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THE TOWN IS GROWING - BUT HOW MUCH IS TOO MUCH?

The demand for housing in Shropshire inevitably means that market towns such as Cleobury will grow. There will be opposition, and both old hands and newcomers will say "No more" because they don't want too much change. But the world is changing, and to refuse to change is to fall behind.

There are benefits of growth; the new Medical Centre is a good example that will serve everyone in the community. To mention new toilets may seem to be an extreme, but how many other towns have been afforded that luxury in this time of severe cuts? The sports facilities at Lacon Childe School and in the Fitness Centre (or whatever the long damaged sign spells out this week) are outstanding for a town the size of ours. And what more can you say about the Cleobury Country Centre, our community centre in effect, home to the library and a buzzing centre of training and community events.



And let's not forget the Market Hall, shown above, one of the restorations that led the town forward, thanks to the vision of the late Adrian Pearce, JP. Once that old wreck had been turned into a place to be proud of, people realised that Cleobury Mortimer could get things done. Chris Dimond and his inspired thinking followed and all around you can see the benefits of his unpaid work.

We are fortunate in having a council who are forward looking while still respecting our heritage - we have a lot of that. But the message we are giving to the world outside is that Cleobury Mortimer is an historic place with its feet firmly in the 21st century.

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THANK YOU NO. 1

You may be aware that on the morning of July 14th I had a fall in the High Street, having tripped over the concrete base of the salt bin between the phone box and the Talbot. It was about 10.20am and I was stone cold sober. I realised I had done something serious and decided not to get up. Jane Martin appeared with a large amount of tissue paper, as my arm was bleeding badly, and stayed with me. Ron Breakwell and Roy Broom came to offer their help. A lady phoned for an ambulance and another lady came and offered help. The ambulance arrived and I was whisked off to Worcester.

As Roseann was away I called Eve Brooks and she and Norman were kind enough to come to Worcester and stay with me until I had been x-rayed (it turned out I had fractured my right femur) and gone to a ward.

I would just like to thank everyone who showed me such kindness which proves once again the benefits of living in a community such as Cleobury Mortimer.

Carl Genese

THANK YOU NO. 2

Cleobury Carers Support Group would like to thank all the local businesses who handed out our flyers in National Carers

Week. We have had a good response.

Our regular meetings are on the third Tuesday of the month, 2.00 to 4.00, in the community room at St Mary's Place. We are a small group and often organise outings for both carers and cared for. We offer help, friendship and support for those caring for others on a regular basis. For more information, pop in to the King's Arms on the first Wednesday of the month, for a chat and a coffee between 10.30 and 11.30. Or call me on CM 270562.

Wendy Duley

THANK YOU NO. 3

I'd like to thank the kind lady who helped me when my motor scooter broke down on the Tenbury road in late July. I was approaching the junction to Neen Sollars when my scooter ground to a halt and refused to start; no problem I thought, I'll ring the AA.

Our AA cover is provided though the bank and you have to contact them via said bank and I realised I hadn't got my card to provide the account number. And my wife was on her way back from Stourbridge and couldn't rescue me, so I had to abandon my scooter and start to walk. One and a half miles is a long way when it's hot and you're not as young as you used

to be but after a few yards a car stopped and the driver said she had seen my scooter parked in a gateway and seeing me carrying a crash helmet, offered me a lift to Cleobury.

I never asked this good Samaritan her name, all I remember is that she was driving a blue Renault Megane. Can I again thank this kind lady in helping me that day and hope that she or someone who knows her is a Clarion reader. Once I got home and my wife had returned she took me back to my scooter, I was able to contact the AA who soon fixed the problem.

Philip Westwood

THANK YOU NO. 4

A World War 1 Centenary evening at St Mary's Church, Billingsley on August 2nd raised £320 for Bridgnorth British Legion. Churchwarden Zoe Baggott said, "There was a great atmosphere with a packed Church, and everyone enjoyed the entertainment. The event concluded with a sing-along of songs from the era followed by refreshments and a raffle. On behalf of all at St Mary's, I would like to thank everyone who supported this event and raised money for such a good cause."

Zoe Baggott

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CLEE HILL'S MISSING MAN RESTORED

The memorial commemorating men from Clee Hill and Knowbury who gave their lives in two World Wars, has been refurbished and the names of the fallen repainted. And a further name and a decoration for bravery has been added to the obelisk in the Church Yard of St Paul's, Knowbury.

This serious omission was discovered by Helen and Alan Jones, members of the Clee Hill Branch of the Royal British Legion who painstakingly researched the histories of all the local men killed. They discovered that Private Ernest John Kitson, who was buried in Hampstead Cemetery, had been left off the memorial and an honour bestowed on Private Henry Genner, the DCM, had also been omitted. These errors have now been corrected.

Major Adrian Coles, MBE, a Vice President of the Legion, who instigated the work on the memorial, said that Clee Hill Branch were very grateful to Caynham Parish Council who paid for the work. He also thanked others involved in their support of the refurbishment. He said "Most of those that died, forty four of them, a very large number, came

from Clee Hill and we, as a community, should always remember the sacrifices that they and their families gave for this country".

Major Coles is now a Pensioner of the Royal Hospital in Chelsea and attends functions wearing the world famous scarlet coat and medals. Fay Vass, Secretary of Clee Hill Royal British Legion added "We are very pleased Ernest John Kitson is now on the memorial where he rightly belongs, along with the other 43 men from this area who gave their lives in conflict."

CLOWS TOP GARDENING CLUB

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

At our July meeting Dr Murray Mylechreest gave a talk and power point presentation on 'Tales from Garden Labels'. Labels come in every shape or form, the system for naming plants is Latin, a universal

language. Labels can give other information regarding height, colour, spread habit and planting conditions. The evening was a great success, everyone enjoying the informal talk.



At our next meeting on Wednesday September 24th, John Robinson will give a talk entitled '60 Years of Wildlife Photography'.


For further details telephone Marion Wilson on 01299 270475, or email: clowstopdistrictgardeningclub@hotmail.co.uk.

HIGH FLYING ZOE

On September 13th Zoe Baggott, Churchwarden of Billingsley, will be doing a tandem skydive at Tilstock Parachute Club, Whitchurch, in aid of Church Funds. The jump is part of a list of 40th birthday celebrations that has seen her run a Personal Best in a Marathon, eat a meal in the restaurant at the top of Toronto's CN Tower, and own her first pair of Converse Baseball Boots, that she's been wanting since her Brosette days in the 80s

She will be doing the jump for St Mary's refurbishment fund, to enhance the church facilities. To sponsor Zoe, leave a message on 07974 808817 or email zoe.baggott@hotmail.com





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THE FOOTPATH ASSOCIATION

Our Parish Walks continue on the first Sunday of every month and are advertised on our website, on notice boards and in shop windows. Most of the walks start from the Parish Church in Cleobury Mortimer, but on occasions we do alter that.

