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Dinnie Jordan, MD of the local success story that is Kudos.

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On August 25th the pupils and the world at large heard about their GCSE results and it was yet another great success story for the community's secondary school. In the vital category of passes for five or more grades at A* to C level, the pass rate was the highest ever at 86percent.

To put it in layman's terms, in the last six years Lacon Childe's results have improved by 39 percent and they are firmly in the top 25 percent of schools in the country. Head teacher Alan Gilhooley and his staff and pupils all deserve the warmest congratulations for setting targets high and getting there.

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Philip Dunne, looking very much at ease as he talked about faith at the Kings Arms meeting.

A SCOOP FOR FAITH

Philip Dunne's agreement to talk to the Faith in the Pub group was well publicised, so it was no surprise that the snug area at the KA was full to overflowing on July 25th.

He talked about his own Church of England Christian faith and the need to restore the public's faith in the political structure of the country. As he's a government whip, you would expect a firm party political line, but in this relaxed atmosphere the private man emerged. With a background in the City and later in retailing, he approaches matters on the basis of personal

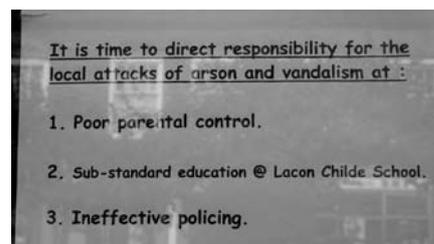
experience before official policy, making it clear he has doubts about full time politicians without experience of the business world. And people he picked out for praise of their intellect came from both leading parties.

Mr Dunne is married to a Roman Catholic and admitted that his children's upbringing reflects that influence; the homekeeper influence inevitably winning over the breadwinner.

He talked and took questions for more than an hour, his audience listening all the time, which reflects his relaxed and informative way of speaking. Getting him to talk to the group was an achievement for organiser Roger Skelhorn.

TOP TOTTY ON SHOW

Sandra Gittins's Top Totty is part of a Centenary Fashion Show on the 30th of this month at Spring Grove House in Bewdley. It's organised by the Wyre Forest branch of the MacMillan Cancer Trust and runs from 7.00 to 11.00. Tickets are £15.00 each and that includes a drink and canapes at an evening that offers more than the fashions, with stalls, auction and the inevitable raffle. All proceeds to the excellent MacMillan cause; tickets available by calling 07541 759242.



What on earth will visitors to the town think when they see this utter nonsense?

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH

This quite extraordinary notice appeared in the window of Mumford's ironmongery shop on August 24th. It's the Clarion's habit to ignore most of these, as they do nothing more than amuse people.

But to point the finger at all parents in a town where we have children who are almost all good young people we can be proud of is simply stupid.

To libel the Lacon Childe School on the day before it added record GCSE results to an Ofsted rating of 'Outstanding' just flies in the face of truth. But we should be used to that from this source. Sub standard education? Huh!

And to describe the work of PC Tony Sewell and CSO Nick Morris as ineffective when they are seen out and about in the town when on duty is to ignore a recorded drop in crime levels in Cleobury Mortmer.

Utter nonsense and lies. Please ignore or just laugh.

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Dorothy McBride, the friendly face of the Market Hall.

MARKET HALL IN GOOD HANDS

Dorothy McBride was born and bred in Neen Savage, a lady with deep local roots who looks after the New Market Hall on Cleobury's Church Street as secretary to the Board of Trustees. That means looking after bookings, keeping the accounts, opening up the Hall for customers and locking up after they've gone. That's as well as liaising with the trustees and caretaker Derek Pead: "Derek's really great to work with, so reliable and helpful," she says.

The Hall is a registered charity and its operation is self supporting. There was a big gap when Cleobury Country moved

to its new home in Love Lane, but the list of tenants has grown. As well as the Cleobury Playgroup on the first floor, there's an office shared by the Parochial Church Council and solicitors Morton Fisher, and a room used by both the physiotherapy and chiropody services. And of course the new Parish Council office, where clerk Matt Sheehan is available from 9.00am until 2.00pm, five days a week.

Dorothy is also clerk to both the Neen Savage and Hopton Wafers Parish Councils, and there's an exchange of professional information between her and Matt.

She's proud of the place she's looked after since her appointment in November last year: "This is a lovely building," she says, happy in her work. "I've met some amazing people and learned about the causes they work for. I believe it's really great to have a community facility like this." With its town centre location and excellent facilities on both floors, it's a natural venue for business needs.

It's watched over by a lady with a quiet manner, but not lacking ambition for one of the community's outstanding assets. "The Hall is entirely self supporting," she emphasises.

"But I'm always looking for new business - there's plenty of capacity for more," she adds with a smile. With kitchen facilities that include tableware and cutlery for 70 people, free broadband access and a choice of Function or Meeting rooms for rates starting at £8.00 an hour, you can see why the lady is so keen.

Talk to Dorothy on CM 270324, mobile 07761 976610 or e-mail mcbrideneenpc@aol.com

CLOWS TOP GARDENING CLUB

At the July meeting speaker Roger Umpelby gave a presentation on 'Friends and Foes in the Garden'. Roger is an entomologist and knows a thing or two about the creepy crawlies that lurk. He showed excellent pictures of all sorts of creatures and talked about their habits in the garden. Our friends are Parasitic Wasps and butterflies and our foes are slugs and New Zealand flat worm. A great evening with everyone enjoying the talk.

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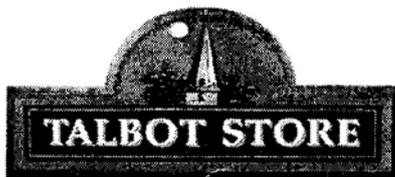
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ANOTHER LEGION SUCCESS

Following the launch in May of Hobsons' 'Old Comrade', the Cleobury Mortimer British Legion completed a July week of events marking the 90th anniversary of the foundation of both the national association and Cleobury's own branch.

On July 9th and 10th, an exhibition of militaria, medals, and Home Front material from the last hundred years was staged in the New Market Hall. Sunday afternoon saw a Church Parade down the main street, with the salute taken by Colonel Stamford Cartwright. The service was conducted by the Reverend Ashley Buck, with the Curate, Reverend Kelvin Price, preaching the sermon. During the morning, Col & Mrs Cartwright had judged the Shop Window competition. The winner was Mumfords, with Severn Hospice in second place, and Hems Butchers and Cleobury Country Store in joint third place.

On July 13th, Hobsons hosted an 'Enigma Evening' at the brewery. This was a sell-out, and included a presentation on 'Enigma, Bletchley Park & the Battle of the Atlantic'. Competitions based on 1940s and 1950s news stories and adverts, a code-breaking

challenge, and prizes for the guests judged to be best dressed in the style of the 1940s.

The 15th was Film Night in the Parish Hall - 'Shrek: the Final Chapter' at 5.00, and 'Carve Her Name with Pride' at 8.00pm. The Hall was also the venue for a 'Fish & Chip Supper Concert' on the 16th, with the West Mercia Police Band in attendance. Another sell-out.

Final totals have yet to be agreed, but it is clear that the week's events raised over £1500 for the work of the Royal British Legion. The publicity will also have reminded the public that, although Remembrance Day provides an important focus, raising funds for the Legion's welfare work goes on throughout the whole year.

Dr Mark Baldwin

OLD CLEOBURY PICTURES The Rev Bill Elliott has a special request;

The History Society has had two requests for special pictures of Old Cleobury. One is for Mr Tom Pain's timber yard in Tenbury Road, and the other is of the Labour Exchange when it was in the building next to the Manor House.. We should be grateful if we could be lent copies of these photos, so that we can help our questioners, and also make copies for our own extensive records.

