householder is undertaking a building project on their home they are putting their trust in the trader to deliver the goods and services to their satisfaction. By using this Register you can be reassured that Trading Standards are there to help and advise traders and consumers if things go wrong."

The free online directory at <u>www.traderregister.org.uk</u> is there to help residents avoid the potential pitfalls of dealing with cowboys by finding a reliable

local trader. For more details log on to our website or phone 0345 678 9000.

CLEOBURY FLOWER FESTIVAL

There will be a Flower Festival in Saint Elizabeth's Catholic church on the weekend of the 14th and 15th this month.

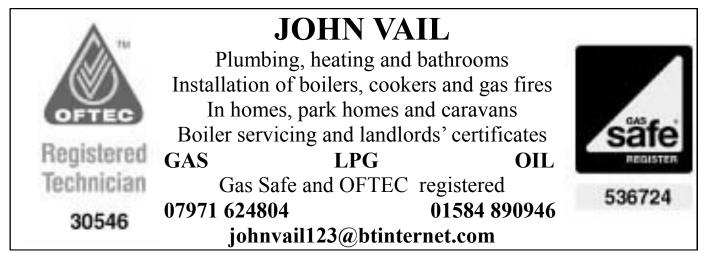
It will be open from 10.30 to 4.30 both days, with the church dressed in the best of local blooms. Refreshments will be served and everyone is welcome to look in and enjoy.

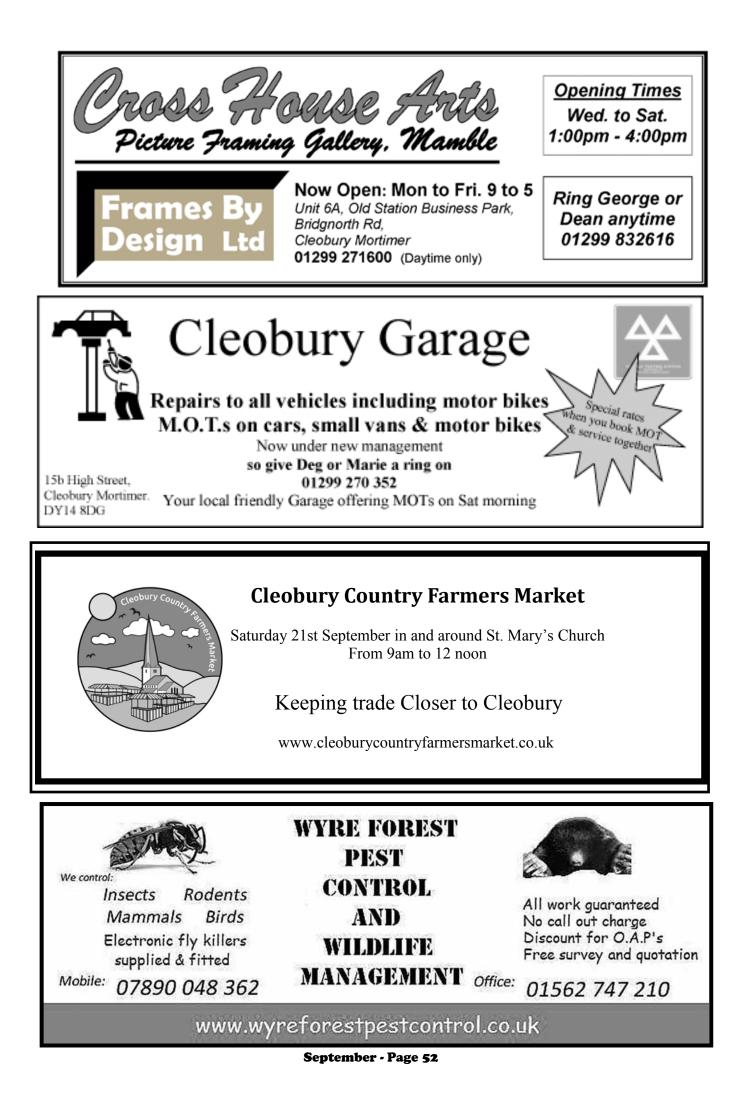
WORTH A LOOK

Arts Alive is a movement that brings new talents to a range of local venues, with the slogan "Professional shows at affordable prices in informal spaces." Their Shopshire and Herefordshire autumn/winter season has just been announced and you can get details on www.artsalive.o.uk

Sadly they don't come to Cleobury and the nearest venues are Alveley, Bishops Castle, Chelmarsh and Farlow and Oreton. But the range of music is wide, there's drama too, and the prices are affordable. More so if you've booked a gig at the NEC recently - ouch!

