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## KUDOS TAKES QUEENS AWARD



*Kudos MD Dinnie Jordan accepts the Queens Award for Enterprise: International Trade 2016 from Lord Lieutenant of Shropshire Sir Algernon Heber-Percy.*

The success story of Cleobury Mortimer's Kudos Blends goes on growing. On August 11th the Lord Lieutenant of Shropshire delivered a crystal vase and certificate stating that this young company had won the Queens Award for Enterprise: International Trade 2016.

This is a remarkable achievement, to progress export business to this winning standard since 2012. In her usual generous way, Dinnie praised the advice given by Paul Thompson to get the export drive under way. It is now 20 percent of the company's turnover.

Later in the day, Dinnie exchanged contracts with Gary Abrahams of Univar, who will be distributing Kudos products across Europe. Then the factory closed and all staff were invited to a buffet and drinks at The Royal Fountain in Cleobury. Not many companies are so generous.

## JACK EDWARDS

Everyone in Cleobury Mortimer will know the news about young Jack Edwards; on August 24th he lost his fight with leukaemia, aged just seven. No one who knew of his illness was untouched by a tragic tale that unfolded in such a public way and the sympathy of everyone goes to Chrissie and Kieran in their loss. That little boy's bravery united this town in support; surely we should have a memorial to remind us of his fight?

## EMILY WINS AGAIN

The remarkable Emily Price, pride of Cleobury Mortimer Golf Club, is keeping up her winning habit. On August 18th she won the English Women's Stroke Play Championship, coming from behind to beat Cornwall's Georgia Price at the Bristol and Clifton Club.

On the final round Emily was three shots down. But she has a reputation for staying calm and concentrating on the job in hand when things get tough. She played par golf over the last few holes, while her rival dropped shots. No shame in making mistakes under that sort of pressure - hardened professionals do it - but Emily Price has a very cool head and took the title by two strokes.

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Nothing flash or fancy, just  
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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.

Many jobs still to be done. Deadhead roses, cut back perennials and fork over your beds and borders for one good round of thorough weeding, which should keep them mostly tidy until the following spring. Clean out cold frames and greenhouses ready for autumn use.

At our July meeting Paul Benson, gave an interesting talk on work done by the 'Burford House Angels'. The Burford House Gardens had become overgrown and with several floodings was in need of some TLC. No money was available to pay gardeners, so a voluntary group was set up, who meet every other Sunday throughout the year. They are making a big difference in restoring the garden to its former glory. The garden is open to the public, with free entry to the garden but any donations are welcome with contributions given to the 'Greenfingers' Charity.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September and the speaker for the evening will be Paul Cook, plus it's the club's Autumn Show.

*Pauline Bowden*

## **FOUNTAIN FUN RUNNERS**



*Some of the successful runners wearing big grins and smart Hobsons tee-shirts*

Fountain Fun Runners had a fantastic weekend back in July, when we took part in the Cotswold 24 Hour Relay Race in Cirencester Park. Two teams of seven runners took turns to complete the 9km course, beginning at 12 noon on the Saturday and finishing 24 hours later. The route took us through fields, woods and along park paths, and although it was less hilly than we're used to, the off-road terrain was challenging.

Saturday was a scorching hot day which made running very uncomfortable, but as darkness fell the clouds gathered to obscure the moon, which we had hoped would help light our way during the night-time running, so it was on with the head torches! Although we optimistically took tents and sleeping bags, little sleep was had. Our teams finished in very creditable 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> positions out of 69 teams in our category,

and 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> out of a total of 255 teams in the whole event. More importantly, we raised almost £1,000 for Cleobury Mortimer & District Community First Responders. Thank you to everyone who sponsored us, and a special thank you to Hobsons Brewery for the team tee-shirts which we wore with pride!

*Liz Walker*

## **OLD TIME MUSIC HALL**

The Clangers will be presenting their 3rd annual Music Hall on October 14/15th in Neen Sollars Victory Hall. Tickets are £10 which includes supper served from 7.00pm. The Clangers have already built up a reputation by providing an evening of laughter and last year's shows were sell-outs. So it is advisable to get your tickets early by phoning 01299 272666 or 01746 718557.

*Trevor Winston*

## **KIDDERMINSTER MALE VOICE CHOIR**

This highly regarded choir will be in full voice in the Parish Church on Friday, September 23rd. The concert starts at 7.30 and tickets at £10.00 each include an interval drink - great value.

Diane Waddington on CM 272820 can supply tickets and tell you more about the choir and its programme for the evening.

## **SILLY BITS**

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## THE 125TH BURWARTON SHOW

For such a special occasion and as consolation for all the hard work put in by an army of volunteers, the Burwarton Show's 125th birthday deserved a good turn from the weather gods. It got it, with the day breaking dry to encourage visitors to make the journey. The showers did come, but too late to affect attendance and generally too light to put people off walking around.



*Andy Callwood tending the Mawley Holsteins before they entered the judging ring. His work paid off - Mawley Retinue Jean was Dairy Interbreed Champion.*

Watching the Mawley herd being prepared showed how much attention to detail top

stockmen like Andy Callwood put in. Like making the cow stay standing so that its udders do not distend to one side with the milk and make it appear off balance. We won't mention the boot polish tin for keeping the hide colour looking at its best...

BCC Midlands TV quoted 20,000 visitors over a very full day. It was one of those events where you see familiar local faces, like meeting Parish Council officer Dorothy McBride and her sister on the Severn Edge Vets stand, where we took a welcome tea. John Barnes asked me to photograph grandchildren Annabel and Max, and they obligingly climbed into the enclosure to pose with their lambs, Annabel with her Herdwick and Max his Lleyn.



Another notable Cleobury entry in the livestock classes was Sophia Robinson, with her Mawley Ric Edna. Sophia was acclaimed best Junior Young Handler.



*From left: Judge Ed Seaton, Philip Dunne and Sophia Robinson.*

*Mawley Ric Edna seems entirely unmoved by another family success*

This was another show too big to see it all in the one day of opening. A measure of the busy day was the Main Ring timetable, with Ridden Hunters due to start at 8.15am and the Young Farmers' Club Tug O' War scheduled for 6.15pm to close the show. The attractions in the ring ranged from Dancing Diggers through wide ranging livestock to the astonishing sight of Joseph's Amazing Camels, while stalls represented every country interest and business imaginable. It's a very special day out that deserves all the support it gets. Something to be very proud of.

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## CLEOBURY IN BLOOM

Each year as part of Cleobury in Bloom, the Horticultural Society sets a gardening challenge for children in the pre-school and primary school age ranges. This year we focused on sweet peas called *Flying the Flag* – red, white and blue to celebrate the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Four primary schools and seven pre-school settings entered, tending the seeds that we gave them in March. They were also given a bag of compost, donated by Farlow Farm Nursery. But late frosts, cold temperatures and driving rain meant only four pre-school groups and three schools managed to get their seeds to grow to sturdy plants. In July, judge Jane Barnes joined two members of the society to judge the plants and logs the children had kept detailing what they learned from the experience.

On July 9<sup>th</sup> over fifty people were at the Methodist Hall to find out who had won. Abkats Day Nursery scooped the winner's prize in the pre-school category, with Ever After Day Nursery runner-up; Grassroots Playgroup and Rising Fives was highly commended and Kinlet Family Playgroup was commended.

Kinlet Church of England Primary School won the primary school category, Cleobury Primary was the runner-up and Farlow Church of England Primary was given a special prize for outstanding achievement.

The judges were amazed at the activities that the children had been involved in as part of the project, like reading, drawing, writing and photography. Abkats treated us to a rendition of a sweet pea song they had learned, acting out the sprouting and growing of the seeds as they grew into plants.

The Society was awarded £125 by Muller England Ltd, whose support for the project was much appreciated. We were able to fund prizes that can be put to use in the next growing year – propagators, tools and equipment, dibbers and seeds. Congratulations to the prize winners and thanks to everyone who came along to the event.

*Flo Hadley*

## FROM THE BANDROOM

August saw the band have a quieter month with one bandstand engagement at Bromsgrove. A few of us enjoyed a 10 mile social walk

starting from Knighton and taking in part of the Offas Dyke route.

The main band will be playing at Rock Show on 3<sup>rd</sup> September, a new event for us, while our training band will be making their annual appearance at Farlow School Fete on 10<sup>th</sup> September.

I must mention that we have had two generous donations towards our Nationals fund, from a Cleobury resident, who wishes to remain anonymous. We are so grateful for her kind and generous support. Rehearsals are centred around the Music for Kantara that we will be playing at the National Finals in Cheltenham on 17<sup>th</sup> September.