Some walkers may see our 'Snip & Slash' signs around the area. If you can spend a few minutes cutting back brambles or nettles to help keep open the paths you walk it will help lighten our workload and if you have problems with any paths, please let us know.

Some of our members are also doing Clearance Walks to help keep our local paths clear of growth and it is nice to see local farmers clearing footpaths across fields. This helps walkers to keep to paths, lessening damage to crops and fences.

New members are always welcome, so if you are interested in walking with us or helping in any way please contact us via our website or join us at our next meeting, the first Friday in September at the Bell Inn at 7.30pm.

The Association's website is: www.cmfa.co.uk . Editor

ROCK PATHFINDERS

Two more walks by this very friendly group. On September 4th they meet at 10.30 in Palmers Meadow car park, Kyrewood, Tenbury Wells WR15 8BE for a local tour of the countryside. And on the 18th they gather at The Bell Inn in Pensax, same time, same intention, then back to the pub for lunch. All very civilised.

BIG QUIZ NIGHT

The Severn Centre in Highley has a big Quiz Night with Jules on September 12th. 7.30 start, teams of four pay £10 to enter and a good evening is promised. 01746 860000 for more details.

THE COUNTRY WHO?

The Country Clangers, that's who. It's a new church-based drama group, drawing its members from St Mary's in Cleobury, All Saints in Neen Sollars and St George's in Milson. With all those saints behind them, they must surely succeed?

Their debut production is an Old Time Music Hall, in Neen Sollars' fine Victory Hall. It will be on November 28th and 29th and all profits go to the three churches. Tickets are £10 and include supper. Available in Cleobury from Sarah Wilde on CM 272628 and in Neen from

Deb Whillocks on 271778. They can tell you the start time, too.

LACON CHILDE BAND NIGHT

Cleobury Mortimer Youth Partnership don't exactly sound like a cutting edge promotion outfit, but they're having a go. On the 26th of this month there will be a Band Night at Lacon Childe School - watch out for posters listing local groups booked to play. It runs from 7.00 to 10.00, so no late night noise and tickets are just £3.00 if you buy them before the night from the school office. On the night, it will be £4.00 a head. If you've seen the prices for big time gigs, you'll know this is a bargain.

And don't ask the editor who booked tickets for Rush at the NEC at £65 a pop and had the car break down on the way. Well, not unless you want to see an old man cry.....

THE STOTTESDON AND DISTRICT SHOW

This is the Stottesdon W.I. showing off what they do, with produce, crafts and cakes (it wouldn't be a W.I. event without cakes) in the Melville Chapel, at Farlow, on the 17th of this month. Open to W.I. members to show what they've done and for the public to look in and admire. Starts at 7.30.

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THE KITE FESTIVAL



You see the most unlikely things flying at a kite festival.

The first Saturday in August dawned full of promise, with the sun up early and some very brightly coloured objects in the sky above Lacon Childe School. The Kite Festival was back.

This is a social gathering for the kite people, with no element of competition. Old friends meet, greet and sit down to eat. We talked to a lady from York, full of enthusiasm for the laid-back weekend, even if the weather forecast was less than friendly. Nearby a lady from Wigan was trying to get her kite aloft in the softest of breezes and a couple from Brentwood had enjoyed the early morning breeze and just chatted.

The kites were wonderful, which reflects the growing

interest in the pastime, as flyers want something different. The two horses high above Cleobury Meadow were just tethered and left to dance about the sky like young colts. On the other side of the field a small school of not quite whales moved up and down, rising as a fresh breeze filled them and gave them a lift.

Paul from organisers Kite Bums of Shrewsbury was happy, though the weather in the south and west deterred some who'd entered and down in Cornwall they stayed at home. So the number of flyers was slightly down, but the enthusiasm was just as strong and everyone that we spoke to liked the venue. Kite flyers must be the least noisy neighbours you can find on any camp site. Paul likes the spot and the cooperation, vowing they'll be back next year.

And the number of children and grandchildren standing big-eyed in wonder at the edge of the field was confirmation of the colourful appeal to all ages. Not at all complicated, just a happy event.

EMILY, NATIONAL CHAMPION

Emily Price moved away from Cleobury when dad Kelvin was appointed to a new position with the church in Ludlow. But

Emily remained a member of the Cleobury Golf Club as she had enjoyed so much success from that base. And now she's won the National Under 15 Girls' title, after a tight battle on Shrewsbury's Copt Heath course back in July.

With just nine holes to play, she was six shots behind the leader. But this is one tough young lady, even at the tender age of 14. She dug in and took the win when her rival went to pieces under pressure; no shame in that for a child of school age, but what strength of character in Emily. "I know it's not over until the last ball drops on the 18th hole," said this remarkable young lady.



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ROY IS BACK

Roy Townsend-Hubner used to be a regular and eccentric Clarion correspondent, but faded from public view. He was very much missed, with his sideways look at life that sometimes turned upside down. Then this letter arrived at Clarion Towers:

'I venture to submit, should you deem it worthy, a few words that have been flying around in my head (plenty of room there) for your famous publication.

The Cleobury Clarion, we all know, is free of charge. Very commendable, we all say, but should you receive any donations, either to you or myself, would you kindly send mine to my favourite charity, The Lapsed Members of the Monster Raving Loony Party.

A Cleobury Mortimer Lament

Are you fleeing from fate, or from Maud, your last date?

Are your secrets your own, or the town's?

Are you dicing with doom, have you rifled a tomb? Is it guilt, is it grief, is it glands?

You may burst into sorrow, sickness or shame, you may tremble, dissemble or shriek.

But the burden on conscience is always the same.

Don't forget to get your Clarion this week!

Editor's note: How good to find someone who remembers the wonderful Monster Raving Loony Party with affection. I still smile when I remember their defence spokesman being interviewed on the BBC Home Service. "What do you plan to do about defence?" he was asked. "We're going to paint it," was the reply.

CHARITY FASHION SHOW AT HIGHLEY

Severn Centre in Highley is hosting a Fashion Show on the 26th, with support from a range of local fashion outlets. It's all in support of both First Responders and Breast Cancer Care.