Please contact me on 01299 270993 if you can help.

Bill Elliott

COME TO THE PARTY Caroline Bills has news of Cleobury's Rugby Club:

Cleobury Rugby Club is celebrating its 20th year on Saturday September 10th.

To mark the occasion, the 'Old Timers' are dusting off their rugby kit and playing a game against Dudley Kingswindsford Vets, the team they first played when the club was formed.

The 1st team are playing a League match against Wednesbury and then we are having an Open Day with a BBQ, Bouncy castle and slide. A Tug of War Challenge is also on offer, and anybody who would like to enter a team can contact me on 01299 270249.

The fun begins from 1.00pm at the Sports & Social Club, in Love Lane. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Caroline

KIDDY BIT

A little boy opened up the family Bible and fingered through the pages with wonder until he found an old leaf pressed between the pages. He rushed to the bottom of the stairs.

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"What is it, dear?" she replied.

"I think I've just found Adam's underwear."



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This month: Sean Thorogood, Chair of Cleobury Mortimer Parish Council



Sean Thorogood. A quiet, gentle manner, but he doesn't miss a thing.

THE QUIET MAN

Sean Thorogood and his family moved into Castle Toot in 2005; he was managing director of an engineering company with branches throughout the Midlands and Wales. When he questioned the installation of a bench on his land bordering the A4117, he hit a blank wall until he spoke to Parish Clerk Matt Sheehan, who came to see the problem and found that Sean had the answer: instal it in a less vulnerable spot on a nearby footpath.

Months later he was persuaded to attend a Parish Council meeting and admits he wasn't very impressed. There was a vacancy on the council, which was looking for a suitable candidate to co-opt and save the cost of an election. Feeling the need to put something into the community he'd joined, Sean volunteered and in June 2010 took his seat.

"The obvious thing was a lack of communication, with very limited e-mail traffic between members," he recalls. "There's a

need to have ongoing communication, so that people can do things between the monthly meetings."

"There's more work going to fall on Parish Councils, and you can't do the job in evenings and at weekends. The Government have got to look at it, people can't do this work without being paid something." You can see the man's logic, as District Councillors were paid for each attendance at approved meetings, and work they once handled is being passed down to Parish level.

For the information of anyone thinking of standing for election as a Parish Councillor, how much time do you have to give? "To do the job properly, you've got to be prepared to give an hour and a half a day on average - sometimes more." That's about one day a week.

Sean addressed the matter of communications when his wife Dawn ran an e-mail course at Cleobury Country Centre, which Councillors Betty Davis and Mike Reiner attended.

Already established as a contact point is Parish Clerk Matt Sheehan's office in the Market Hall, which Sean is keen on: "We've got to realise that the council being very closed is not good; we need to be open. The public should be welcomed in." He's also looking at the poor acoustics of the Market Hall's biggest room, where the Council holds its monthly meetings and, subject to the Hall's trustees agreeing, plans to instal a microphone system. He's less than a year into the job of

Chairman, but people who attend the monthly meetings have commented on his quiet and well ordered way of running them; that's his industrial experience showing through. At public meetings he listens more than he talks.

So where does this man, clearly one with vision, see the Council's operation in five years time? "I'd like to see it become a Town Council, because this is a town and it's possible to get that change with a population of 3,200. And we'd have a bigger voice as a town."

"I want to get the feeling that people recognise what they can do and be appreciated for it.. At the 2013 election I'd like to see more people coming forward to stand, wanting to contribute to the community, and a Council where people do particular jobs because it's something they're good at."

He's keen to push the concept of the Parish Plan, a little known project that asks the people what they want, and when? "There's no heavy Council presence on that committee, it's run by volunteers like the chair, Michelle Key. There are questionnaires for people to answer in the shops and pubs around the town and we want them back by September 7th. Then the committee will publish our Parish Plan, based on the feedback and setting out our objectives and a timetable. They'll report progress and list all the contacts."

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Philip Dunne MP's Letter from Westminster

I am sometimes asked why my column for parish newsletters contains the occasional political comment. This surprises me, since although I try not to score party political points, politics in a wider sense is not an optional activity. Politics is about taking decisions and political choices affect our everyday lives. In August this was more apparent than ever. The riots sparked in London, which spread across the country as close as Wolverhampton, were a profound shock to us all.

I returned to Parliament for the special statement by the Prime Minister and day's debate which followed. We also had a statement by the Chancellor on the global economic turmoil. These are unsettling times. Many of the established values and norms on which our society is based and around which we live are being challenged.

I deplored the violence and lack of respect for other people or property evident on the streets of many cities. I applauded the bravery of our emergency services, notably police and firemen doing their job while violent assaults surrounded them. A striking feature of the parliamentary debate was the clear consensus that the disorder was bald criminality. The

opportunity presented itself and rapidly spread as though rioting and looting had become a new form of contact sport. But as facts emerge about those who perpetrated these outrages, there is widespread and profound sadness that many young people in Britain today have such little respect for others.

At the time of writing almost 3,000 people have been arrested. 60% of these appearing in court have previous convictions. One quarter of those arrested in London were affiliated with gangs. The minority who were neither criminals nor street gang members allowed themselves to be swept up in the opportunity to run amok for the heck of it. Some have been quick to lay the blame on current political decisions. The evidence from those brought to court show this is too simplistic.

But there are clearly too many people who have become trapped in a cycle of social deprivation for whom the many support services put in place by successive governments have failed. Much hard thinking over the weeks and months ahead will seek to find how we can engage disaffected young people and prevent mayhem happening again.

Philip Dunne

Cleobury Patients' Voice - Jenny McCrorie's update

The Medical Centre

A little history. Shropshire Primary Care Trust agreed in March that Matrix Medical would build a new Medical Centre land owned by the Parish Council on the Muller site and maintain it for 25 years. In May the Parish Council agreed in principle to sell to Matrix, but some people have promoted a totally different Centre; this has not been discussed with the Medical Practice or Shropshire PCT.

The Parish Council want the community to make a decision and have called a Public Meeting for all parties to present their projects. This meeting is at 7.00pm in Lacon Childe School on September 8th and the Medical Practice is asking everyone to attend.

Keep Safe and Healthy in Winter

Our second Health Fair, with advice on health issues, immunisation, nutrition and energy efficiency. Entry and refreshments are free. It's on Saturday September 17th, from 10.00 to 1.00 in the Market Hall.

Compassionate Communities

A new service started by CPV and Severn Hospice, working closely with the Medical Practice. We train volunteers to befriend clients referred by their doctor; clients are assessed and matched with a suitable volunteer.

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We need more volunteers

Able to do an hour or two a week? The work is very satisfying. Our next training days are on October 11th and 13th, 9.30 to 4.00, in St Mary's Place Community Room, off Love Lane. If you are interested, please contact Gaynor Woodland on 01299 271391 or me on 271383.

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Suzanne France and Misty take a well earned rest at the end of a very busy Open Gardens Day.

OPEN GARDENS ARE GREAT

The August 7th Open Gardens Day was a trial run that worked well. More than 200 visitors were drawn into Cleobury by the chance to visit a select number of gardens, great and small. Organised by the Friends of St Mary's, it raised almost £1,000 for the Parish Churches of Cleobury and Neen Savage, plus the Shropshire Historic Churches Trust. It also brought business for our traders.

The Clarion was late, dashing back from the Trimpley Show with just enough time to look in on Suzanne France's small but beautifully laid out garden in Cleobury Meadows. She told us she'd had about 60 people through, from as far as Shrewsbury, York and even Holland. "I've got wet about four times, standing here with an umbrella over them while they had their tea and biscuits," she said.

Suzanne's garden needs a better photographer than the

editor to show it properly, but when you realise she's been here a little over a year and has already won the Marches Housing Association's award for Best Use of Small Space, you know she's pretty darned good.