A lot of practice and preparation has gone in by individual players and we hope that it all pays off and nerves don't get in the way. Wish us luck !!

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

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*Katie Griffiths*

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A recent feature of our summer schedule has been an outing to sample local drinks, last year's highly successful tour of Hobson's Brewery being followed up in July with a wine tasting evening at Halfpenny Green Vineyard. 22 of us (including a good turn-out of male visitors) enjoyed a fine evening learning about viniculture from vine to bottle, including the specialist process of sparkling white production. The tasting was followed by an excellent ploughman's supper of local cheeses. Suggestions are being aired for keeping up the tradition next summer!

Meanwhile the Show season is in full swing, a lively end of term event at Stottesdon attracting dozens of decorated masks. Burwarton WI competition produced our usual mid way ranking despite good marks for craft, elderflower champagne and interpretation. Our own show evening with tastings of tiramisu, savoury scones and beer loaves was enjoyed by all. Thanks go to Laura Grey for organising the competitive craft events.

We hope to meet friends at Chorley and Farlow shows, or one of the forthcoming dates:

Zoe Baggott – Half a lifetime in the Himalayas. 21<sup>st</sup> September  
Nick Trustram-Eve – A taste of the past – Tudor Christmas. 19<sup>th</sup> October

Looking ahead: Christmas wreath making. 7<sup>th</sup> December  
Booking essential for this popular event – visitors £10

All these events are at Chorley Village Hall at 7.30 pm. Come and join in.

*Marian Wootton*

## KIDDERMINSTER

### SOROPTIMISTS

We had no official meetings in August, but did support the Button Oak Fete with a very successful stand in aid of West Mercia Women's Aid. Especially for children, young and old : "Splat the Rat". No animal was hurt on this event!

It's now back to work with our first Business meeting on September 1<sup>st</sup> in the Baxter Church Room, Kidderminster, starting at 7.30 pm. Our first autumn Supper Meeting at La Brasserie, Kidderminster, is September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7.00 pm, when our speaker is Kay Butler on "Why am I Head of Birchen Coppice School?"

### THANK YOU

**Daphne Tuck writes in praise of the kindness she found:**

'I would like to thank everyone for their best wishes, concerns and offers of help over my recent illness. I feel very lucky to have such lovely thoughtful friends and neighbours and really appreciate the community I live in'

*Daphne Tuck*

## SEVERN HOSPICE

### POLICE CONCERT

Severn Hospice Support Group Host the West Mercia Police Band in the Severn Centre at Highley on September 24<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm. Tickets are £8 each, available from the Hospice Shop, Severn Centre or 01299 270555. There will be a Licensed Bar.

## JAZZ AT ROCK

### VILLAGE HALL

The excellent Rock Village Hall hosts a Jazz at Rock charity evening on October 15<sup>th</sup>, when the Sussex Jazz Kings will be performing. All proceeds go to the Save the Children Fund, tickets at £10.00 each include a ploughman's supper and there will be a licensed bar and a raffle. It starts at 7.30 and sounds like great value for money.

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### Survey of local housing needs to be carried out in Hopton Wafers Parish.

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To establish just what the local level of need is in the Hopton Wafers area, Shropshire Council, Hopton Parish Council and Shropshire Rural Housing Association are conducting a survey during September and October. The idea is to establish who is in need of housing and what local connection they have. Plus how many people have been forced to move away and need to return.

Affordable housing is for those who cannot afford open market properties. If the survey shows there is such a need, then work still start on the options available to provide a small scale local scheme.

The survey will be delivered to households during September and can be returned free of charge. Or it can be downloaded from [www.hoptonwafers.org](http://www.hoptonwafers.org)

from September 19th, or email [maria.howell@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:maria.howell@shropshire.gov.uk) and ask for a copy to be posted.

If you are connected to the parish and needed to be move away to find housing, you can still complete the survey and have your view heard. This is a very thorough approach to a matter that affects a lot of families in this rural county and responses like this one in Hopton will guide future moves towards solving the problem. For more information, look in at [www.shropshirehomepoint.co.uk](http://www.shropshirehomepoint.co.uk)

## THE WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING

The World's Biggest Coffee Morning returns to Cleobury. It's in the Market Hall on Friday September 30th, from 10.00 until 12 noon.

I hope everyone will be able to come along and make it our most successful ever.

*Sue Henderson*

## A WINE TASTING AT BAYTON

Bayton Village Hall will be hosting a Wine Tasting on Friday September 23rd, starting at 7.30. Tickets are £9.00 a head and include cheese and bread to soak up your sippings.

David and Isobel Ogden are organising the event and tickets can be booked through them on [davidandisobelogden@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:davidandisobelogden@hotmail.co.uk).

Right, who's going to volunteer to drive and stick to orange juice for the evening?

## CLOWS TOP PANTOMIME

Clows Top Amateur Productions are this year presenting 'Pinocchio', the pantomime with plenty of fun and laughter. The dates are November 25, 26 and 27th.

We start rehearsing in September, so if you wish to join the cast, please ring 01299 832229. If you would like tickets, it's the same number. I look forward to welcoming you to Clows Top Victory Hall.

*Carolynne*

## NEWS FROM COCO

On September 21st CoCo are hosting a second Dementia Awareness Day at the Medical Practice, for anyone who would benefit from a greater insight into Dementia and some coping strategies in their caring role.

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*Katja Jones*



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## IN PRAISE OF OUR TOWN

This letter came into the Clarion office in August. Take a bow, everyone in Cleobury.

Following retirement several years ago, we were looking to buy a holiday home. Living in Tamworth, Staffordshire, we never ventured into Shropshire, since north east of Birmingham meant it was easier (or so we thought) to head for the Derbyshire dales.

However, spotting a few adverts in the Sunday Mercury, we headed for the County and the result was an instant love affair and after two visits we bought a static caravan in Cleobury. That was in 2008 and we are still here, loving our holiday home.

We would like to say a huge thank you to all in Cleobury, where we now spend 11 months a year.

Every day, when we visit the town, (which has more of a village feeling), we are greeted with smiles and greetings plus shops where you are made to feel welcome and nothing is too much trouble to meet what you are looking for.

Cleobury, don't ever change  
*Derek Keen*



### BOOK REVIEW PLUS

'Blue Remembered Hills' by Keith Pybus

A Birmingham boy, Keith retired to live in the Shropshire Hills in a house where the front door opens on to the Shropshire Way. He has walked and talked his way around the hill country of South Shropshire in the last 10 years and has now written a book that describes both incisively and entertainingly many of the features of this lovely countryside.

History, places and people all come alive on the pages as the reader roams together with Keith through the hills and villages. We hear the stories of both the grand such as Clive of India to the poorest such as Molly Morgan of Corvedale who was transported twice to Australia.

The book has many splendid photos to illustrate our journey, but this is no coffee table book. Instead it could be described as a rattling good read.

On Thursday September 29th at 7.30 pm in the Library Keith, described by many as an "arch raconteur", will be talking about a few of the local heroes who are to be found in the pages of his book.

Tickets at £3 (£2 for Friends of the Library) will be available in the Library or on the door. A free glass of wine will be served.

*Graham Simpson*

### SEVERN HOSPICE SALE

Stottesdon and Cleobury Mortimer Support Group of the Severn Hospice are holding a "Yard Sale" on 3rd September 2016 at Glebe Drive, Stottesdon, from 10.30 to 12.30. All proceeds going to the hospice. Please feel free to come along and see what is there that will interest you.

*Rosemary Abbiss*

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**Kate Maxwell MRCVS Equine Veterinary Surgeon at Severn Edge Equine, explains how to care for your new born during its fragile first few weeks.**

Having waited 11 months for the arrival of your new foal, your priority is to ensure it is healthy and remains that way. The first step in assessing your foal's condition is to know what is normal. Gestational length is on average 340 days, although there is some variation, and healthy foals have been delivered as late as 365 days. A normal, uneventful delivery will usually involve an active labour of approximately 20 (10-30) minutes. Following delivery a healthy foal should stand and begin nursing within two hours. In these first few hours, respiration and heart rate stabilise to normal values of around 40 breaths per minute and fewer than 80 beats per minute. The mare becomes rapidly attached to the foal and, likewise, the foal to the mare. The healthy foal will usually pass meconium (black, tarry faeces) in the first two to four hours. Some straining is normal but a dark, sticky stool should be produced. Foals should be watched carefully to ensure they urinate normally, particularly colts. Finally the foal should be checked for any congenital problems that may become an issue later.