It starts at 7.30. Tickets are a very realistic £5.00 and that includes Bubbly and Cake. More details from 01746 860000 or nadia.dodd@severncentre.co.uk

THE PHILHARMONIC RETURNS

The Birmingham Philharmonic Orchestra is back in town on September 28, to add to autumn's delights with a concert in the Parish Church. It starts at 7.30 and covers works by Dvorak, Elgar and Tchaikovsky, with Richard Laing conducting and cello soloist Richard Jenkins.

Tickets are £15 a time and include an interval glass of wine or a more innocent drink. They are available from the Library, the Pharmacy, Spire Hairdressing or any member of the organising Friends of Saint Mary's Church. This is always an intimate, warm evening in a lovely setting. Do not miss.

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For August we started our evening with a stroll along the High Street, following the Town Trail. I think we now have a better appreciation of the fine buildings Cleobury contains.

This was followed by a barbecue at the Church Street home of the president, Judy Sant, a house that used to be one of the many pubs in the town.

Our September speaker will be Elizabeth Woodall, from Ludlow, talking about 1000 years of British Food and Cook Books.

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HOW A GOOD COMMUNITY WORKS

Bill and Kell Elliott, that charming couple long retired but still very active, could have had a disaster. They had been to the bank and after shopping went back to the car, putting the bank folder on the roof while they packed the shopping away.

We've all done it, they drove off with the folder still on the roof. And if you haven't done it yet, please believe that with the coming of senior years, you will. They got home, could not find the folder and wondered if it was lost forever until they came home later and found a rather second hand folder left on the doorstep. A call from Lloyds told them that some kind soul had picked up other papers and taken them to the bank.

"We cannot say how grateful we are," said Bill. "It is a delight to know there are such kind people in this friendly town."

THE CLEOBURY CHRONICLES.

SOMETHING SPECIAL

Volume 11 of the History Society's respected Chronicles of the town is a very fine addition to the written record. It is a 100 page commemoration of the sacrifice in the 1914-18 World War, when 29 men from Cleobury Mortimer were lost.

Each of those men is honoured with a record of birthplace - a few were not natives of the town - and background as well as each one's military record and medals won. It is a painstaking piece of research for which Paddy Treves deserves high praise, as do Robert Hodge and Mark Baldwin for the quality of the production.

The Parish Council have generously decided to present a copy to every pupil at Lacon Childe and Cleobury Primary Schools, while the local branch of the Royal British Legion is providing one to every member. Because of this response to such a quality reminder of a conflict that changed Europe forever, the price has been held at £6.00, which makes this excellent value for money. For every copy sold, the History Society will make a donation to the Poppy Appeal.

It is available from the Society's website on www.cleoburymortimerhistory.co.uk, from Baldwin's Bookshop, from the Library or you can find it on Amazon. The History Society quietly work away with occasional publicity; this is a real feather in their cap.

ONE PLEASED VISITOR

The Footpath Association had a very enthusiastic message:

Hello. I just wanted to write to thank you for all the work your

organisation must undertake maintaining the footpaths around Cleobury.

This morning I did the Bayton Outing which was well laid out and way marked. Keep up the good work.

Kind regards

Paul Elkin

FLICKS IN THE STICKS IS BACK

The Saturday Flicks in the Sticks film nights are a very popular feature, with the big titles selling out before the doors open. They had a break in July and August, when traditionally folks are on holiday, and come back this month on the 13th.

This show starts at 7.30 and features The Railway Man, which not all the critics loved (do critics love anything?) . It tells the story of Eric Lomax, who survived the awful Burma Railway and later went back there and met one of the guards. Apparently the torture scenes are realistic and there was one suggestion that Dick Cheney, who had much to do with the Iraq war, should watch it.

Flicks evenings include food and you can get a drink, too. There's a happy, relaxed atmosphere in the hall, however grim the story the film has to tell. £4.00 adults, £3.00 OAPs and £8.00 for a family. Top value



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It's a powerful play, a tribute to the men, some hardly more than lads, 392.

who went to war, many We hope that our whole making the ultimate community will support sacrifice. Director Tom the Players in this historic Cartwright intends to venture and come to the make special mention of performances, which we those who went to war but promise will be a moving

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The body has an overflow system for sugars in the kidneys. If there is too much sugar in the blood, it is passed out in the urine, but this (through osmosis) pulls more water with the urine leading to excessive urination, and the dog has to compensate by drinking more. Another side effect is that the sugar in the urine provides an excellent growth medium for bacteria, meaning diabetic dogs are more prone to recurrent urine infections.

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One report told us that the driver said it would be possible to reverse the truck out, but he didn't want to leave a gaping hole in the pavement. So the truck sat there until a barrier could be put around the hazard. Top marks to the man for thinking that way, but not for driving up a pavement. They are for pedestrians, you know.

The damage has been put right, and there are three new drain covers in place. We're not sure if they are the truck-proof variety.

LEAVING THE HIGH STREET FOR BIGGER THINGS

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"We'll actually have the house to ourselves now," Estelle explained at the Farmers' Market. "It's a pity in a way, as it's been a bakery for 110 years." The Pughs have come a long way in 25 years, since they offered sandwiches and cakes from the tiny High Street shop then moved into a bakery and on to open the Cleobury Cafe and shops in both Bewdley and Tenbury Wells. Today they employ about 25 people and this latest move will make the whole operation easier to run. They are a really good example of doing

the job right and achieving your goal.

AND JUST OFF HIGH STREET...

A change of management at the Stable Tavern, where owner John Green has been trying to re-establish the place's restaurant trade, having spent some serious cash on a kitchen refit. Terry Windmill wanted to run it as just a simple pub and inevitably there was a parting of the ways over its future direction.

So it's goodbye Terry and hello to Andrew Davis, better known as Daisy, who used to run The Old Lion in Lower Street. Expect an announcement about food soon.

THE LAMP SHINES ON

The Lamp Restaurant on the High Street has another musical evening this month, after the success of Aaron Booton's show. This time they have vocalist Terry Nolan due to appear and serenade on Thursday the 25th. There are two sittings, at 6.00 and 9.00, and a fixed menu four course meal costs just £15.00 a head.

This newcomer to the town is really making its mark, and with the Royal Fountain doing a good food job and the Stable Tavern due to get back in the race, the choice grows. Good!



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Clarion Clippings - The Local News

THE FOREST DOG RESCUE CENTRE FETE



The Agility Test really puts a dog's training through it. This is Emma, manager of the kennels, bringing her charge to a stop on a steep descent.

The weather was kind on August 17th and a good crowd of doggie people filled a busy field in front of the Forest Dog Rescue Centre kennels. There were a series of agility tests for the dogs, including some that had only been training for this for twelve months. The trust an owner can command, as his pet charges into tubular bend where he can see no exit, has to be seen. And when one shy mutt turned off several times and went back to his new found mates, it showed this is not an easy task they face. All with a good commentary that

explained what was happening and built a little tension.