She moved here from Devon and has settled very happily. "Everything I need is here in walking distance and there's so much going on," she smiled. Better than Devon? "Oh yes."

CLEOBURY W.I.

On a beautiful summer evening members were welcomed to our President's house for our Annual Garden Party, an evening full of chatter and laughter.

The idyllic surroundings made a change from the Parish Hall where our next meeting is on September 13th. Unfortunately our outing to Chatsworth on the 7th had to be cancelled, due to a lack of support, and we will be looking to do something in the Spring.

Liz Smurthwaite

KINLET FAMILY PLAYGROUP

We welcome our children and families back for the Autumn Term on Tuesday September 6th. We extend a warm welcome to new faces Katie, Hugo, Alex, Jac and Jodie, and hope they enjoy coming to play with us.

Our topic for this term is 'All About Me'. This will let the children tell us about themselves and their families, and learn about their new friends.

If you would like more information please visit our website www.kinletfamilyplaygroup.co.uk or call 07794 166514.

Zoe Pearson

URGENT NIGHTINGALE MEETING

For the patients of Cleobury Mortimer, Ditton Priors, Highley and Tenbury Wells Doctors' Surgeries

There will be an urgent meeting on Friday September 16th at 6.00 p.m. in the Sports & Social Club, Cleobury Mortimer.

The fund needs your help to raise additional funds to provide nursing care in the home at times of crisis. Funds are not available from other sources.

Between April 2010 and April 2011 over £10,000 worth of care was funded and just over £2,000 came into the fund.

If you value this service, please try to attend this meeting. If you are unable to attend but have ideas for fund raising, please contact either Debbie Brown, Gill Shorter or Rosemary Abbiss 01746 718210.

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Rosemary Abbiss

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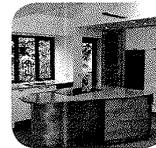
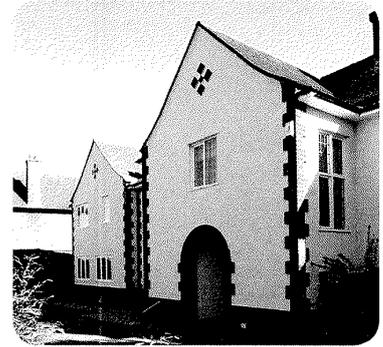
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The Severn Edge Vets Pets Page

Elayne Jonas always has something interesting to report or advise:

DID YOU SEE US? Burwarton Show was a great day even if it was a little wet in places. We were delighted to come second in the scarecrow competition with "Daisy" the cow. "Travis" the electronic cow's head game was a terrific success although very few people were able to negotiate it without setting the buzzer going! Lots of people stopped by to say hello which was lovely. Chorley show was blessed with much better weather, although our gazebo blew away allowing Debs and Becky to enjoy the sunshine (whilst casting their eyes over the attractive jousting knights!) They met lots of people both from Hollybush and Old Pound who stopped by to find out more information about the merge and about our facilities. Children and adults alike had fun with the guess the country of origin competition and Bella, Becky's collie cross spent her day encouraging people to toss her tennis ball to her. Rachel was kept very busy judging the dog show which had a large number of entries. Sadly we were unable to be at the Far Forest show due to illness but hope to be there next year.

HAVE A FLEA FREE WINTER as September sees the return of the Frontline Combo offer. Buy three pipettes and get one free or buy 6 and get 2 free. As the evenings turn colder and the central heating is switched back on, it's often a signal for incubating flea eggs to hatch. Frontline Combo not only kills the adult fleas but helps to stop the cycle by stopping any freshly laid eggs from hatching. As this is a prescription product we need to have seen your pet recently before dispensing but an appointment is not necessary.

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insurance, pack of information and discount vouchers. Puppies will also have an invitation to our puppy party. The pack for a puppy is £50 and they can start their vaccination at 8 weeks old and £60 for a kitten who have to wait until they are 9 weeks old.

OUR congratulations to Jutta Patterson at Birch Hill Dog Rescue in Neen Sollars who recently was voted top rescue facility in the West Midlands. There are so many animals who are in rescue centres throughout the country and the people who look after them do a fabulous job with very little financial support. If you are thinking of getting a new pet, please consider taking on a rescue animal. I can vouch for the fact that they are great- all of my pets are rescued. And please – think about having your pet neutered. One dog is put to sleep every hour in this country – not a good record for what is supposed to be a nation of animal lovers is it?

PS: Our Peter Howman will be giving a short talk at the Cleobury Library on Monday Sept 12th at 7.30. Do come along and listen to his pearls of wisdom!

Elayne

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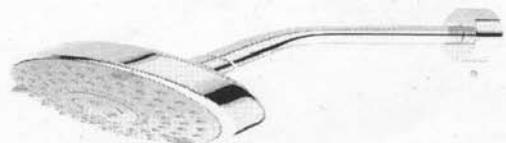


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BOWLING NEWS

Two special events are the Air Ambulance Days, at Cleobury Mortimer and Highley Miners Welfare Bowling Clubs. They were started by Daniel Taylor, a schoolboy at the time. I hope he is very proud, because the two clubs still take part. We hold Daniel in high esteem and many thanks for his efforts.

On July 31st at Cleobury, 55 members from Cleobury and Highley took part in a Doubles Competition. In the final, Sue Weston and Lol Russon played Chris Cowdell and 87 years old Bill Nixon over six ends, which was won by Sue and Lol, the final score 7-4. Congratulations to both.

55 members competed on August 7th at Highley. The finalists on this day were Lorraine Brookes and Mike Weston playing Lesley Burnside and Brian Durnell. After being behind for most of the match, Lesley and Brian snatched the lead to win 7-6. A well deserved victory.

Thanks go to John Cadwallader and Phil Pack for the organisation at both events. A grand total of £460.00 was raised over the two days, including £70.00 from the Cleobury Mortimer Pensioners Tea Fund and donated to Air Ambulance. *Dave Harley*

WELCOME

On Saturday the 3rd of this month, a new shop opens its doors in Talbot Square. It's 'Cobbler's Corner' conveniently opposite Talbot Store and offering boot and shoe repairs plus a range of services that includes replacement batteries and straps for your watch. That's good news, a gap in local services filled so you don't have to travel to get a range of jobs done.

Paul and Debbie Gilman are the people behind the name. We wish them the best of fortune.

WALKING FOR HEALTH IS GROWING

Ian Pearmain's monthly outings have been such a success that he's doubling them up;

From September, Walking for Health will be increasing the number of walks in Cleobury Mortimer to two a month. They'll be at 10.00am on the first and third Wednesdays in the month, from the Cleobury Sport and Fitness Centre in Love Lane, and return there for free refreshments.

The walks are free and available to any ability or age. Trained leaders will guide walkers for between 20 and 60 minutes, tailoring the route to suit any pace or ability. No booking is necessary.

Walking is a very enjoyable way to socialise, whilst enjoying the

fresh air and getting to know your local area better. For more information please contact me - ian.walkingforhealth@gmail.com or 01694 722077. *Ian Pearmain*

THE CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX APPEAL

Jenny Vanderhook has a rather different appeal this year.

Transport money is needed to get our Christmas Child Shoe Boxes to Belarus. £2.50 is the sum needed for each shoe box.

We have the goods and the boxes but the transport costs are beyond us. Please will you sponsor a box?

Just put a cheque - made out to Samaritans Purse - or cash in an envelope and give it to me or Myfanwy Baldwin at the Book Shop. Thank you on behalf of the children of Belarus. *Jenny*

THE YOUTH PROJECT

You'll find a leaflet about the St Mary's Youth Project in this issue. We've written about this growing success before, but while the memory of looting and riots is still fresh in the memory, just think how much good other young people could draw from such a drive.