**Early warning signs.** An unhealthy foal will often deteriorate and become sick quickly, so it is important to look out for the following early warning signs and to be proactive:

- A premature foal, born at a gestational age of less than 330 days. These often display a soft, silky hair coat, floppy ears, a low birth weight and can be weak; a foal which endured a prolonged delivery of more than 30 minutes; one which fails to stand and nurse within two hours; displaying signs of respiratory distress or breathing becomes increasingly fast or laboured; foal whose dam has only small amounts of milk, which may be a watery consistency rather than thick, rich colostrum; dam refuses to allow the foal to nurse; exhibiting abnormal behaviour or any physical deformities. The new born foal needs careful monitoring for several days as it can sometimes appear normal at birth but develop problems later on.

The foal should become stronger and more active in the first few days. Therefore, if it appears to be sleepy spending increasing amounts of time lying down, seek veterinary attention. Below is a list of problems to look out for that might not be immediately apparent at birth but will become more obvious: with a distended abdomen and who fails to pass urine in the first eight hours; does not pass meconium, strains to pass faeces and appears uncomfortable; eyes and gums appear yellow in colour (jaundiced); develops diarrhoea and also appears dull and depressed; develops lameness or swelling; heat, swelling, pain or drainage from the umbilicus.

**Predisposing factors for problems.** It is often impossible to predict whether the impending birth will result in an unhealthy foal, but there are some predisposing factors. These include conditions that affect normal foetal maturation and development, normal delivery or the peripartum period. For example: twinning, dystocia (difficult birth), premature placental separation (red bag delivery), placentitis (inflammation of the placenta), vaginal discharge, premature births, hypothermia and mare illness. Furthermore, poor husbandry and a dirty environment to foal in increase the risk of the foal developing disease.

A vital step in the maintenance of health is the transfer of passive immunity via colostrum. This ensures the foal is well protected against disease and consequently it is important that the foal is tested between 15 and 18 hours after birth to ensure it has received adequate colostrum and subsequent immunity from the mare. The test is simple and is carried out by your vet, a blood test that measures the level of immunoglobulin (IgG) circulating in the foal's blood. If the level of immunoglobulin is insufficient this could be for several reasons: insufficient or no colostrum available from the mare; low levels of immunoglobulin in the mare's colostrum; foal has not nursed well; not absorbing the immunoglobulin proteins well.

Once a foal develops a systemic infection it rapidly becomes very sick and the infections are difficult and expensive to treat. As a result of this, if the immunoglobulin level is low when the foal is tested it is recommended that a plasma transfusion be given immediately, before the foal becomes sick, as prevention in this situation is far better than cure.

**When to vaccinate.** The mare should receive a tetanus booster vaccination four to six weeks prior to foaling. This will ensure the foal is covered for tetanus for six to 12 weeks following birth.

If the mare has not received this booster vaccination prior to foaling then the foal can be given a tetanus antitoxin injection soon after birth. This tetanus antitoxin will also provide initial cover against tetanus. At six months of age the foal can start their primary tetanus vaccination course of two injections four to six weeks apart.

*Kate Maxwell MRCVS*

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If you would like to join the CoCo team and volunteer a couple of hours a week as a befriender, the next Training Day will be Tuesday October 11<sup>th</sup> at the Market Hall. For information about any of these events please contact Katja on

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**A RATHER DIFFERENT CHURCH SERVICE**

The Parish Church is offering a rather different service on Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup> of this month. It's described as a Service of Wholeness and Healing, starting at 6.00pm and welcoming everybody who feels the need to sit quietly and just take time for oneself. The words of the notice are worth repeating:

'All are welcome to this new, quiet way of evening worship; a short time to seek our own renewal. To ask for healing of body, mind, soul or for whatever troubles us. A time of quiet reflection, through readings, prayer and music.

Come - from busy lives, just to be peaceful. Come - to seek God's presence and know of His healing Grace. Come - just to be and see. Bring a friend.'

It's the church reaching out to its regular congregation and beyond, offering peace and quiet to those who need succour and understanding.

**OPEN GARDENS SUCCESS**

Following the Friends of St Marys Open Garden event on 17<sup>th</sup> July, The chair, Alec Osbaldiston, received a very complimentary letter from Mrs Christine Holmes, the High Sheriff of Shropshire who had attended the event on a private basis. In it, she praises the organisation of the event with special reference to all the volunteers and the host gardeners who she says were 'welcoming and hospitable' and the variety of the gardens which was 'brilliant'.

She felt that the event was very successful and of great value to the community and that all the other visitors she had encountered had smiles on their faces. All in all, the event was a good advert for Cleobury.

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## **CLEOBURY PATIENTS' VOICE**

The burning topic of the moment in our National Health Service is the Sustainability and Transformation Plan or STP. NHS England has divided the country into 44 areas and tasked each of them with devising a blueprint – the STP – for the future of the local NHS. You might think that this was so crucial that there would be significant public involvement and consultation but NHS England has instructed local health authorities not to place these plans in the public domain until after they have been finalised in October. Fortunately, a draft version of the plan for

Shropshire has been shared with Shropshire Council's Health and Wellbeing Board, and this reveals the primary driver behind the local Sustainability and Transformation Plan: a projected shortfall in healthcare funding for Shropshire of £140million by 2020/21. No wonder that a local GP recently commented that we won't recognise our local health service in five years' time (and not in a positive sense). In these circumstances, it is not very surprising that the local health authority has just approved a 'Decommissioning and Disinvestment' programme that will see various mental health and disability services next in the firing line of its continuing attempts to save money.

Not many bright notes this month, I'm afraid, for those who prefer to read 'good news', but CPV is supporting a Coffee Morning in aid of the Multiple Sclerosis Society on Saturday 10th September at 10:30 at The Mount, Castle Hill (behind the Market Hall); do come along if you can – a cuppa usually helps. CPV meets at the Medical Centre every third Monday of the month at 6:30pm. We always

welcome new members so if you would like to get involved please contact us: our usual telephone number is currently suffering technical problems but you can still email us at [cleoburypatientsvoice@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cleoburypatientsvoice@hotmail.co.uk) or make use of our comments box in the Medical Centre's reception area.

*Mark Radford*

## **THE FOOTPATH ASSOCIATION**

In August we led a walk on the northern half of the Simon Evans Way and had 23 walkers, who enjoyed a lovely sunny day along the Rea Valley. The Golf Club generously hosted tea and cakes afterwards.

September's Parish Walk on Sunday 4th at 10.00 will start up on Catherton Common. See [www.cmfa.co.uk](http://www.cmfa.co.uk) or call Alan on CM 271754 - transport will be provided for those who need it.

*Graham Simpson*

## **SILLY BIT**

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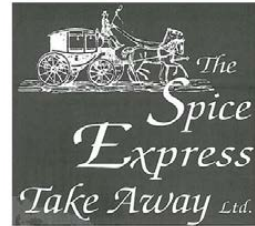
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## **COMMON SENSE DOESN'T HAVE TO BE BORING**



*Clare Todd and her latest wheels.  
A CCCamper conversion of a  
Vauxhall Vivaro van.*

Clare Todd does common sense very well. She manages the Cleobury Country Centre in a down to earth manner that gets things done once a decision has been taken. Waffle doesn't come into her life.

Her new wheels are typical of this attitude, replacing a Toyota pickup that looked ready for any terrain in the country and had quite a thirst. Not to mention a high insurance rating. She wanted greater flexibility to

to fit in with her lifestyle and a camper seemed to be the answer, if she could afford one.

Back in May she talked to CCCampers at Clows Top, who had one of their medium size van conversions on offer. But Christian pointed out to her that it was eight years old, and she could buy a more modern van and have it converted for the same total price. "It was a no brainer," as she puts it. "I bought a six year old van and once we'd agreed what I wanted they did it in about two weeks. Mind you, I was there every day, nagging them."

It now has an elevating roof that accommodates a double bed, with another double down below. There's a twin burner gas stove, fridge and small sink all built in, dark glass windows all round, loads of storage space and a water tank that's filled through a simple hose inlet on the side of the van. There's a electrical hook-up if she's camping on a proper site and even a USB port for her phone.

This is basically CCC's Shelsley conversion in the short wheelbase version, which means it's actually smaller than her Toyota truck and much easier to park. Better on the fuel as well, and the insurance is less.