In the neighbouring ring, the current stock of dogs for rehoming were paraded, again with a clear explanation in the commentary. Then people who had taken on rescue dogs had the chance to show how well behaved they were as they walked calmly next to their new owners. Impressive.

Neil Salter explained how big this movement is: "At the Nationals in Corby, there were 15 rings for the agility test, 3,000 dogs entered and 450 caravans on site. When booking for camping sites opened, they sold the lot in 50 minutes!" Dogs are big business.



Ken Price, who has a stable at Little Lakes, had brought along two Shetland ponies for youngsters to ride. All proceeds to the kennels' funds. As you'd expect, the children could not resist the chance to ride or try to groom the gentle, patient miniature horses whose appeal is universal.

Nigel of Central Ferret Welfare was there to explain what good pets they can make, with popularity rising. A good advice source is their website: www.central-ferret-welfare.org

If you commute via M5 and 42, you'll have noticed the Hall Green Retired Greyhound Trust on the A491 to Hagley. It's supported by Hall Green Stadium in Birmingham, and exists to help find new owners for dogs whose racing life is over. These retired athletes don't need loads of exercise and are patient, gentle companions who only show their racing history in the graceful way they move when off the lead.

This was a lovely, family event, with loads to do and a variety of animals well beyond the friendly tail waggers. Worth putting in your diary for next year and if you're looking for a family pet, this is a very good place to start.

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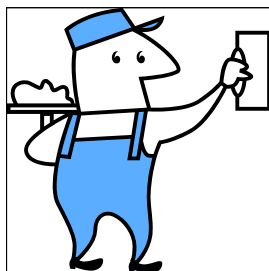
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Letter from Westminster - Philip Dunne MP

This month voters in Scotland will go to the polls to decide the future of our Union. The outcome of this referendum will have profound repercussions, both for Scotland and the UK as a whole. In both my role as a Minister for Defence and as a whole hearted supporter of the Union, I have been pleased to support the campaign to keep the UK together. I have long maintained that Alex Salmond and others arguing for Scottish independence have serious questions left to answer, and with the referendum only days away, they remain unanswered.

As a member of the United Kingdom, Scotland benefits from membership of a number of international organisations, in particular the EU and NATO. An independent Scotland would have to apply to join the EU, and each of the other 27 member states would have a veto. It is not guaranteed that Scotland's accession to the EU would be automatic and would likely take years to achieve. All new EU member states are required to commit to the Euro as their eventual currency. Conservatives, Liberal Democrats and Labour have all agreed that an independent Scotland would not be able to use the pound, so a change in Scotland's currency may well be forced upon an independent Scotland. The only way for Scotland to keep the UK pound is to keep the UK, so those advocating Yes need to be straight about what their currency plan is.

Within my ministerial role I have seen at first hand the direct benefits of UK defence investment in Scotland. HMS Queen Elizabeth, officially named by Her Majesty in July, serves

as a reminder of the importance of UK defence to jobs and growth in Scotland. Around 4,000 jobs in shipyards across Scotland are directly linked to this programme and from 2015 the Clyde will be the UK's single sovereign capability for building complex warships. Other than during the World Wars, the UK has not had a complex warship built outside the UK since at least the start of the 20th Century. The Government has made this choice to protect our national security interests and sustain the strengths of UK industry. There are no Government plans to change this policy in the event of Scottish independence.

An independent Scottish state would lose the benefits of one of the largest defence budgets in the world and of an integrated approach to defence that currently protects all parts of the UK. The start-up costs and complexity of establishing separate defence capabilities for an independent Scottish state would be significant, and have not been factored into the Scottish Government's budget estimates. Imagine the costs of building and equipping new training centres for all troops, new ships, planes, tanks and intelligence systems.

I was in Scotland last month for the Tattoo in Edinburgh Castle, attended a number of Festival and Fringe events and enjoyed a week's holiday in the Highlands with my family. I firmly believe the United Kingdom is better with Scotland as a key part of it. Both nations are better together.

Philip Dunne



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The September Clarion Social Calendar

Date	Time	Details	Contact	Telephone Number
Mon 1	7.00pm	The Parish Council meetings return after the summer recess, with 15 minutes for the public to highlight their concerns before the formal meeting begins. In the New Market Hall, Church Street.	Matt Sheehan	CM 271154
Wed 3	10.00am	Walking for Health meet at the Sports Centre for all ages and abilities.	Mandy Smith	CM 270312/ 271809
	10.30am	Cleobury Carers Group meets informally in the Kings Arms for coffee and chat.	Wendy Duley	CM 279562
	7.30pm	The History Society meets in Neen Savage Village Hall.		
	8.00pm	Whist Drive at Doddington Village Hall. Excellent parking and the early evening view is stunning in good weather.	Sonia Pearsall	01584 890874
Thu 4		GREEN WHEELIE BINS EMPTIED TODAY		
	10.30am	Rock Pathfinders walk out from Palmers Meadow Car Park, Kyrewood, Tenbury Wells WR15 8BE.	Alan	01299 400394
Sat 6	8.00am	Knowle Sports Sale at the Playing Field, Knowle, near Clee Hill. Excellent values to be had.	Audrey Taylor	01584 890644
	10.00am	Art Sale in Clows Top Village Hall, as Cross House Arts reduce stock after closure of their Frames By Design offshoot. Lots of bargains to be had.		
Sun 7	10.00am	Bewdley Local Produce Market is in the town centre; lots of good local flavours to taste and maybe buy.		
Tue 9	7.30am	The Breakfast Club meet at the Golf Club. Speaker will be Andrew Sant on The Recycling Group.	Gill Chapman	CM 270575
	7.30pm	Cleobury W.I. meet in the Parish Hall, Church Street.		
Wed 10	12.30pm	The Ladies Luncheon Club meet at The Plough Inn, Far Forest.	Alison Osborne	01584 890414
	7.30pm	Neen Savage W.I. meet at the Village Hall. Sue Brown talks about 'Helicopter Pilot to Chiropractor.'		
	8.00pm	The Royal British Legion meet at The Bell Inn, Lower Street		
Thu 11		BLACK WHEELIE BINS AND RECYCLE BOXES EMPTIED TODAY		
Fri 12	7.30pm	Quiz Night with Jules, at Severn Centre, Highley.		01746 860000
	8.00pm	Bingo Night at Cleeton St Mary Village Hall, raising funds for the church.		
Sat 13		Zoe Baggott, one very game lady, will be doing a tandem skydive to raise funds for the Parish Church at Billingsley. Sponsor her on zoe.baggott@hotmail.com . SEE PAGE 7.		
	7.30pm	Hooray! Flicks in the Sticks is back, at the Parish Hall, showing The Railway Man. SEE PAGE 17.		