The Project builds self respect in the young and a belief in doing better. Any help you can give the work Mark Greaves does is an investment in the strength of this community. The Clarion is already a modest sponsor - every little helps.

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STOTTESDON W.I.

Thank you everyone who supported us at Chorley Show, sales of bags, jam and chutney have given a real boost to our funds. We hope to see you again at Farlow Shool and Village Fete on Saturday September 10th.

We welcomed a number of guests to last month's Open Meeting, including friends from Cleobury WI. John Clewes from the Sandwell Centre gave a lively talk on the RSPB's century of history, from the days when fashions in feathered hats led to the near extinction of many species, to current concerns for the effects of global warming and changes in land use on reducing numbers of our favourite song birds. John heard that red kites are thriving locally, and our gardens hold populations of house sparrows. The RSPB can be contacted for a free guide, *The Birds in your Garden*, for advice on feeding, identification, and planting to encourage species.

We meet again on September 21st at Chorley Village Hall for our own craft show, followed by a 'hands on' evening of home grown crafts.

FROM THE BANDROOM

As always, August was a busy month for the band. The

highlight was playing for the reception at a Jewish Wedding held in Birmingham Botanical Gardens. The first time we have done anything like this and it was a very interesting engagement. The band also played in the Gardens prior to the wedding.

We also went to West Park, Wolverhampton and gave a concert in their beautifully refurbished bandstand.

The next main event is the Beer and Brass Festival on September 3rd and we hope to see many local people there.

Rehearsals continue at the Parish Hall at 7.30p.m. on Wednesday evenings and we welcome any brass player who would like to come along. For more details of the band ring me on 01299 270560.

Stella Wilcox

NEW SUPPORT GROUP

This month sees the start of a new monthly group in Cleobury. Living with Depression will be based in the Methodist Hall and is for those whose lives are affected by depression. It is open not just to those with depression but also those who share that complicated life with them.

Depression has been described as the common cold of mental health – this may be a good

comparison of how common it can be, but it takes a lot more than a Lemsip and some tissues. Some will be affected for a short time, others may suffer for years but many learn to live with and mostly manage the ebbs and flows of depression. This group is for people in any stage of the journey.

Organised by Methodist minister Rev Helen Roberts, who herself lives with depression, the group will be shaped by those who join, finding the best ways to support one another. The first meeting will be on Wednesday the 7th at 10.30am in the Methodist Hall and then on the first Wednesday of each month. For more information contact Helen on 01584 819649.

BILLINGSLEY FETE

The barbecue and fete will actually be at Rays Farm Country Matters, on Saturday September 3rd. Starting at 6.00

It offers the Bell Inn Band playing, a barbecue, licensed bar (does anyone ever have an unlicensed one?) children's games and stalls as well as the usual attractions of Rays Farm to entertain you. Admission is £3.50 for an adult and children get in free. Now that's a bargain!

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THE FAR FOREST SHOW



Thomas the very famous Tank Engine was there, giving rides to the younger visitors.

Far Forest Horticultural Society is a veteran. Founded in 1902, it puts on a show every August, with something for all the family. The number of children you see confirms this and the smiles when they rode behind Thomas the Tank Engine said it all.

There was a dog show, with both Birch Hill and Far Forest Rescue taking stands to spread their vital message. In the main arena was the amazing sight of man and dog shepherding a flock of geese into a pen.

There was almost too much to get around in one day, because you meet people you haven't seen for a long time and both have stories to tell. If you wanted to sit and chat with a cup of tea, in the marquee was food made to order and served with a smile. The parade of vintage tractors included Tony Pain, known to many as our ex milkman and father of Chris, who does such a good job now.

There was a marquee given over to an art exhibition, with classical music to add to the air of quiet culture, while on the other side of the showground a succession of bands and singers made themselves heard. And there were alpacas, those South America sheep whose fleece is highly for the fine fibre it can produce. The children loved their soft coat, adults were surprised to find a mountain species farmed in Herefordshire and the animals seemly totally unimpressed.

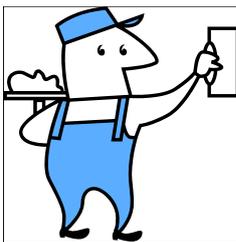
It wouldn't be the Far Forest Show without fine displays of produce, cooking and jams. They were complemented by cooking demonstrations in the food marquee, strangely titled the Food Festival. There were vintage stationary engines, gently nodding the day away, not unlike their owners; in the afternoon a racing car fired up

and woke them. classic cars, including a beautiful 1920s Sunbeam restored by Gerald Ellis of Highley and classic motorcycles, sitting silent and patiently waiting to go out for a ride in the country.

It was a very busy day, three acres of car parking filled by early afternoon and a super crew of stewards finding late comers the odd space. The Society owns the 18 acre site and the fine pavilion that serves both social and sporting needs. The event raises funds to help with the upkeep and it takes a devoted gang of people about a week to set it all up. Their reward was a profit of about £14,000 to help keep the showground in good shape.



Stars of the show? Placid Alpaca goats were a real hit.



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	8.00pm	Bingo Night at Doddington Village Hall.	Sonia Pearsall	01584 890874
Sat 3	9.00am	"Cobblers Corner" opens in Talbot Square. They do a lot more than mend shoes.....		
	11.00am	The Beer and Brass event in the Vicarage Field kick starts the Cleobury Country Fringe. SEE PAGES 28 and 29		
	11.00am	Autumn Fayre and High-Land Games at Clee Hill.		
	8.30pm	Jazz Duo Silhouette entertain at The Bell in Lower Street		
	6.00pm	Billingsley BBQ and Fete at Rays Farm. The Bell Inn Band star.		
Sun 4	10.00am	Car Boot Sale at Green Gap Kennels, Far Forest, DY14 9DX for the sat navvers. Raising funds for Forest Dog Rescue.		
Wed 7	10.00am	Community Walk starts at Sports Centre, all welcome, followed by refreshments. SEE PAGE 21	Ian Pearmain	01694 722077
	10.30am	Living with Depression holds its first meeting in the Methodist Hall, Church Street SEE PAGE 5	Helen Roberts	01584 819649
	2.00pm	Thru the Door informal service for toddlers and parents at Cleobury's Parish Church	Gabrielle Eve	CM 270510
		DEADLINE Day for your Parish Profile Questionnaires SEE PAGE 13		
	8.00pm	Whist Drive at Doddington's village hall.	Sonia Pearsall	01584 890874
Thu 8		GREEN WHEELIE BINS EMPTIED TODAY		
	7.00pm	Public meeting in Lacon Childe School about the new Medical Centre. All the facts, none of the nonsense. Please be there		
Fri 9		Philip Dunne will open Kudos Blends' new mill at The Old Station Business Park. Trade invitation only.		
	8.00pm	Bingo Night at Cleeton St Mary Village Hall, proceeds to the hall.	Eula Rutter	01584 891200
Sat 10	10.00am	The 25 th Borders Classic Bike Show is at Lacon Childe School		
	1.00pm	CMRFC's 20 th Birthday Bash is at the Sports and Social Club	Caroline Bills	CM 270249
		Farlow School and Village Fete		
Sun 11	10.00am	Borders Classic Bike Show includes "Sight and Sound" when classic racing bikes are fired up. It won't be quiet!		
		International Year of the Forest Event at Wyre Forest Visitors Centre		