Still to be fitted is CC's own conversion of the twin passenger seat into a revolving unit that can be moved backwards to provide seating around the small table. For just under £11,000 that's a lot of work for a sensible price. Luxurious it's not; smart and practical it is.

There's a fitting for an awning that provides an extra room if she's entertaining. "I've got a small barbecue if I want to cook; I just get the chairs out and we've plenty of room."

It's her everyday transport, easy to drive with more than enough room for a shopping spree and an easy tea making facility if she's taking son Alfie to rugby and wants to relax and watch the game.

And Clare is full of praise for the helpful attitude she found at CCC, who do seem to put themselves out to help customers. They're at the top of the hill at Clows Top, next to the Victory Hall and Poppy's Benches.

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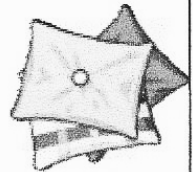
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**Women in Politics**

Prime Minister’s Questions is the most popular Parliamentary moment of the week, for MPs at least, when we squeeze into every available seat and step, so there is standing room only. The final Prime Minister’s Questions before the summer recess at the end of July was particularly well attended, being Theresa May’s first appearance at the Despatch Box as Prime Minister.

She gave an impressive performance, her experience over the past six years in answering questions as Home Secretary clearly having prepared her well.

Theresa May's appearance was notable, as she is only the second woman to stand at the Despatch Box as Prime Minister of the United Kingdom in our nation’s history. I am proud both have been Conservative. Theresa May follows in the footsteps of Margaret Thatcher, the longest-serving PM of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. Women today are better represented in Parliament than ever before. There are currently 192 female MPs, being 29% of members of the House of Commons. Women comprise 36% of Theresa May's new Cabinet.

The 2015 General Election continued the trend since 1966, with the exception of the 2001 Election, of returning an increasing number of female Members. Over 1,000 female candidates stood for Parliament in 2015, the highest ever number. This momentum has been achieved less than 100 years after women were first able to stand for Parliament, in 1918. While progress has been made, more must be done to get this number higher and encourage more women into Parliament. I am hopeful that the current high

profile of female world leaders, including Theresa May and Angela Merkel will encourage more women to consider standing for election. This November may see the election of the first female President of the United States. This would be a powerful symbol to people the world over that there ought to be no limit to the aspiration of girls growing up. Other countries whose heads of government are currently women include Bangladesh, Norway, Namibia, Poland, and most recently Myanmar. In the UK, initiatives such as Women2Win are providing support, advice and training to women who wish to enter Parliament. With two daughters, I feel strongly that girls should know their gender will not hold them back in life. This means tackling prejudice, removing barriers, and ensuring young girls have aspirational role models in public life.

Within Parliament, a Professor of Gender and Politics at Bristol University, has been brought in for six months to address issues of women's inequality and develop a series of reforms that address existing insensitivities. An advisory board has been set up by the Speaker, with the outcome of this review due in coming months.

From HM the Queen, to the new PM, to women in the cabinet, to peers, elected MPs, MEPs or Councillors in local government, there are inspirational women in politics whom girls in the Ludlow Constituency can respect and admire. I hope this trend will continue, and the contribution of women continues to enrich public life and our national dialogue.

*Philip Dunne*



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## A HOBSON'S BREWERY NIGHT OUT

It was something of a brave shot, booking places to take a good friend to a Hobson's Brewery Night that featured Smoking Salop and the Eighth Best Burger in the World. What sort of a claim was that, for goodness sake?

But Hobson's do have a habit of doing things well and the evening proved to be well worth the money. Smoking Salop is the creation of Joe Allwood and contests burger competitions all over the country. In fact, they were so successful in their first year that they were invited to the World Championships in no less a burger-crazy place than America. And in the grand final they finished eighth.

Joe Allwood formed the group and explained the two courses for the evening. All with beers of your choice on tap to wash it down, after we'd made a tour of the brewery. First was brisket cooked for ten hours with smoked pork shoulder cooked for twelve hours and a two hour smoked Hobsons beer can chicken - and that was for starters. With a few more beers poured we chatted with Roy and Joy Powell and Liz and

John Redfern and exchanged stories as the main course sizzled. My mate Norman is quite a raconteur, but John Redfern was even better; we should preserve him as an emblem of the character of Cleobury Mortimer.



*Clare Kerby with essential local ale, Joe Allwood with one prize burger.*

The star of this culinary experience was the burger voted eighth best in the world. A third of a pound of Hereford beef aged for three weeks and served with mature cheddar, barbecue sauce, mustard mayo and sundry vegetables, all in a Shrewsbury Bakehouse brioche bun.

Whatever I write here, even to tell you about the juices running down my chin, there's simply

nothing to match eating this quality of burger to realise why they are so popular across the Big Pond. Please do not offer me something from a few minutes on the home barbecue and tell me it's a burger; compared with this they are nothing.

From doubts about what we would be eating to this revelation was another lesson in not judging without knowing. I just have one problem after all that - where can I find a burger to match the eighth best in the World Championship?

And the beer? It was Hobson's and when my friend was offered a tour of the brewery he jumped at the offer. A darned good evening. If you get the chance to try one, grab it with both hands.

The Brewery Nights tend to sell out quickly, so we'll give you early notice of two coming events:

Thursday, October 13th. Curry Night.

Thursday, November 17th. Duck Night.

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*Jim Reynolds*



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They smile and laugh a lot, two friends who found a common interest in building and crafts, so turned it into a business. And in a zany moment, decided to call themselves Hammered n' Plastered. Angela Twigg is Hammered and Sara Thomas is Plastered, which is no reflection of personal habits....

They set out to prove they could make it in the construction industry, training in a range of crafts and building skills. When they went to the Construction Industry Awards

Evening at Manchester's Trafford Centre last year, they thought it would be a good place to meet people. "We just thought it would be a fun evening and a good laugh," says Angela. They stopped laughing when they were announced winners of the Women in Construction award for 2015. You can see the shield on their website.

They moved out from their native Birmingham to find space and affordable rents and have been living on Clee Hill since February. Most of their work still comes from Brum, which means a long drive, but they're building a name locally. And there are a lot of people who feel happier with a woman coming into their home than any man, no matter how trustworthy he is.

They can tackle most building tasks, except plumbing and electricity, which is when they call in experienced tradesmen

who they know and trust. They built on basic skills with qualifications in plastering and carpentry, and have extended into tiling, fitting kitchens, fitting gates and laying decking. The patio outside their rented lodge has been extended with that last skill to give them room to sit and look out over gentle Shropshire when they're back from the Big City.

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Date	Time	Details	Contact	Tel:
Thu 1st		<b>GREEN WHEELIE BINS EMPTIED TODAY</b>		
Sat 3rd	8.00am	Sale of Household Goods at Knowle Football Ground, Tenbury Road, Clee Hill. Great bargains to be had.	Audrey Taylor	01584 90644
		Cleobury Concert Brass will be playing at the Rock Show.		
Wed 7th	10.00am	Walking for Health starts from the Sports Centre, Love Lane.		
	8.00pm	Whist Drive at Doddinton Village Hall.	Sonia Pearsall	01584890874
Thu 8th		<b>BLACK WHEELIE BINS AND RECYCLING BOXES EMPTIED TODAY</b>		
Fri 9th	8.00pm	Bingo Night at Cleeton St. Mary Village Hall.		
Sat 10th	2.00pm	Farlow School Fete in the Village Hall, features Cleobury Concert Brass Junior Band.		
Tue 13th	7.30pm	Cleobury Mortimer W.I. meet at the Market Hall, where Liz Millman will talk about ACWW.		
Wed 14th	10.00am	CoCo Coffee Morning in the Market Hall, Church Street.		
	7.30pm	Neen Savage W.I. gather at the Village Hall to listen to Catherine Carr tell how to make the perfect choux swans. Bring a baking tray!		
	8.00pm	Royal British Legion meets at The Bell Inn, Lower Street.	David Taylor	01299 270793
Thu 15th		<b>GREEN WHEELIE BINS EMPTIED TODAY</b>		
Fri 16th	8.00pm	Bingo Night at Doddington Village Hall.	Sonia Pearsall	01584 890874
Sat 17th		Cleobury Concert Brass will be playing in the National Brass Band finals at Cheltenham. Wish them luck, our great ambassadors.		
	7.30pm	Flicks in the sticks is back at the Parish Hall, Church Street, with the film version of the ever popular Dad's Army		
Wed 21st		CoCo are holding a Dementia Awareness Day at the Medical Centre.		PAGE 13.
	10.00am	Walking for Health starts from the Sports Centre, Love Lane.		