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The September Social Calendar - continued

Date	Time	Details	Contact	Telephone Number
Tue 16	2.00pm	Cleobury Carers Group meets in St Mary's Close community room.	Wendy Duley	CM 270562
Wed 17	10.00am	Walking for Health Group meet for their bi-monthly walk from the Sports Centre	Mandy Smith	CM 270312 / 271809
	7.30pm	CM History Society gather at Neen Savage Village Hall		
	7.30pm	The Stottesdon and District Show is in the Melville Chapel, Farlow. SEE PAGE 9.	Stef Baginski	01746 718018
	8.00pm	Whist Drive at Doddington Village Hall.	Sonia Pearsall	01584 890874
Thu 18		GREEN WHEELIE BINS EMPTIED TODAY		
	10.30am	Rock Pathfinders meet at the Bell Inn, Pensax, WR6 6AE. All walkers welcome	Alan	01299 400304
	7.45pm	Whist Drive, Sports and Social Club, Love Lane.	Alan Evans	CM 270114
Fri 19	8.00pm	Bingo Night at Doddington Village Hall.	Sonia Pearsall	01584 890874
Sat 20	9.30am	The Farmers' Market is in and around the Parish Church. Local produce, faces you know, top flavours and value		
Wed 24	7.30pm	Clows Top Gardening Club meets at Victory Hall. Speaker: John Robinson on '60 Years of Wildlife Photography.'	Marion Wilson	CM 270475
Thu 25		BLACK WHEELIE BINS AND RECYCLE BOXES EMPTIED TODAY		
	6.00pm & 9.00pm	Two sittings for the musical evening at The Lamp Restaurant. SEE PAGE 23		
Fri 26	10.00am	The World's Biggest Coffee Morning (local branch) is at the Market Hall, raising funds for Macmillan Cancer Support. A great cause to help by looking in and staying awhile.		
	7.00pm	Band Night at Lacon Childe School. Local talent at full noise. SEE PAGE 9.		
	7.30pm	Fashion Show at Highley's Severn Centre, in aid of First Responders and Breast Cancer Care. £5 includes bubbly!		01746 860000
	8.00pm	Bingo Night at Doddington Village Hall	Sonia Pearsall	01584 890874
Sun 28	7.30pm	The Birmingham Philharmonic Orchestra fill the Parish Church with music on their annual visit to the town. Tickets £15 for what promises to be a wonderful evening AND LOOKING FORWARD TO OCTOBER....		
Wed 1	10.00am	Walking for Health meet at the Sports Centre for all ages and abilities.	Mandy Smith	CM 270312/ 271809
	8.00pm	Whist Drive at Doddington Village Hall.	Sonia Pearsall	01584 890874
Thu 2		GREEN WHEELIE BINS EMPTIED TODAY		
Sat 4	2.00pm	Wedding Fair, Fountain Inn, Oldwood, Tenbury Wells	Lisa	01584 819701

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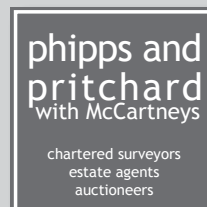
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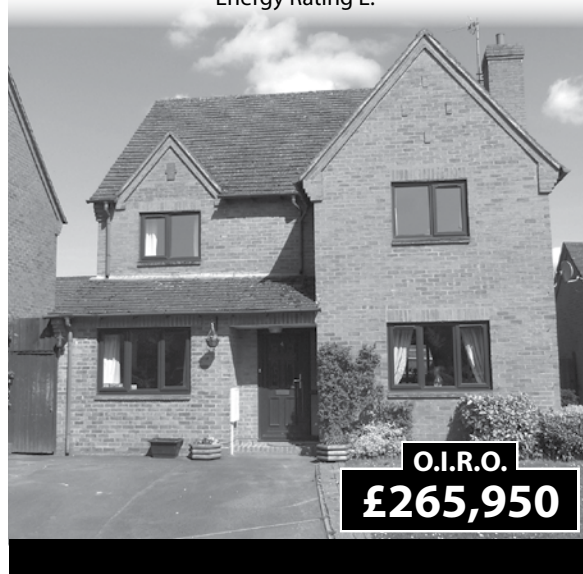
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These are the reported crimes for the area for the last month until the time of writing on August 14th. Or to put it another way - the activity of horrible, selfish people.

An empty factory unit was broken into in Boraston Lane, Burford between July 19th and July 21st. Copper cable worth £400 was stolen. At 6:20pm on July 20th two males were caught on CCTV stealing two bottles of whisky from the shelves at Tuffins. The investigation is ongoing to try and trace the offenders. In the early hours of July 24th there was a theft of 1400 litres of heating oil from a detached property in Stottesdon. Between 10:00pm on July 25th and 9:00am the next day a dovecote worth £100 was stolen from a front garden in Vaughan Road. In the early hours of August 2nd a home made trailer worth £500 was stolen from the side of a lane in front of a house in Clee Hill. A Landrover Defender was stolen from the public car park at Tenbury Country Show in the afternoon of August 2nd. The vehicle had been securely locked. Overnight on August 3rd/4th there was a burglary at a business unit on Bridgnorth Road where a CCTV system was de-activated and computer equipment stolen together with construction materials and power tools. It is thought that those responsible may be known, because they knew how to access the site without causing damage. A burglary took place at a stable near Kinlet between 2:30pm on August 4th and 10:30 am on August 5th; a large petrol mower was one of the items stolen. Criminal damage was caused to a motor horsebox at Hopton Wafers between 4:00pm on August 1st and 2:00pm on August 11th; it

appears that the intention of the offender was to cause further serious damage. Whilst it was parked in Langland Road in front of the rear gate to St Mary's Place between 8:00am and 9:00am on August 11th, a car was 'keyed' on the driver and rear passenger doors. An investigation has commenced into a large scale theft of fuel at Kinlet which was reported on August 11th. Another business unit on Bridgnorth Road was broken into between 5:00pm on August 11th and 7:30am on August 12th. Four chainsaws had been moved ready to steal but it is thought that the thieves were disturbed and left the scene. Overnight on August 13th/14th a hedge cutter and other tools were stolen after a shed was broken into at a property in Covert Lane, Billingsley.