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Date	Time	Details	Contact	Telephone Number
Mon 12	8.00pm	The Horticultural Society, Methodist Hall, "Fruity Frolics"		
Tue 13	7.30am	Breakfast Club at the Golf Club, Gilliam Hales talks about Owls.		
	4.15pm	Cleobury Parish Church bells will be ringing out as visitors from Brackley, Northants, take over.		
	7.30pm	Cleobury WI meets at the Parish Hall, Church Street		
Wed 14	12.30pm	The Ladies Luncheon Club meets at The Crown in Hopton Wafers	Allison Osborne	01584 890414
	8.00pm	The Royal British Legion meets at the Bell, Lower Street		
Thu 15		BLACK WHEELIE BINS AND GREEN RECYCLE BOXES EMPTIED TODAY		
	10.30am	Rock Pathfinders meet at the Rock Cross Inn. See Sept 1 st for details		
	7.45pm	Whist Drive at the Sports & Social Club, Love Lane	Alan Evans	CM 270114
Fri 16	6.00pm	Nightingale Nursing Fund meeting, Sports and Social Club, Love Lane, Cleobury. Fund raising for a very good cause – your help and ideas needed	Rosemary Abbiss	01746 718210
	8.00pm	Bingo Night at Doddington Village Hall.	Sonia Pearsall	01584 890874
Sun 18	10.30am	Fun Dog Show at Green Gap Kennels, Far Forest. Dogs register at 10.30am, judging at 12.00 noon, lots of stalls to visit		
Wed 21	10.00am	Community Walk, Sports Centre. See Wed 7 th above.		
	7.30am	Stottesdon WI Craft Show at Chorley Village Hall		
	8.00pm	Whist Drive at Doddington's Village Hall.	Sonia Pearsall	01584 890874
Thu 22		GREEN WHEELIE BINS EMPTIED TODAY		
	8.00am	Whist Drive, Neen Savage Village Hall	Clare Ratcliff	CM 270173
Fri 23		Bingo Night at Silvington Church	Eula Rutter	01584 891200
Wed 28	8.00pm	The Clows Top Gardening Club meet in the Victory Hall to hear Fiona Hope talk about "Gardening with the Moon"		
Thu 29		BLACK WHEELIE BINS AND GREEN RECYCLE BOXES EMPTIED TODAY		
Fri 30	10.00am to noon	The Biggest Coffee Morning in the World is today. Cleobury's part is in the Market Hall, raising funds for MacMillan Cancer Support		
	8.00pm	Bingo Night at Doddington Village Hall.	Sonia Pearsall	01584 890874
		AND LOOKING FORWARD TO OCTOBER....		
Wed 5	10.30am	Living with Depression holds its first meeting in the Methodist Hall, Church Street.	Helen Roberts	01584 819649
	8.00pm	Whist Drive at Doddington's Village Hall.	Sonia Pearsall	01584 890874
Thu 6		GREEN WHEELIE BINS EMPTIED TODAY		



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SATURDAY THE 3RD.

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11.00 to 5.00. Clee Hill Autumn Fayre. At The Novers, Tenbury Road. Loads of special games and skills, tug of war contest, bar and food, something for all the family in this traditional country fair. Admission £3.00, families £8.00.

8.00 Cool Jazz Evening at The Bell in Lower Street from duo 'Silhouette'. Another treat for the ears.

SUNDAY THE 4TH.

9.30am. Simon Evans Walk starts from the Market Hall, with a choice of 7 or 15 mile distances. Guided by experienced walkers, an opportunity to see some countryside you've not glimpsed before. Free; no need to book a place.

11.00. Hobson's Cricket Final. Due to last until about 6.00, so a full day's play at the Love Lane Playing Field. The Sports and Social Club will naturally be open.

SATURDAY THE 10TH.

10.00 to 5.00. 25th Borders Classic Bike Show. A big entry and lots of special guests, with TT winner Peter Williams the star. Lovely food from the Lacon Childe School PTA, lots of fascinating machines from 1919 to the 80s will fill the School halls. Entry £4.00 adults, £3.00 concessions.

10.00 to 1.00. Tastes of Cleobury. Range of local products to taste and buy in the Market Hall, Church Street.

7.30. Reid Warblers' September Song. The town's favourite singers in full voice in the Parish Hall. Tickets from Cleobury News.

SUNDAY THE 11TH.

25th Borders Show. 10.00 to 5.00. Even more on the second day, with a bike jumble and a new attraction 'Sight and Sounds' with historic racing bikes starting up, including Mike Hailwood's 1966 World Champion 350cc Honda-4. It will be noisy! It all raises funds for the Lacon Childe School.



MONDAY THE 12TH.

'My Life as a Vet'. 7.30 Peter Howman talks about his life dealing with animals from pet mice to cattle and horses. In the Library at the Cleobury Country Centre, Love Lane.

FRIDAY THE 16TH.

Irish Folk Night at the Kings Arms, Church Street. No official start time, but when they do start, you'll know. Do you dare to walk into a Hobson's pub and ask for a Guinness?

SATURDAY THE 17TH.

Keep Warm and Healthy in Winter. 10.00am to 1.00. In the Market Hall. Health and safety advice for senior citizens, with a focus on home and community. Free refreshments, and a goody bag for everyone who comes.

Open Homes for the Environment. 1.00 to 5.00. Green households and businesses open to show how to use renewable energy and get sustainability. All properties signposted with a green balloon.

The Antiques Roadman. 7.30. In the Parish Hall, Church Street. John Carter repeats his successful evening of last year, examining your items, telling what they are and giving a professional valuation. It's amazing what local people have sitting on a shelf and John turns it into great entertainment. £6.00 ticket-only admission; available from Cleobury News.

Jim Onslow at the Sports and Social Club. 7.30. Renowned entertainer, offering Rock n' Roll and Country and Western to please all ages. £4.00 members; £5.00 non members. The Sports and Social Club is in Love Lane.

SUNDAY THE 18TH.

Environmental Champions. 1.00 to 3.00. In Cleobury Country Centre Presentation of awards to local champions of the cause of protecting the world for coming generations.

WEDNESDAY THE 21st.

'Where the Wild Things Are'. 10.00 to 11.00am. There are many places where wild things are to be found, but the Library would not be on many people's lists. Curiosity alone should take you to Cleobury Country Centre on Love Lane.

FRIDAY THE 23RD.

Magic of Moths, plus Bonfire. 7.00. The The Novers, Tenbury Road, Clee Hill.

DC Fontana - Live Music. 8.00. The time is a guess and we have no other information, except that it's in The Talbot Hotel, where they are working hard to recover its reputation as a town centre venue for good times. Go on, give it a try.

SUNDAY THE 24TH.

Funky Funghi. 9.30 am. At The Novers, Tenbury Road, Clee Hill. John Hughes of Shropshire Wildlife Trust guides a walk and gives a talk. Book a place on 01584 891130.

'Doctor to MP'. 6.00 for 6.30. At Hopton Court. Dr Richard Taylor talks about his remarkable journey from Kidderminster Hospital to Parliament. £15.00 tickets only, from Cleobury News or Angela Drennan on CM 270636.

Grand Draw and Firework Display. 7.30. At the Playing Fields, Love Lane. Lucky numbers for the Grand Draw announced, prizes handed to the winners and seats in the racing Honda Civic decided. And to finish off with a flourish, the fireworks.

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Clarion Clippings - The Local News

SEPTEMBER IN THE FOREST

September can be a wonderful time of summer weather and autumn fruitfulness. Apples ripening, blackberries and damsons nearly gone and the jam made. A forest walk at this time of year is enlivened by the activity of birds and squirrels as they make the most of crops of berries and nuts, while late flowers attract bees, hoverflies, butterflies and other insects. A good time to identify the different trees of the forest with the various seeds there to help you. Look out for acorns, beech nuts, bright red guelder rose and rowan berries, field maple keys and birch catkins. There is a new leaflet available from the Forestry Commission which introduces the "tree family" to young woodlanders, available free from our venues.