**The Parish Walk on Sunday September 4th is a break with tradition and starts from Catherton Common at 10.00. Transport is available if you need it - call Alan Kimber on CM 271754 or see [www.cmfa.co.uk](http://www.cmfa.co.uk) An ideal opportunity to walk unhurried through wonderful countryside in the mellow autumn time.**

**The Borders Classic Bike Show is back at Lacon Childe School over the weekend of September 10/11th, starting at 9.00 both days. There will be two halls of classic machinery to enjoy, including displays by local clubs. Once again there will be the rather 'Fruity Fireup' up of race and road machines as they compete for the She Would Appreciate That Sound award given in memory of Valerie Reynolds, who was a vital part of the first 25 shows. All money raised goes to the school, with contributions this year to MacMillan Cancer Care and St Mary's Youth Project. Cost of admission is £4.00 and the catering is famous for its quality.**



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## The September Social Calendar Continued

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	7.30pm	Stottesdon W.I. meet at Chorley Village Hall to hear Zoe Baggot talk about Half a Lifetime in the Himalayas.		
	8.00pm	Whist Drive at Doddinton Village Hall.	Sonia Pearsall	01584 890874
Thu 22nd		<b>BLACK WHEELIE BINS AND RECYCLE BOXES EMPTIED TODAY</b>		
Fri 23rd	7.30pm	Kidderminster Male Voice Choir in full voice in the Parish Church.		PAGE 5.
	7.30pm	Wine tasting at Bayton Village Hall. £9.00 a head includes cheese and bread.		PAGE 13.
Sat 24th		The Trust Lewise campaign visits Ludlow Brewery. Limited Spaces.	Rachael.	01299 841032 07715 030510
	2.00pm	Harvest Fayre and Fun Dog Show at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church.		PAGE 23.
	7.00pm	West mercia Police Band entertain at Severn Centre, Highley, in aid of Severn Hospice.		PAGE 11.
Sun 25th	2.00pm	Cleobury CoCo invites all supporters to the Parish Hall for tea and dancing.		PAGE 21.
	6.00pm	Service of Wholeness and Healing in the Parish Church, offering quiet and time for reflection.		PAGE 21.
Wed 28th	10.00am	CoCo Coffee Morning at Market Hall, Church Street.		
	7.30pm	Clows Top Gardening Club's Autumn Show, Victory Hall, Clows Top.	Marion Wilson	01299 270475
Thu 29th		<b>GREEN WHEELIE BINS EMPTIED TODAY</b>		
	7.30pm	Author Keith Pybus talks about his book "Blue Remembered Hills" in the Library.		PAGE 17.
Fri 30th	10.00am	The MacMillan Cancer Care Biggest Coffee Morning in the World has its Cleobury Mortimer branch in the Market Hall, Church Street.		PAGE 13.
	8.00pm	Bingo Night at Doddington Village Hall.	Sonia Pearsall	01584 890874
<b>AND LOOKING FORWARD TO OCTOBER...</b>				
Wed 5th	8.00pm	Whist Drive at Doddington Village Hall.	Sonia Pearsall	01584 890874
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**CRIME REDUCTION GROUP REPORT - CCTV**

The Crime Reduction Group has worked very hard for over a year getting grants of £13,000 from the Crime Commissioner and Parish Council. We visited other towns to see how they operate and what systems they have and then obtained three quotes to look at. With the best value in mind we went with the same contractor as Oswestry who won an award for their system.

We are now able to say that we have 12 cameras around the town, of the quality for the Police to use for convictions, if required, as the old system was not good enough!

The CCTV system will not be monitored but is there recording for the Police to access if and when needed.

Our group of Councillors and community members are continually growing and have had success with the Smartwater initiative and now with the CCTV system.

Next we are looking at what we can do about speeding traffic and bad parking among other items. We welcome new members but only positive people who understand where we are and help to look for solutions. Next meeting is September 26<sup>th</sup> 11am at the Sports & Social club.

*Matt Sheehan* Chairman Crime Reduction Group

**CLEOBURY MORTIMER PARISH COUNCIL REPORT**

The Parish Council are very active looking after community interests, which has been helped by the partnerships built up over the past few years, especially due to the present climate. No longer is it just the odd pot hole or streetlight to sort out, it is becoming more of a business, like the larger towns. We are growing! The Council are in the process of taking over the Skate Park area, and

have already taken over the play area to ensure they are kept for the community to enjoy. New toilets have been built and managed by the Parish Council, streetlights are being changed to LED as necessary and also adapted for the CCTV and Christmas Lights, which produced many good comments last year. The Cemetery is looked after by us and we also do small jobs around the town, getting a grant from Shropshire Council which helps. We are constantly looking to improve the area, with crossings, dropped kerbs, new pavements, more streetlights, better parking, speeding and anti-social behaviour issues. I could go on.

Parish Council meetings are usually on the First Monday of the month and the Agenda is advertised the week before on the Parish Council Notice Board, so if something interests you please come along and see how open we work for all of us! Next Meeting: September 5<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm in the Market Hall.

Dog mess is still an issue, annoying the rest of us dog owners, and families with children. It is not just unsightly, it can cause blindness in children, so please clean up the mess your dog leaves behind, as we don't want to be restricted where we can go.

I have noticed on the playing field that some owners don't watch their dogs but are busy either texting or walking way in front not even looking back. Please watch and control your dog at all times in this area especially and think of the community who use it for playing, picnics and games.

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More breakdowns as usual this month with the 9.14 to Kiddy being a regular victim. We went to Ludlow the other day and were on time both ways although it sounded like every panel on the inside of the bus was loose and trying to out rattle its neighbours. Even when the bus is on time, problems still occur. On one service, it looked like the young driver had his girlfriend up front with him and was so engrossed in their conversation that he went right past a stop where passengers were waiting. Presumably he was working on the very sensible principle that the job would be so much easier without the bother of picking up passengers. On another occasion, a new driver wasn't sure about the route in Ludlow and had to be guided by a passenger. This was not the first time this had happened so perhaps Liz Bishop should send Diamond an invoice for her services.

There have been a number of sightings of broken down Diamond buses scattered along the route so promises of better, more reliable vehicles seem to have come to nought. It does appear that the very ancient models dating from the 1990's have now been pensioned off and that all those now in use have been built during this century, if only just. Having said that, these vehicles lead a hard life and asking a well used 15 year old example to romp over Clee Hill on a regular basis is perhaps a little optimistic....

Despite the fact that they can't run their existing routes properly, Diamond have announced a new hourly service from Kiddy to Stourbridge. Presumably this replaces the axed no 13 route from Stourport but the new service has been imaginatively numbered 25 to ensure confusion with the 125 which runs on to Bridgnorth via Bewdley, Kinlet and Highley. I hope this doesn't take traffic from the 125 which appears to be well run by Central Buses. They claim that the new service will link

in to a number of other Diamond routes although the 2L doesn't get a mention...

No more news on the Shropshire Council Bus Strategy although consultation was due to start in 'early August'. I can't find any reference to this on the Shropshire Council website although it was supposed to have started several weeks ago and be – to quote from the document - 'aimed at individuals, groups and stakeholder organisations who have a vested interest in transport within Shropshire'. Apparently, the consultation should be available on the 'Shropshire Council online Consultation Portal' so I looked and it isn't. Perhaps they are conducting a secret consultation to ensure that there isn't another Brexit result. Madge Shingleton is chasing this so we shall see when (and if?) it appears.

The document also includes a 'Prioritisation Framework' table ranking 29 routes within the county using a number of criteria such as linking key residential areas with employment sites and local services, education, shopping etc and also links with other services as well as the availability of other transport methods. Points are also given for the percentage of journeys taken by concession pass holders. There are a number of others, most of which the 2L route would appear to satisfy if it was included in the list which it isn't... Cock up or conspiracy? You choose.

Sadly, there has been no response to the Shropshire Council second request for expressions of interest in running the 2L. There is to be a meeting of interested parties in September to look for a way forward. I do hear that several Diamond employess have said that they are desperate to ditch the 2L route as they didn't want it in the first place but were obliged to run it as part of a package deal. Perhaps they should be asked how much they would pay to get shot of it and the cash could then be used to persuade another firm to take it on.