From September 1st there will be a number of front counters in police stations across West Mercia and Warwickshire having their opening hours reduced, and some police stations will not now offer a front counter service. Stations where the front counters will remain are Kidderminster, Shrewsbury, Worcester, Hereford, Telford and Redditch. All other stations will have 24/7 intercoms for connection to a police call taker. The main method of contacting the police is by phoning 101 for non emergency calls - 999 is for reporting emergencies only. This is at least as efficient as reporting something at a police station. If you have other business you will be given the correct advice. For instance, if you have some found property it will be arranged for someone to collect it from you. All this is down to having to save money whilst remaining efficient.

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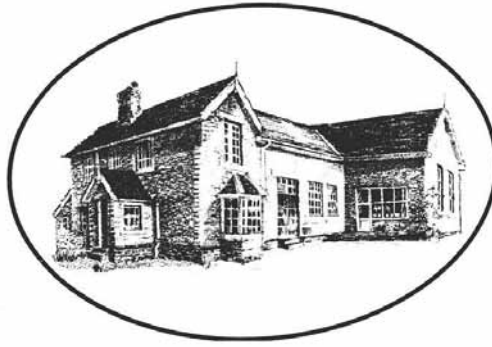
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This term we are embarking on a whole school World War 1 topic, which is will coincide with the anniversary of the start of the Great War. Children will be learning about life in Britain during the war, the life of a soldier, which countries fought in the war, why it started and how the war ended.



Later in the month our years 5 and 6 will be embarking on a residential trip to Condover Hall for a week of activities which will include body zorbing (pictured on the left), climbing walls and various water activities. For some of the children this will be their first trip away without their families but as with previous residential trips we are sure they will have a most memorable time.



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The Farming Page - Catherine and John Evans of Broome Park

This year our harvest seems very stop/start. When the weather was perfect at the first part of July nothing was ready to combine and now the crops are ready the weather is changeable. It is a constant dilemma – whether to harvest the crop when it is slightly damp then dry in the shed or wait for the optimum moisture level and miss the opportunity due to the weather. Ideally corn is harvested when the moisture content is around 14 – 16% and we use a meter to test a sample of the crop before starting to combine. If there is a weather window and we need to get on then we will combine anything up to 20% and then dry the crop in the shed or corn bins. Obviously this incurs additional cost so this is used as a last resort. The next problem has been breakages, fortunately nothing major with the combine so far this year but lots of trouble with the dryer and the auger which is used to move the corn from dryer to bin. This is an Archimedes screw inside a metal

casing that winds the corn from one location to another.

Where our food comes from and how it is produced has been under the spotlight in the media again and I watched with interest a programme about meat production and methane. I was concerned to see the presenter advocating intensive farming methods, particularly for beef, showing the American system where cattle are kept in enormous sheds and fed a diet mainly derived from maize to bulk them up quickly. Whilst this may reduce the amount of methane produced I am sure the meat produced must lack complexity and flavour, also the dependence on maize may be contributing to the increasing obesity of the American population. Please don't stop eating meat as a result of these programmes but instead, source top quality, locally produced meat from a butcher or farm shop, pay a bit more and eat a little less!

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GOOD READ COMING SHORTLY

Alf and Ann Jenkins have a new local history book coming out in November. Which makes it a good one to put on your list of wishes for Father Christmas.

It's titled 'From Clee to Eternity' and covers life through times past up on Clee Hill and the surrounding area. If you've heard Alf speak about

life as a kid on the Hill, you'll know what a great tale he can tell. This latest work promises more, with lots of pictures and stories from the quarries, the lime industry, the 1864 hydro scheme (!) and The Bruderhof of Bromdon. Whatever can that be?

More details as the November launch date approaches. But if you know and appreciate Alf and Ann's work, put down a Christmas stocking request early.

CLEOBURY COCO

A wonderful day! CoCo will soon be known for the great events they host. On August 17th the sun shone on 70 people's afternoon tea at the Neen Savage home of CoCo volunteer Paul Flowers and Angela. With a great raffle to top off the many, over £800 was raised to help sustain our project. We pleased to welcome Judy Reid who generously donated £1000 to CoCo. Thank you Judy and the Reid Warblers. With improved financial stability, all we need to meet the growing demand for befriending is new volunteers with a couple of hours a week to share with someone lonely. As ever just contact Katja Jones - 07966 080 111 / cleoburycoco@hotmail.com.
Katja

A THANK YOU FROM SHEILA

I would like to thank all the people who sent me Get Well Soon cards and best wishes for the eleven days I spent in Ludlow Hospital. I am on the mend now and also want to thank the doctors, sisters, nurses and staff for all their kindness to me. And my three children, Lynda, Kevin and Angela. God bless you all.

Sheila Whitefoot

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ANOTHER GOOD PLACE TO EAT



Ross Hector, chef at The Royal Fountain and beginning to make his mark.

The progress of the Royal Fountain pub from sad closure to revival and on to be one of the most popular drinking places is an interesting process. The gardens have had a makeover to be even better for families and the recent Sausages and Cider promotion saw the place rammed full.

Alan and Helen continue to plough money back into the place with new furniture in the bars. And the introduction of food has meant recruiting a chef, local man Ross Hector. He learned his craft at The Feathers in Ludlow before getting a post nearer home - he's a true Cleobury Mortimer

chap, born here, educated here and still living in the place. So the travelling expenses are low.

We promised last month to test the new Mediterranean menu offering and early in August shared a table and a bottle of red with John Carter. He had already eaten at home so didn't indulge; I would have offered him a chip, but this is not that sort of caff.

I started with chorizo in red wine, a spicy reminder of good days in Spain, then moved to a pizza for the main course. Ross hand pulls his pizza bases and uses the team's own range of toppings; the result was one of the best pizzas I've ever had. Carter, ever the realist, said "It is just a pizza, you know." Yes, quite so. But I've eaten pizzas in cities throughout Europe, including Rome, and this was as good as any I can remember. It's miles from what you buy off the super market shelf, it's pizza as it should be made.

When I called to get a photo of Ross, he and Helen were working on a new menu to start this month. On this showing, I must go back to see and taste what's new. A good addition to Cleobury's quality.

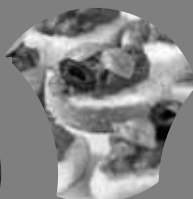
APPLETEME

Have you seen the BBC Midlands TV News series on Farmers' Markets? One featured the ancient Ludlow gathering and Jane Cullen with AppleTeme's range of natural juices. Jane was Head of English at Lacon Childe and when she retired bought into the business to join Tish Docherty.