On the 11th there will be a great event at the Wyre Forest Visitor Centre, Callow Hill, to mark the International Year of the Forest. Themes of the day will cover: Timber and firewood production, with tree felling and coppice wood crafts (Have a go at pole lathing and see hurdles being made.)

Displays in the newly-opened Wildside of Wyre museum and information in the Biological Records Centre

Sustainability trail around the beautiful Community Discovery Centre and an energy trail to help you "green" your home

A local produce market

Seed gathering, self-guided tree trail and crafts activities for families

The Earth Heritage Trust's rock and fossil roadshow, tying in with the Severn Geopark and our very own Callow Hill quarry

Special menu deals at the Forest Cafe. Come along between 10.00am and 4.00pm and celebrate the fact we still have public forests in the UK in 2011.

Other events this month:

Friday the 2nd Family Dusk Walk Explore the forest as night falls. Wear warm clothes and bring a torch. 7.00 to 9.00, families with children aged seven and over. Book on 01299 266929.

Saturday the 24th Nature Photography for Beginners at the Community Discovery Centre. £20 per person, subsidised by Grow With Wyre. Repeated October 5th. Please book.

Linda Iles

Forestry Commission



Mary Braim of Forest Dog Rescue with Gem, a friendly and lively young Staffordshire Terrier

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Clive Davies' Westwood Farm Diary

'It's a flyer' is how auctioneers and many farmers are describing the current sheep trade. And it has been now for some eighteen months or so. But, of course, for the farmers it depends on whether you are buying or selling. There is no doubt at all that sheep values have risen to a long time high with the better finished-lambs worth around £80 a piece when some twelve years or so ago it was a struggle to attain £30. But then costs of production have risen over this time and so the whole sheep business scenario requires a more in-depth analysis than to assume all is rosy. However, the general trend is that the British sheep sector is the most buoyant of all farm enterprises. Much better than for the well reported difficulties in the milk industry, the highly risky beef sector or the potato job where the bottom has dropped out of the market. Continental European buyers form a very important part of the UK sheep industry. Sheep meat consumption over the Channel is greater than here at home. Another very important positive for the modern day sheep industry is the high demand from the ethnic communities for the cull sheep supplies. This growing private enterprise section of the meat trade, less governed by the powerful major retailers, is ensuring that the older sheep are worth up to around £90 a piece after they have completed their productive lives. But what with a better prime lamb market and a strong cull trade it means that running a sheep flock requires a great deal more investment and particularly for the purchase of replacement breeding stock or store lambs for further feeding. This was well illustrated at the recent Tenbury Sheep Sale ran by local auctioneer Nick Champion. Held

on the field used for the successful Tenbury Show and staged in traditional form with the sheep penned in a specially created saleyard using hurdles, the prices attained were 'flying'! This early August event was the main store lamb sale of the year and prizes awarded for the best entries. Well known local farmer David Spilsbury took the top placing with his high quality lambs making some £90 per head. The Ward family, also of Eastham, had their annual draft of several hundred lambs on offer and attained prices some £10 up on last year. Older breeding ewes sold at £130 per head and this augers well for their younger counterparts to be sold at the future sales. For our own part, we too have enjoyed a buoyant breeding sheep trade with the pedigree Shropshires. The Society's Sale was held at Shrewsbury in early July and was our first venture at this sort of thing. We sold out at this well supported event. Our two year old ram was awarded first prize by the American judge who kindly commented on how well Will had presented him and he went on to make 420gns which is something of a Breed record for an 'adult' ram. The yearling offered pleased in realising 320gns and our draft of yearling ewes averaged over £200 each. All this was a great start for us and with the sheep going to new breeders there is every chance that we are at the beginning of an expanding market for this great old breed. We will soon be selling off our stores lambs of the 2011 crop and then will turn our attention to the marketing of the surplus cattle that we have of the great old Hereford Breed. Let's hope that that too can be a flyer!

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SUN	8.30	Holy Communion)at the Parish Church of St Mary		CM 270264
Sun	9.45	Parish Communion) the Virgin, Church Street		
Sun	9.00	Mass at St Elizabeth's Church, Lower Street	Fr J Robinson	01584 872906
Sun	09.00	Cleobury Country Archers, Sports Centre	Lesley Burnside	CM 271374
Sun	10.30	New Life Church, for venue call	Derek Morris	CM 270787
Sun	10.30	Health Walk in the Wyre Forest, Visitor Centre A456	Visitor Centre	CM 266929
Sun	11.00	Morning Service at the Methodist Church	Miss H Roberts	01584 819649
MON	9.00	Peter Rabbit Nursery, Lacon Childe (term only)	April Rogers	CM 271418
Mon	8.00	Kinlet Family Playgroup, demountable at Kinlet School	Tracey	CM 841210
Mon	8.00	- 17.30 Chorley Family Playgroup, Stottesdon Primary	Zoe Day	01746 718769
Mon	10.00	-19.00 Library open at Cleobury Country Centre	Jenny Robinson	CM 272301
Mon	9.30	Morning workout in the Sports Hall £2.00	Deena Edwards	01299 271217
Mon	9.30	Belly Dancing Class at Victory Hall, Clows Top		
Mon	9.30	CM Playgroup, Market Hall (term only)	Ceri Little	07816 193933
Mon	10.00	Day Centre Meeting £3.60 2 courses etc.	Jenny Ferriday	CM 400773
Mon	17.30	Cubs meeting (term-time only)	Karen King	CM 270001
Mon	18.30	Karate Club, Lacon Childe School	John Nelson	CM 879210
Mon	19.00	Tai Chi Class, Lacon Childe School	Rose Jacks	01584 875544
Mon	19.00	Cleobury Mortimer Ladies Rugby Team Training	Sarah Cound	07977 120272
Mon	19.15	Yoga Class, Bayton Village Hall	Linda Thomas	CM 832998
Mon	19.30	Rangers Meeting (term-time only)	Judy Ellis	01584 890759
Mon	19.45	Bingo, CM Sports & Social Club (exc. Bank Hols)	Alan Evans	CM 270114
Mon	20.00	Prize Bingo, Sports & Social Club, Love Lane		
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Tue	8.00	- 17.30 Chorley Family Playgroup, Stottesdon Primary	Zoe Day	01746 718769
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Tue	9.30	CM Playgroup, Market Hall (see Mon)	Ceri Little	07816 193933
Tue	10.00	Nippers (Mothers & Tots), Methodist Hall,	Emma Greenaway	CM 272959
Tue	10.30	Health Walk in the Wyre Forest, Visitor Centre A456	Visitor Centre	CM 266929
Tue	17.00	Sports Roundabout, CM sports Hall. £1 per hour		CM 271317
Tue	17.30	Beavers meeting (term-time only)	Becky Keeley	CM 271416
Tue	17.30	- 19.30 Youth Forum meets at 8 Talbot Square	Sandra	07964902549
Tue	18.45	Bridge Club, Hopton Wafers Village Hall	Wendy Duley	CM 270562
Tue	18.45	Yoga, Victory Hall, Clows Top	Linda Thomas	CM 832998
Tue	19.00	Bellringers' practice night. St Mary's Church	Liz Walker	CM 271808
Tue	19.00	Dog ringcraft class, Clee Hill Village Hall	01584 890999	or 890478
Tue	19.00	Zumba Fitness, Lacon Childe School	Faith Thompson	07517 753375
Tue	19.30	Peak Physique, Lacon Childe School	Kim Bills	01384 877702
Tue	20.00	Charles Beale Modern Dance Sequence Club, Lacon Childe	E Wigglesworth	01562 822291
Tue	20.30	Aerobics, Lacon Childe School. £2.00	Ms K Bills	01384 877702
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Wed	9.00	Peter Rabbit Nursery, Lacon Childe (see Mon)	April Rogers	CM 271418