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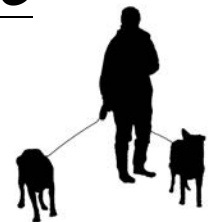
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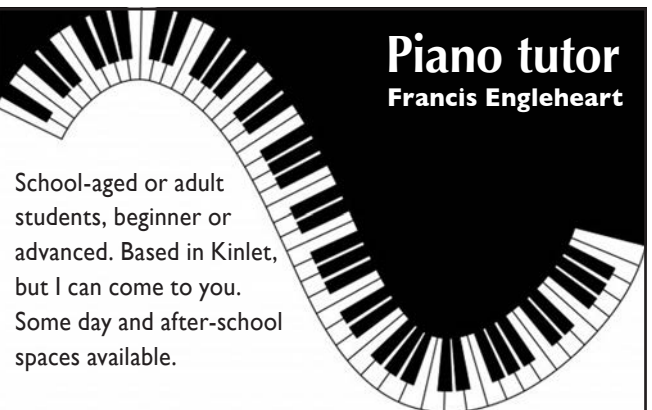
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Here is the list of local crimes since the last update:

Between 12:00 noon and 4:00pm on July 23rd, two cars parked on the Wyre Forest Visitors Centre car park at Callow Hill were broken into. Various items of value were stolen including driving licences, wallets, bags and cash. Another theft from a parked vehicle occurred on July 25th. The car was on the car park of the owner's place of work, but it had been left insecure with a window open. A sat nav and bank card, (which was subsequently used several times), were stolen. Further enquiries may reveal the thief. Yet another theft from a vehicle occurred between July 22nd and 30th in Cleobury Meadows. Power tools valued at about £2000 were the main items stolen. Two mountain bikes and two chainsaws were stolen from a lock-up adjacent to a house in Button Bridge overnight on July 30th/31st. A possible suspect was identified but although this criminal was in possession of stolen property, none matched that of this crime. Further enquiries are in progress.

A failed attempt at burglary occurred overnight on August 2nd/3rd at Cleobury Mortimer Bowling Club, but overnight on August 3rd/4th, a detached garage in Kinlet was broken into and several chainsaws stolen. Two strimmers and a socket set were stolen from a shed at Cleobury Mortimer cemetery overnight on August 4th/5th. A secure shipping container situated at the rear of a bungalow at Callow Hill was broken into on

August 8th/9th, from which £2000 worth of fishing equipment was stolen. On August 17th between 2:00pm and 5:00pm, a Land Rover Discovery which was left insecure and with keys in an open fronted garage, was stolen.

The first four items and the last one should highlight the wisdom of leaving unattended vehicles locked and with no valuables on board to tempt thieves. It is recognised that sometimes it is difficult to remove all power tools from vans each night, so other measures should be considered for security, including alarms, parking in a brightly lit area and within view, or as close as possible to the house. Provide extra security inside the vehicle if possible. Perhaps store tools in heavy duty containers, also with hefty locks and secured. It's all very tedious, but perhaps less so than having to replace stolen work tools and having insurance premiums go sky high!

The revamped CCTV cameras in Cleobury are now in place and up and running. The quality of images has greatly improved and there are several additional areas now covered which may help to either inhibit perpetrators of antisocial behaviour and crime, or help to identify offenders. Law abiding residents should feel more secure and there is only a need for the 'big brother watching us' school of thought by individuals who have no regard for the law, rules and regulations, or other people.

*Nick Morris*

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This summer has been lovely and frustratingly wet by turns, so that I have enjoyed many sunny days walking in the forest and peering in the ponds as well as, more recently, lending a hand in the fields to bring in the rain-spoilt hay.

It's a good year for blackberries and the elderberries too are now ripe. They and the bright red rowan berries have already attracted thrushes and blackbirds, making the most of the late summer glut. The wild and dog roses in the hedgerows are beginning to show their red hips, reminding those of us of the war-time and post war generations of delicious rose hip syrup being teaspooned into our young mouths to boost our Vitamin C levels. The hips were gathered throughout the countryside: about 450 tons a year between 1943 and 1945 according to Simon Fletcher in 'A Wyre Forest Diary'. The seeds are the source of the irritating country itching powder popped down other schoolchildren's backs, so they must be removed before boiling the pulp with its own weight in sugar and straining the resulting syrup.

Heather and gorse flowers brighten the woodland edges and heaths and provide plenty of early autumn food for bees and other nectar-loving insects. Acorns and beech mast are ripening and the first of the autumn colour is appearing: wild cherry showing red and purple, orange on the deciduous European larch, and yellow on birch and some of the oaks.

It's changeover time, with swallows and martins preparing to leave on their migration flights to Africa. They do this by massing in large groups and juvenile house martins may help their parents to feed the last, late broods of young still in the cup-shaped nests of mud attached under the eaves of houses. Sand martins are brown and white in contrast to the black and white of the house martins and can sometimes be seen along the riversides in Bewdley – certainly efforts were made to accommodate them when the flood defences were built, so I hope they still breed there. The badgers will be changing over their bedding too, replacing the summer's grass, bracken or straw with a thick layer of fresh material. Even for a badger there must be nothing like a freshly-made bed.

If you fancy giving your fingers a workout and being rewarded with a new skill and a basket to take home, come along to the introductory course in Basket Making on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> September organised by the Wyre Community Land Trust in Ruskin Land. The tutors, Kirsty Philbrick and Amy Cox, will teach participants how to make a traditional round basket, perhaps with a handle, from locally-grown willow varieties. All materials, tools, drinks and home-made lunch will be provided for a fee of £120. Please look at [www.wyrectl.org.uk](http://www.wyrectl.org.uk) or ring 01299 488083 to book or enquire for further details.



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## BYE BYE BEV AND HELLO AZKASS

It was a sad day when Bev's Pound Shop closed the door on July 31st and ended what was a promising experiment. But time moves ever on and on August 20th the AzKass Body Art tattooing studio opened its doors.

No big party, no noisy launch. This is a serious business venture for partners Aaron and Kassie, spreading the word about tattooing, an art that has moved from the shady backstreets to be a fashionable way of showing your individuality.

Aaron's is the skill behind the needle that can paint a design on your body; everything from a modest dedication to a loved one through to an angelic David Beckham figure one customer has ordered. "I can do anything except portraits," explains Aaron. "That's for the really experienced artists."

He served his time in a friend's studio in Birmingham before teaming up with Kassie and committing to the new venture in quiet Shropshire.



*Aaron of AzKass; three years training earned his operator's certificate. He's been in the business for 11 years now.*

The shop is fitted out as a reception area and the actual tattoo work is done in a small private booth. There's a big range of coloured inks available now, including some ultra violet shades to stand out in the dark.

The tattoo market is mainly in the late 20s to mid 30s age range and there is no question of anyone under 18 being tattooed - that's illegal. Before Azkass could open, there was an inspection by a County Council officer and the certificates they issued are on prominent display.

In fact tattooing goes back to the Neolithic Age, or 4000 years BC if you prefer. It's a very fashionable means of body decoration now and Aaron has old customers booking from Birmingham as well as new ones from Ludlow.

The place will be closed on Monday, but will be open every other day of the week, including Sunday. The actual times are posted in the window. Take a look - an interesting place

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Young Jamie Ray, the Marathon Hero is rather overwhelmed by the success of his fund raising drive for Cancer Research. On August the total had reached £560.22, which will mean more if Gift Aid is added. As contributions were still coming in up to that date, mum Denise has opted to keep the Just Giving page open. If you missed this story last month, you can catch up with a donation via [www.justgiving.com](http://www.justgiving.com) and following Jamie's Marathon.

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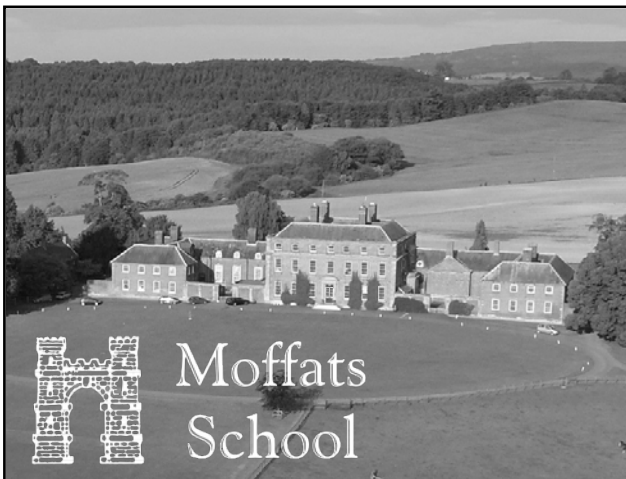
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**S**HE looks more than a decade younger than her age, her conversation is regularly punctuated with laughter and in recent years has found the love of her life . . . while emptying waste at the bins on the caravan park where she lives.