This is local(ish) stuff that well deserves support. Take a look and discover new delights.





IT HAPPENED ON HIGH STREET



Leading the action and the laughs at The Talbot's Caribbean Night, from left, Nina, Stef, Martin and Netty the Chef.

You couldn't miss it when The Talbot had a Caribbean Night on Bank Holiday Sunday. There was bunting to add colour to the traditional black and white building, an outdoor kitchen serving food of that region including a goat curry, and an extension of the speaker system that had Katie Lawson's vocals echong down through the town.

There was a happy atmosphere about the place, with families sitting out in the sunshine and jugs of cocktails with fancy glasses in support coming out from the bar. We did venture in there briefly, but someone had turned the PA system up to 11 and conversation was impossible. It didn't stop a lot of people having a good time, but there was no way of asking them.

Just a thought: If you have a good vocalist, why make hearing anyone else impossible?

This was a good idea for trade at the Talbot, with the place crowded at 5.00 on a Sunday. We hope they did well and were advised to call after 12.00 noon on Monday to check. At 12.30 there was no reply, so they were either busy again or it had been a very good night.

Well done, Martin, Stef and the team.

A SEASIDE BIRTHDAY PARTY



Some of the children in 60th Birthday tops take in the sea air. Moffatts School recently celebrated their 60th birthday, and a party of staff and pupils spent part of their holiday at a camp on the Roseland Peninsula, in Cornwall, started by David Engleheart back in 1954. They enjoyed sailing in the school's own fleet of boats as well as rowing and exploring the foreshore.

"For some it is all about the water and boats, for others it is a first holiday away from home and a chance to be independent," said head teacher Robin McCarthy. "For a few it is a chance to sketch, or to read a book, uninterrupted for hours."

"We also took them to the Seal Sanctuary at Gweek and to the National Maritime Museum in Falmouth. And we had a big beef stew at a party on Saturday. to celebrate our first 60 years.'

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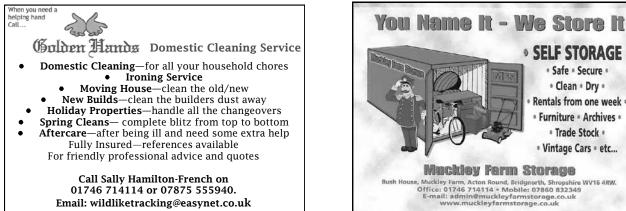




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IT'S THE BIG BIKE SHOW AGAIN

The weekend of September 14/15th will see the town busy with motorcycles old and new as enthusiasts from all over the Midlands and beyond head for Lacon Childe School and the 27th Borders Classic Bike Show. With something like 100 classic machines on show, the school's two main halls will be full of motoring history. And the rear playground and front car park will also be busy all week, with the Norton Owners Club Race Paddock making more noise than usual and a bike jumble where you can buy spares or maybe a restoration project of your own.

Classic bikes are good business as well as great fun to ride on the quiet roads we enjoy in Shropshire. They are cheaper to insure and if you look after them properly they increase in value over the years - almost inflation proof if you buy wisely. Spares supply for most leading British names of yesteryear is better in some cases than when the factories were still in business, and if you have a deep wallet and could fancy a brand new 998cc Vincent 'Black Shadow' of the 1950s, you can order all the spares needed to build one and the Owners' Club will tell you the best qualified engineer to do the job. Whoever said that brand new history was impossible?

There are some very rare specimens due to go on show, like one of only two surviving 500cc Nortons built especially for trials competition in 1945. Or there's the 1962 Trûmph 'Tiger Cub' that local man Keith Gardner rode to win the Sammy Miller British Bike Championship last year.

The Show is open from 10.00 to 5.00 both days and admission for adults is quite a bargain at £4.00. There's excellent home made catering - we got through almost 100 pounds of bacon last year and lots of interesting and friendly people to talk to. And do spend a pound or two on the 50/50Draw, where each day's winning ticket holder takes home whatever money is in the bucket. We've had people win a cool £120 at that.

All of this is run by local enthusiasts on behalf of the school Parent Teacher Association, who use the profits from the weekend to fund extras for the children's education and make donations to local charities. It's another event that contributes to the strength of our community. Come along and see.



Grateful thanks to Les Woodhouse for this photo of the Muller's Fireworkers, take at the Alton Works in 1943. As most of the country's men were at war, the ladies took over the jobs at home, including volunteering to train and tackle any fire. Do you recognise anyone in this happy looking bunch of ladies 70 years ago? It would be great to talk to any of the fireworkers still with us, to learn a little more of life in those times. Please contact the Editor if you can help.



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