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Wed	09.00	-17.00 Library open	Jenny Robinson	CM 272301
Wed	9.30	Rising Fives Playgroup, Market Hall (see Mon)	Ceri Little	07816 193933
Wed	10.00	Citizen's Advice Bureau, CM Library (appt only)		01584 876933
Wed	10.30	Over 50s Relaxing Exercises, Doddington Village Hall	Freda Childe	01584 891180
Wed	14.00	- 17.30 Library open, Cleobury Country Centre, Love Lane	Jenny Robinson	CM 272301
Wed	17.15	Brownies meeting (term time only)	Jadwiga Borns	CM 270215
Wed	16.30	Gym Club for ages 6 and over £3 (booking essential)	Don Carter	CM 270312
Wed	19.00	Guides meeting (term time only)	Bev Pearce	CM
Wed	19.00	Heartbeat Fitness, Lacon Childe School	Don Carter	CM 270312
Wed	19.00	Yoga Class, Lacon Childe School	Don Carter	CM 270312
Wed	19.30	Rugby Club Training, Lacon Childe		CM 271317
Wed	19.30	Band practice, Cleobury Mortimer Concert Brass	Stella Wilcox	CM 270560
Wed	19.30	New Life Church Prayer meeting. For venue, please ring	Derek Morris	CM 270787
Wed	19.30	Choir Practice, St Mary's Church	Philip Englehart	CM 270627
THU	8.00	Kinlet Family Playgroup, demountable at Kinlet School	Tracey	CM 841210
Thu	8.00	- 17.30 Chorley Family Playgroup, Stottesdon Primary	Zoe Day	01746 718769
Thu	9.00	Peter Rabbit Nursery, Lacon Childe till 3.15pm	April Rogers	CM 271418
Thu	9.00	-17.00 Library open	Jenny Robinson	CM 272301
Thu	9.30	Little Tiddlers, birth onwards at demountable, Kinlet School	Sam	CM 271847
Thu	9.30	CM Playgroup, Market Hall. (term-time only)	Ceri Little	07816 193933
Thu	11.00	Sale of second-hand goods, Knowle Sports Club,	Mrs A Taylor	01584 890644
Thu	13.30	Cards and Scrabble, St Mary's Place, Love Lane	Jo Booton	CM 270792
Thu	14.00	Scrabble Club, St Mary's Place, £1 non residents	Jo Booton	07969 104808
Thu	17.30	- 19.30 Youth Forum meets at 8 Talbot Square	Sandra	0796 4902549
Thu	17.30	Brownies meeting (term-time only)	Jadwiga Borns	CM 270215
Thu	17.45	Cleobury Comets Netball at Sports & Social Club		CM 270317
Thu	19.00	Bell Inn Improvers rehearsal. Bell Inn, Lower Street		
Thu	19.30	Tums & Bums, Lacon Childe School	Don Carter	CM 270312
Thu	19.30	Adult 5-a-side Football League, CM Sports Centre	Dave Hives	CM 271317
Thu	20.00	11-16 Badminton Club, CM Sports Centre		CM 271317
Thu	21.00	Over 16s Badminton Club, CM Sports Centre		CM 271317
Thu	20.00	Bell Inn Band rehearsal. Bell Inn, Lower Street		
FRI	8.00	Kinlet Family Playgroup, demountable at Kinlet School	Tracey	CM 841210
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Fri	09.00	-17.00 Library open	Jenny Robinson	CM 272301
Fri	9.30	CM Playgroup, Market Hall (term-time only)	Ceri Little	07816 193933
Fri	10.00	Tiny Tots, Chorley Family Playgroup, Stottesdon Primary	Zoe Day	01746 718769
Fri	10.00	Tiny Tots, Parish Hall £2.00 per family	Bettina Poole	CM 271868
Fri	17.00	Junior 5-a-side Football League, CM Sports Centre		CM 271317
Fri	17.30	Rainbows Meeting girls 5-7 years (term-time only)	Jean Basham	07792813774
Fri	20.00	Badminton, CM Sports Centre. Adults £2.50,		01584 881359
SAT	8.30	Sale of second-hand goods, Knowle Sports Club	Mrs A Taylor	01584 890644
Sat	10.00	-13.00 Library at Cleobury Country Centre	Jenny Robinson	CM 272301
Sat	10.00	Telephone advice line to Citizens' Advice Bureau		01584 810860
Sat	11.00	Junior Golf Coaching for boys and girls, CM Golf Club	John Jones	CM 271628

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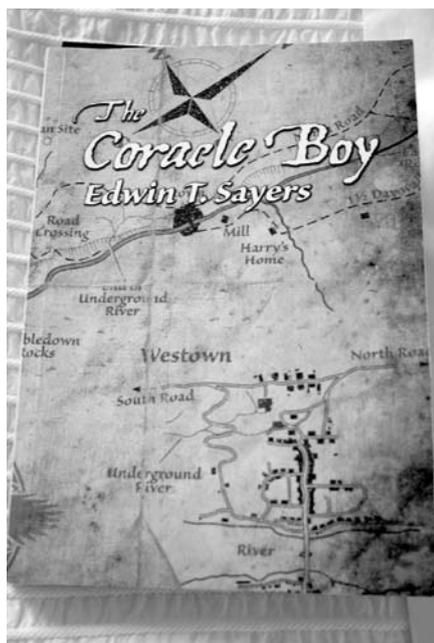
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I gave it to my grand daughter before reading it myself, and she got through it quickly, with the report that it was a good plot that she'd enjoyed. There's a good sign, such a report from his target market.

But it's worth the attention of older readers, because it is a good yarn. It's set in the imaginary country of Farland and the cover is a fine map of a detail of the place, from the talented pen of Edwin's son Martin.

Hero of the story is Harry, thrust into the responsibility of looking after his brother and sisters when his widowed forester father is killed by invaders. He proves himself skilled in the ways of woodland and the river where he takes his coracle on a perilous journey to alert the military to the approaching enemy.

It's a gripping tale, 267 pages long, that I looked forward to

picking up to continue the adventure. A softback, it's in stock at Mark Baldwin's Bookshop on the High Street and already selling. I can see why.
Jim Reynolds

AFTER THE FRINGE, IT'S BEWDLEY

In the August issue of the Clarion you should have found the programme for a very impressive Bewdley Festival. It's an event that seems to go on growing, and features a lot of shows that are quickly sold out. We tried to get tickets for Fascinating Aida soon after they went on general sale, and they'd all gone!

They have a website that's worth checking to see what's left: www.bewdleyfestival.co.uk. The range of events suits just about every taste and means a very busy ten days for our near neighbours over the county border. If you're going to one of their shows, enjoy.

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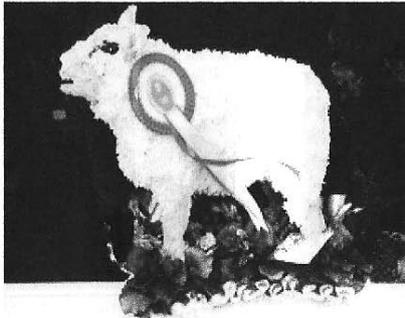
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Steve Hopkinson has reopened the place, freshly painted and looking very smart. He and his local crew of ladies open the place from 8.00 to 5.00 in British Summer Time and 8.00 to 3.00 in the winter.

All day breakfast is a given with cafes, but beyond the

sandwiches and baguettes is the addition to the menu of panninis for those with an Italian taste. They do a pretty mean ice cream, too.