At "75 years' young" Kathleen Harrold is well-known for her sense of humour, offering her engagement ring for inspection, whilst adding: "Not one for ceremony, I went to the jewellers in Kidderminster with my partner Keith and got engaged on the number 3 bus going home to Stourport.

"I did, however, have to put the ring on my finger myself," she says. With perfect comedic timing there's a sudden pause that allows Keith to affirm that the story is wholly true.

Keith, however, does have to live daily with another male who challenges him for Kath's affection – her miniature poodle, Ozzy, named after the legendary Black Sabbath Brummie.

Upbeat, confident and socially engaging, it's hard to imagine this woman, who has a love of sports cars, touring caravan holidays and stimulating chat, could have ever been any different.

But things were. As a 12-year-old she was admitted into hospital for dental surgery. "I can't remember what it was, but it was a rare case," she recalls.

That dental trauma remains with her and her warm smile is momentarily lost as she brings the experience to mind.

"I did have trouble with my mouth, losing some of my top teeth to pyorrhoea [gum disease] in my late 30s, but managed to hang on to my bottom teeth until I was in my 40s," she says.

After years of denture troubles, suffering with an unstable lower prosthetic, regular sore spots and a failed attempt to resolve the issues, Kath sought help from Cleobury Dental Practice denture clinician Chris Chawro DipCDT RCS(Eng) GDC 135208.

### Embarrassing

The encounter two years ago was a turning point for Kath, who in the seven years of being with Keith has had seven sets of lower teeth.

Says Chris: "Her bottom jaw had resorbed – the bone eroding and leaving hardly a profile to fit the denture. It was a severe case.

"As a result the denture was terribly unstable."



All smiles –Chris Chawro Dip CDT RCS(Eng) with patient Kath Harrold

# My Lifechanger



Kath's whole life had been punctuated with the need for regular applications of denture adhesive to help keep them from involuntary movements.

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Taking up the story, Chris, whose qualifications allow him to deal directly with patients, says: "Our first job was to get some dentures that would fit correctly and then look at the way we could enhance them.

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Having researched implant procedures on the internet, Kath was at first apprehensive, but the trusting relationship she had built with Chris "clinched the decision," she says.

### Highest praise

"I was happy and confident with Chris and he had recommended this treatment as way of making things much better," she adds.

The first thing that attracted Kath to Keith was her humour and with that resourcefulness "I laughed and smiled my way through having the implants put in," she says.

Embracing life – and love – Kath unreservedly recommends the treatment and aftercare she received at Cleobury Dental Practice, but the highest praise goes to Chris.

"Meeting him has been life-changing. I can now eat whatever I want and don't ever have to think about my teeth. What a relief!"

Adds Keith: "It's as if she'd been living with a major incident and suddenly it's all over. It really is that different."



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*Brian and Liz Link*

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Last year the Rotary Club of Ludlow was able to invest

£3,000 in a range of local community projects through the initiative 'Ludlow Rotary Cares'. This year, following a very successful Ludlow Dog Day event at Stokesay Court, the Club is looking to double that figure to around £6,000.

'Ludlow Rotary Cares' is a scheme aimed at encouraging charities and other organisations supporting community life in and around Ludlow which could benefit from a modest grant of up to £500.

The Club is open minded about the types of activities it will support, so long as the project responds to a community need within 15 miles of Ludlow and meets its criteria on the giving of grants. The Club will need to understand what the money will be used for, who will benefit from it and what difference it will make.

Further information at [www.ludlowrotaryclub.org.uk](http://www.ludlowrotaryclub.org.uk) which includes details of the criteria applied and a simple application form. Organisations will need to get their applications in by September 24th. Those shortlisted will be

invited to an evening event in October, when they will be asked to explain their project to a small panel. Cheques will be handed out afterwards.

The Club is keen to hear from a wide range of organisations so do take a look at the website. For further information please contact John Howick on 07530 071876 or at [jphowick@gmail.com](mailto:jphowick@gmail.com).

*Barry Forrester, Hon Secretary*

## NEEN SAVAGE W.I.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday September 14th at 7.30pm in Neen Savage Village Hall, and our visitor, Catherine Carr, qualified home economist and food tutor, will be teaching us to make choux pastry swans.

If you would like to pretty up your pastry presentation skills come along and enjoy - please bring a baking tray to use. Cost to visitors will be £4 to include refreshments. Please can you contact Angela Flowers on 01299 270318 for further details if you would like to come along.

*Julie Hobin*

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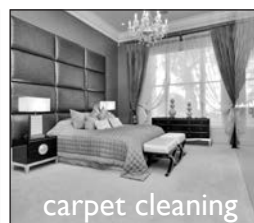
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## THE CLEOBURY MORTIMER LECTURES

Credit for this new idea in promoting the town and interest in its long history goes to Robert Hodge of the History Society. He had the conception, recruited the speakers and cooperated with the Parish Church to stage the lectures there.

There were three lectures in May and June, all offering free entry but asking for a donation that would benefit the Saint Mary's Youth Project. The speakers gave their time and knowledge gratis.

Peter Sutton opened the series on May 19th, talking about William Langland and his great work 'The Vision of Piers Plowman'. Plowman is remembered in the intricate East Window of the church, which was probably the most appropriate backdrop to such a talk. Peter Sutton has recently produced a new translation of Langland's great work and gave a fascinating

talk that was a fine opening for the series.

Robert Hodge delivered the June 9th lecture, on The Workhouse in Cleobury Mortimer, which he is actively researching. Those who fell upon hard times and turned to the Cleobury Mortimer Union for charity did not always find what they sorely needed. The phrase "Relief refused and the workhouse offered" does not strike dread in people's hearts today as it did in then, and families faced a very hard life when moved into the building just behind the Primary School site.

This proved to be the best supported of the trio of lectures, possibly a reflection of the site of the workhouse being well within living memory.

Philip Hulme, who has recently published a book on the Mortimer family, offered "On the Trail of the Mortimers" on June 30th. He traced their history from Hugh de Mortimer arriving with William of Normandy's

conquering army in 1066 and being being rewarded with the Manor of Cleobury, or Claiberie as the contemporary style would have it. The family prosperity and influence through the coming centuries was enormous and Mr Hulme went into it in great detail; a good evening that held his audience in quiet attention to round off a very successful experiment that confirmed the level of interest in the town's history. It was a brave venture by both Robert Hodge and the History Society and they are to be congratulated on an idea carried through with care and well placed publicity. The financial result was £425 for St Mary's Youth project, with Gift Aid possibly adding to that figure.

Robert has since confirmed that he has speakers lined up for a second series in 2017 and can see this becoming an annual attraction. Drawing as many as 70 people to the church in the evening suggests that this idea will run and run.



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## WHOOOPS! AN EDITORIAL BLOOMER

Oh dear, you can see why the editor didn't get an O Level in Maths. Or any other subject.

The claim that 925 copies of the 64 page Clarion means a consumption of more than three quarters of an acre was wrong. John Barnes questioned the claim, I wrote out my basis for it, he pointed out my error and I am still blushing. Rupert Murdoch will possibly be relieved to know that the growing threat from Shropshire is not really very serious. And that's a few less trees under threat.

Apologies for putting out such a spurious claim.

*Jim Reynolds*

## SCAM ALERT

Please be aware that there is a scam artist trying to catch people out over the phone. He said he was from HSBC and had the victim authorise a direct debit of £475? No he hadn't and then the long process started, as the caller built up the confidence of the card holder. Eventually he gave his card details but was unaware that it was being used to make a transfer.

Next day the victim phoned HSBC to make sure the direct debit for £475 had been cancelled and was told there was no such thing, but £7500 had been taken from his account. That was refunded by the bank and all account details changed, but we should all be wary of such calls.

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## CARING FOR THE CARERS

Janet Manley, the town's chiropodist, has been busy raising funds for the Carers' Club, which supports those who look after others, and for the town's First Responders.

Janet started off with daughter in law Charlotte on a sponsored swim and between them they

raised £350 for the cause. That's been split, with £200 going to the First Responders and the remaining £150 to the Carers fund. Nice one, ladies.

## SHROPSHIRE

### COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

This is an interesting enterprise, with over 3000 community groups, clubs societies and organisations listed. It's clearly well known, with over 34,000 page views last year.