Their focus is on locally grown apple varieties, hand picked and processed to produce small batches of very fine juices. I've recently tried a Tanga and a Medium and can strongly recommend them; at £2.25 a bottle from their market stall this is top value. The tanga 'Sweeney's Bite' I tried uses the juice of Scotch Bridget and Sweeney Nonpareil to gently tickle your tastebuds and leave you wanting more. The two also have a stall at the Craven Arms Local Produce market.

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	09.00	Mass, St Elizabeth's, Lower Street	Canon Walsh	01584 872906
	10.30	Cleobury Country Archers, Lacon Childe Sports Field	Lesley Burnside	CM 271374
	10.30	New Life Church – for venue call	Derek Morris	CM 270787
	11.00	Morning Service, Methodist Church	Rev H Roberts	01584 819649
Mon	08.00	Kinlet Family Playgroup, Kinlet School Mon to Fri		07794 166514
	08.00	Chorley Family Playgroup, Stottesdon School Mon to Fri	Zoe Day	01746 718769
	09.00	Peter Rabbit Nursery, Lacon Childe School Mon to Fri	April Rogers	CM 271418
	09.00	CM Playgroup, Primary School, Mon to Fri	Jane Preece	07816 193933
	09.30	Morning Workout, Sports Hall	Deena	CM 271317
	10.00	Age UK, Monday Club, St Mary's Place	Sarah Wilde	CM 272638
	15.45	Gym Club with Ann Davis, Lacon Childe Mon & Wed	Don Carter	CM 270312
	17.30	Cubs Meeting, Old Pump House, Church Street	Kate Pearce	07772 102986
	18.30	Karate Club, Lacon Childe School	John Nelson	CM 879210
	19.00	Tai Chi Class, Lacon Childe School	Rose Jacks	01584 875544
	19.30	Rangers Meeting, Old Pump House, Church Street	Helen Smith	CM 270912
	19.45	Bingo, CM Sports & Social Club	Alan Evans	CM 270114
	20.00	Women's Clog Dancing Classes	Linda Small	01746 718624
	10.00	Nippers, Moths & Tots, Methodist Hall, Church Street	Emma	CM 272959
	14.00	Friendship Club, Parish Hall, Church Street	Janet Rolston	CM 270353
	15.45	Ballet Class, Lacon Childe School	Liz Broadway	CM 251246
	17.00	Sports Roundabout, Sports Hall, Love Lane		CM 271317
	17.30	Beavers Meeting, Old Pump House, Church Street	Becky Keeley	CM 271416
	18.45	Bridge Club Hopton Wafers Village Hall	Wendy Duley	CM 270562
Wed	19.00	Bell Ringers' practice night, St Mary's Church	Liz Walker	CM 271808
	19.30	Chas Beale Dance Club, Lacon Childe School	Betty Ladek	CM 270332
	10.30	Over 50s Relaxing Exercises, Doddington Village Hall	Freda Childe	01584 891180
	16.45	Gym Club for 6 & over, Lacon Childe School	Don Carter	CM 270312
	17.15	Brownies Meeting, Old Pump House, Church Street	Rebecca Barnes	CM 272945
	19.00	Guides Meeting, Old Pump House, Church Street	Dorothy McBride	CM 272717
	19.00	Yoga Class with Anna, Lacon Childe School	Don Carter	CM 270312
	19.00	Zumba Class with Emma Forni, Lacon Childe School	Emma Forni	01746 862842
	19.30	CM Concert Brass Band practice, Parish Hall	Debbie Fowler	01562 743304
	19.30	New Life Church prayer meeting. For venue call	Derek Morris	CM 270787
Thu	19.45	Choir Practice, Parish Church	Philip Engleheart	CM 270627
	09.30	Little Tiddlers, Kinlet Family Playgroup, Kinlet School	Zoe Pearson	07794 166514
	14.00	Scrabble Club, St Mary's Place, Non residents £1.00	Jo Booton	07969 104808
	16.45	Cleobury Comets Netball, CM Sports Centre term time	Mandy Smith	CM 271809
	17.30	Brownies Meeting, Old Pump House, Church Street	Rebecca Barnes	CM 272945
	19.30	Tums and Bums, Lacon Childe School	Don Carter	CM 270312
	19.30	Adult 7-a-side Football League, CM Sports Centre	Dave Hinves	CM 271317
	14.00	CM Bridge Club, Parish Hall, Church Street	Pat Smith	CM 270592
	20.00	11-16s Badminton Club, CM Sports Centre		CM 271317
	21.00	Over 16s Badminton Club, CM Sports Centre		CM 271317
	10.00	Tiny Stots, Chorley Playgroup, Stottesdon School	Zoe Day	01746 718769
	10.00	Tiny Tots, Parish Hall	Bettina Poole	CM 271868
Fri	17.30	Rainbows Meeting, girls 5-7 years, Old Pump House	Jean Basham	07792 813774
	19.00	Scout Meeting, Old Pump House, Church Street	Chris Andrews	CM 270937
	20.00	Badminton, CM Sports Centre		01584 881359
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Linda Iles

September In The Wyre Forest



Here we are, recovering from a rather wet day in August sent to try the organisers of the Far Forest Show. Considering everything it went pretty well, with a good few punters wandering among the stands. Along with the poultry tent, the ferret racing, the vintage caravans and the 'duck dog' demonstration, there were excellent cakes on sale, which makes it well worth the entrance fee in my book. The Wyre Community Land Trust's stand offered a chance to pat a sheep or watch oak logs being cleft by hand (using those fine ancient tools, the froe, draw knife and shaving horse) into pallets for fencing.

The purpose of all this, apart from entertainment value, was to engage with local people and help them find out about two aspects of the Trust's work which are slowly and quietly transforming the Wyre Forest for good. As I've written before in these articles, the Forest includes among its acres of broadleaves and conifers a number of meadows and orchards, which contribute valuable habitats in addition to the woodland and help to give us the variety of wildlife which we so enjoy. The best way to keep the wildflowers in these grasslands is to put sheep or cattle on them at specific times of the year, which can be adjusted to allow certain species to seed or, for instance, for young adders to find their way safely into cover. The WCLT has a herd of Dexter cattle (58 at the last count) who spend their time doing the good work of munching pastures belonging to public and private landowners and converting grass into beef. The Wyre is such a complicated forest that no commercial outfit would bother with the many negotiations, grant applications and animal movements needed to make it all work.

Good results are already being seen, with rich flower meadows being conserved and allowed to spread, and the attendant butterflies and other species thriving alongside them.

The other theme is timber production and use. In common with most woods in the UK, the Wyre Forest has some areas that are managed productively and others not managed at all. What we have is a sustainable resource which could provide firewood, fencing and garden poles and also top quality timber for buildings and furniture. Markets need to be developed and small businesses encouraged. The result of increased production will be a change in the forest landscape but that won't necessarily be a bad thing. The needs of wildlife and those who want to enjoy the woods can be taken into account in an holistic planning process.