Cooking and serving is a shared task, between Steve, Paula and Holly. As he lives on the premises, the early shift naturally falls into Steve's lap. It's a local affair with suppliers, using Katerfresh, Carrot Tops and Bowketts in Cleobury, Richard Swift in Clee Hill Village and Bikold of Craven Arms. What you could call a true taste of Shropshire.

There's an attitude of cooperation all round, and just above the cafe is a big parking area to get cars away from the road junction. When the cafe first opened, that area was cleared and made useable by quarry owners Hanson's. Nice touch.

You can pre-order food to collect on 01584 891632 or 07973 848674.

STOP PRESS

A little bit of news that arrived just before the Clarion went to press. Faith in the Pub on Monday the 5th is in the King's Arms, as usual, starting at 8.00

The speaker is Richard, whose professional life took in the worlds of property, leisure and finance, all of which his faith survived.



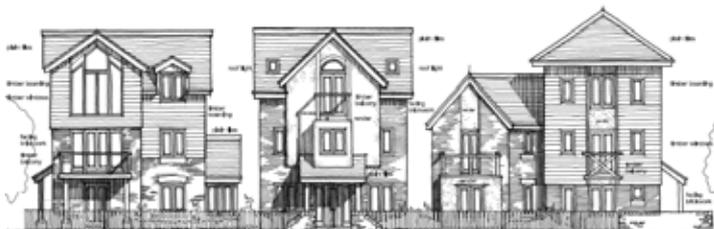
*Happy meeting at Park House .
Resident Jane Isaacson meets Karen
Pritchard and her three weeks old
daughter Leviah, with staff Michelle
Lascano and Hannah Jobber.*

A HAPPY STORY

Annie Leviah Russell spent the last 18 months of her life at Park House care home, in Kinlet. A place where she was very happy and well cared for.

As a 'Thank you' to the home, her family agreed that donations at her funeral would be used to buy a greenhouse for them, as their mother was a keen gardener. When the work was completed, her granddaughter Karen brought her own Leviah, three weeks old, along to add to a very happy occasion.

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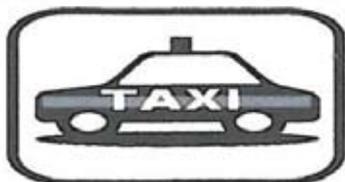
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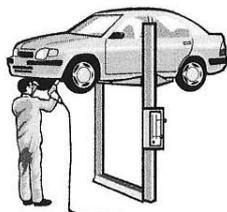
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Clarion News - Happenings on High Street



Friendly new face at the Royal Fountain, mine hostess Louise Richards.

THE ROYAL FOUNTAIN

In a High Street shuffle, Louise Richards has moved down the road to take over at the Royal Fountain . She's not planning any big changes and the emphasis will still be on real ales, with Ludlow Brewery prominent and others as back-up or guest brews.

She does seem to have the right touch, with the place

looking busy whenever we've walked past or looked in; just to say hello, you understand.

Steve Hems knows how welcoming the place can be. On a recent birthday he was in another watering hole and got a series of calls telling him his daughter Caterina was waiting for him at the Fountain. He eventually walked in there, to find many friends waiting to toast his good health, with a spread of food. Nice touch.

FREE FINANCIAL ADVICE

Errol Dyer at Mortimer Wealth, Church Street, is issuing an e-mail news-sheet, with a summary of finance movement and prospects. Even if you don't invest, it's interesting reading for an occasional background view of world events.

CATCH CAS'S SPECIALS

Cas at Masquerade on the High Street, who does make some lovely curtains and complementary furnishings, has special offers on ranges of

fabrics at intervals through the year. Sadly, they are normally laid on at short notice, so we can't tell you what's coming up. But it's well worth keeping an eye on the A-board outside her shop.

SMILES FROM LESLEY

Lesley Burnside at Cleobury News has two good reasons to smile. The first was a recent operation that has left her without pain, which must make the long hours of a newsagent's life much easier to cope with.

The second was her recent appeal through the pages of The Clarion and a circular to Chamber of Trade members, asking for people to step forward to serve on the committee. It's not an onerous job, and meetings under her control don't last long or waste time. Happily, she's had five new faces willing to share the workload, which eases the burden on Lesley and established members.

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IN BUSINESS - Jackie Beddoe Dog Grooming



"They do love a cuddle when I've finished." Jackie gives Paige the friendly treatment.

Jackie Beddoe is in the grooming business for one good reason. She loves dogs.

Her main business is as a book keeper, but she wanted to fill her spare time working with Man's Best Friend. Last year she completed a 12 week course with the Allbreeds Grooming Academy at Kingswinford, passing two exams with flying colours in the process.

That course was self financed. So was the conversion of the utility room at home into a place that makes dogs welcome. It's surprising to see just how much equipment is needed to offer a range of services, especially if you want to do the job to a high standard. The table the dog stands on, the clippers and

scissors, the bath to give a thorough shampoo, the dryers, the towels to dry the dog....it's a long list and there's no sign of corners being cut to do the job cheaply.

What does she offer? "Grooming, with clippers and scissors, shampoo and dry, the nails and ears cleaned. I'm fully insured and if people don't have their own transport I can collect the dog and deliver it after it's finished."

There is the basic list of what's available, but the service goes beyond that. "I'll check the dog for health and general condition, and advise the owner if I think it should go to the vet. I can do a flea shampoo too, if it's needed."

"I'll only take one dog at a time, so there's no stress for the animal. And they're allowed to rest between the wash and the drying if it's necessary."

"They come here to a friendly, country environment. Lots of them like to sit and watch the cows outside." You can see what she means on a summer's day, looking out from Clee Hill across to Wales and ranges of hills stretching to the horizon.

It is a friendly place, where you get a cup of tea and can chat. So does she have ambitions to build the business and move into a bigger place, maybe a shop?

"I don't want to be big," she explains. "I do Tuesday and Wednesday nights, and Fridays and Saturdays. I could do with a few more dogs, but I don't want to get big and lose the personal touch."

It's a touch that's brought customers to her door, from as far away as Leominster, Cleobury and Tenbury Wells. One new customer is driving up from the Rhondda Valley in South Wales because she wants the same treatment for her dog that her daughter's had.

She does hear some horror stories from people whose pets have not had the best of treatment. Like the lady with a poodle taken in for a shampoo and grooming in the very particular poodle style. When she collected it, the dog's body had been trimmed but not its head. "We don't do heads," she was told. She's a firm Beddoe customer now.

A year after she started this new career, is she happy? "I'm really enjoying it, all the dogs and friendly people I've met, it's lovely."

We talked while she was putting the finishing touches to Paige, a seven months old Scottish terrier away from home for the first time. As you'd expect, he looked very happy.



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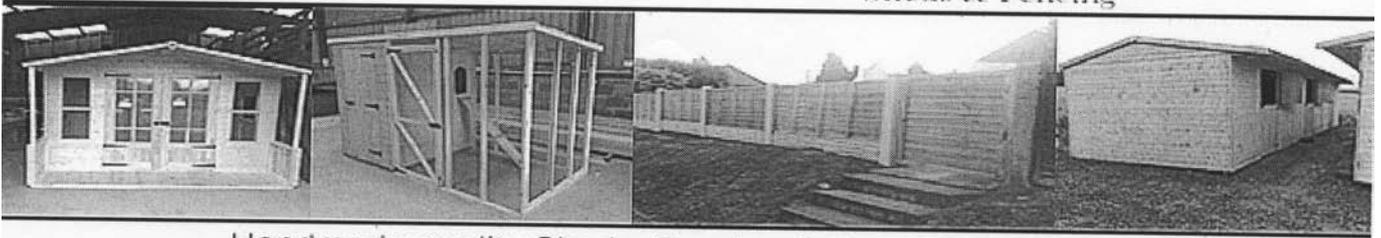
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