Worth a look if you're trying to find people with a similar interest living in your area. [www.shropshirecommunitydirectory.com](http://www.shropshirecommunitydirectory.com) will get you there.

## IF YOU LIKE A LITTLE TEMPTATION..

If you know and have enjoyed Hotel Chocolat, you may be glad to know that on August 26th they opened a cafe store on Worcester's High Street. On the other hand, if you're seriously trying to lose weight you may be having a twinge of conscience at that news and resolving not to go shopping there ever again.

## SILLY BIT

**Police have released details of a new drug craze in Leeds nightclubs, where people inject Ecstasy just above their front teeth. It's known as E By Gum.**

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## THE CLEOBURY AREA PARISH SURVEY

The Parish and County Councils are cooperating in a survey of local feelings about the future funding of services. You can probably guess the reason - the cutbacks of Central Government budgets and the movement of responsibility to local councils.

Shropshire has to find savings of no less than £80 million over the next four years. They estimate that internal cuts and redundancies will make up £55 million of that figure, but that leaves another £25 million to be saved. Aren't you glad you're not a County Councillor with that headache?

What they are asking people in the Cleobury Mortimer area is where would you want to see cuts and would you rather pay a little more cover services? Just what you do in a household if the income drops - you have to make a choice.

We are promised local meetings and road shows to attend, but no dates or venues at this stage. There are copies of the survey you can collect from the Library, Medical Centre or Leisure Centre, or you can try it on line at: [https://www.surveymonkey/r/](https://www.surveymonkey/r/C6Y8LD2)

C6Y8LD2. Good luck if you do, because I've tried it several times and the machine keeps telling me that it can't find that address. Surely that haven't started cutting that service already?

Seriously, this is a chance to have your say. If you don't do anything, just don't think you can complain later.

*Jim Reynolds*

### A POETRY CLUB?

There is a gentle movement to start a poetry club in the town. You wouldn't expect poets to be anything other than gentle about such an idea, would you? It fits in neatly with October 6th being National Poetry Day, and the Friends of Cleobury Mortimer Library are talking about a Poetry Evening. No firm date as we went to press.

The suggestion at this stage is the club would meet at a pub, where people could look in and just listen, or sip an ale or two to gather enough Dutch Courage to offer their own contribution. If you're interested, feel free to call the editor on 270642. And look out for posters if the Poetry Evening gets under way, with the club to follow up.

Meanwhile, confirming the latent interest there is in putting

pen to paper, Pauline Ray asked if the Clarion would be interested in publishing this. Of course we would:

### THE FLOWERS HAVE GONE

The flowers have gone  
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Bask in the sunshine  
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Forget the strife  
Let the beauty that you see  
your strength and portion be.

Sweet music the birds song  
It gives us a thrill  
Make time to listen  
Make time to sit still.

### CHANGES, CHANGES

It was a surprise to learn that Mike and Lesley, who'd taken over The Talbot Hotel and put a lot of of time and effort into its restoration, have left.

A pity, because they showed signs of being a team who could make the place buzz, but on the occasions I was there the crowd was missing. We wish the new manager July every success.

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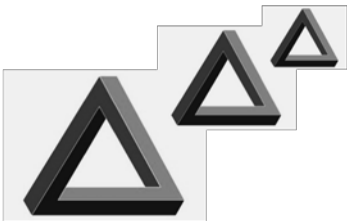
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*Head teacher Darren Reynolds looking rightly proud with Matara Scott (left) and Lowri Southall, who were among the highest attaining students on a very successful results day.*

The information sheet sent out is rather jargon laden and quotes figures that only school and parents will understand. What we can tell you is that over 75 percent of students entered for the English Baccalaureate attained the essential C to A\* grades that indicate a pass. It's all a great credit to both staff and students, who have clearly worked together to get such a strong result.

## THE BORDERS CLASSIC BIKE SHOW

You'll hear them coming over the weekend of the 10th and 11th, as classic bike enthusiasts make their way to Lacon Childe School from all over the Midlands. The bike park outside is a great display, but what's inside is even better.

We have rare racing machines from Italy and Czechoslovakia, plus an ice racer from Russia complete with vicious looking spiked tyres, and a unique Bristol built 350cc Douglas racer. Those funny little cycle motors will be back, but the motorised tandem has gone all shy and won't be coming. However, there will be names like Francis-Barnett and Kreidler to get you wondering and the oldest entry is a 1918 Birmingham built Bown. Two halls of variety to bring back memories and get your admiration for the work that brings them back to life.

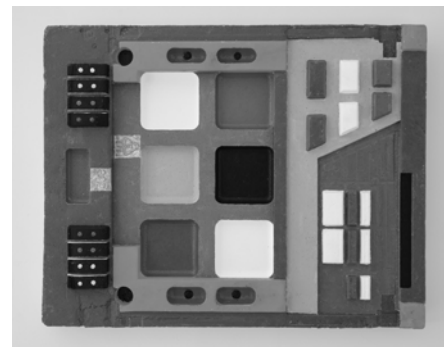
At 1.30 on Sunday a range of bikes will be fired up in the She Would Appreciate That Sound competition, in memory of Valerie Reynolds, who took the money at the door for 25 years and loved the sound of old British thoroughbreds.

There will be some very fine catering thanks to the support of pupils' parents and you can buy a ticket for a raffle with £100 in cash as the prize. Could be your lucky weekend.

Guest of Honour is Mick Bodice, nine times a Sidecar TT winner and a man with lots of good stories to tell. The Show opens officially at 10.00, but get here early and we'll let you in with a smile.

All proceeds go the Parent Teacher Association, who make a donation of £500 to local charities every year.

## GUESS WHAT



We're not giving any secrets away on this one, but we can tell you that it's part of a collection of artwork due to go on show in London later this year. It's an experiment with unusual materials; the artist is hoping to sell a range of his work and maybe start a trend.

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## A CRUEL DAY FOR CLUBFEST

It promised so much, with a lot of stalls for local groups and services, a Battle of the Bands on stage and a Hobsons Touch Rugby tournament due to make it a day too remember. Sadly, it will be remembered most for the English weather's habit of dampening enthusiasm, and oh boy was it damp.

The first victim was the rugby, cancelled because of the weather. But the effect of the rain was to stop the crowds coming in, even though the day did clear and towards the end there was a fair number of people on the sports field. But by 3.00 o'clock some stands had packed up and gone.

Does that sound too negative? It shouldn't, because the range of interests served made it clear that a community day like this can be a success. We talked to the West Mercia Business, Rural and Cyber Crime Team, who'd brought one of their mobile units along to advise visitors about measures to take to deter criminals. Their Horse Watch is not unlike Neighbourhood Watch, with people sharing news and information about local local problems and how to

deal with them. This unit confirms that more notice is being taken of crime out here in the country, even though urban areas see a greater concentration of such problems. With cutbacks in all forces, the police are trying to get you and me to take more care for ourselves and to be vigilant. It does make sense.



*The Wyre Pie Crew. From left: Mike, Debbie, Leon and Peter.*

Smiling through the rain were the Wyre Pie Company, led by Peter Edwards. He'd given up work in the butchery trade through ill health, when his shooting mates suggested he should make some pork pies at home, because they were hungry. What started as a way of helping friends has become a pretty serious hobby, approved

by the council with a five star hygiene rating for the process and making a name for quality pork pies. In stock at the Sports and Social Club, the Golf Club and Simply Fresh. Would they come again? "Oh definitely."



*Danielle Andrews made good sounds in the Battle of the Bands.*

Lessons were learned at this first Clubfest and the music will be either in the club or more closely governed. You couldn't hold a conversation when the bands were in full flow, which didn't help those with a message to convey. As a community event it promises well for the future; it just needs the sun to shine.

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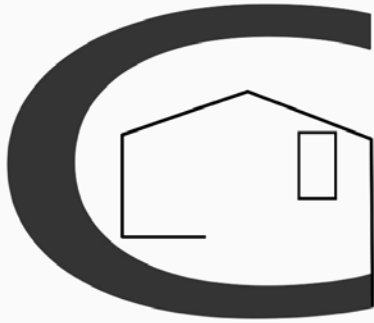
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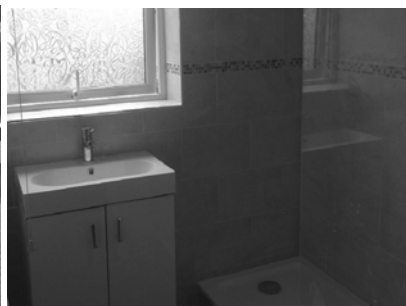
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