It's possible you have an opinion on this. Please communicate your thoughts about the forest's future to the Wyre Forest Landscape Partnership via their questionnaire at www.wflp.org.uk or collect a paper version from St George's Hall, Bewdley or Cleobury Country, Cleobury Mortimer and return by the end of this month.

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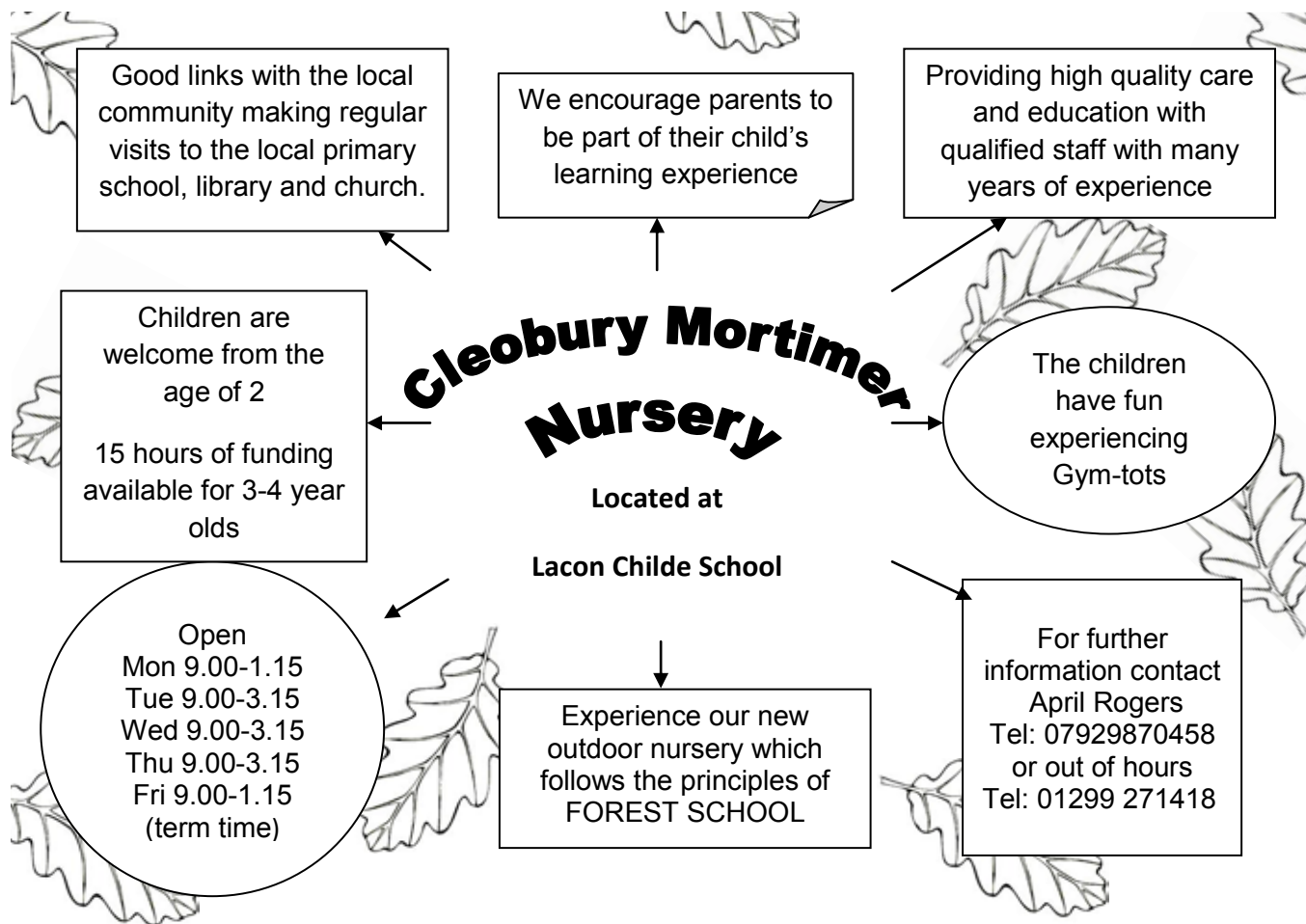
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The Neen Sollars Solar Farm Debate

Parish Council Chair Graham Wilkinson and Landowner Rob Wall

Graham Wilkinson

Graham has lived in Neen for 20 years and leads the Save Our Green Hills protest group. "Although we are against it as a community, we are not against Rob," he stated. "We are against the development because it is outside government guidelines. It is not on flat countryside, it is on the side of a hill."

He says that the local consultation gave five days notice of a public meeting, when about 40 people attended and the majority voted against the scheme. At a subsequent meeting the Save Our Green Hills group was formed and contributions to the fighting fund have been very strong. Graham also questions the long term life of the scheme, currently planned at 25 years, but beyond that little is certain. He has had a face to face meeting with Rob Wall, who refused to withdraw the plan.

Neen Sollars has its own modest power generator, installed at Tetstill Mill with the aid of local backing, and there are a number of properties in the community with solar panels installed. Mr Wilkinson claimed the two fields measure 9.54 hectares; Google gives the conversion factor as 2.471, which would make that area 23.5 acres, though there have been higher figures claimed. He estimates that 90 percent of the local population of approximately 100 are against the scheme; he also points out that flat fields are available but not put forward.

Rob Wall

Rob was born on the farm his father has lived on since 1938. The land he wants TGC to develop is low grade and been unused for any growing for 20 years, under the national habitat scheme. A condition of use for a solar farm is that it should be on a slope less than ten degrees steep, which his two fields are, according to TGC.

He wants to establish the solar farm because he sees a need for such alternative energy and says that a number of local farmers have agreed with his plan, which would give him an income for its 25 years life: "My pension fund, or my wife Ann's, or our daughter's." In addition to Rob's income from the five megawatt farm, TGC have pledged, in writing, to pay £1,000 per megawatt generated to the local community, annually for a period of ten years. The quoted output is five megawatts, which would mean £5,000 a year, or £50,000 over a ten year span. We have not seen any small print which may attach to that offer.

Rob quotes the area affected as 11.0 hectares, which is what his habitat scheme payment from the government is based on. Or 27.2 acres using the Google conversion factor. A right of way across the site would be preserved, as would the hedgerow. Work would take about two months and TGC would put down a gravel road from the lane to the site to make access easier.

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A COB OVEN? WHAT'S ONE OF THEM?

Put simply, a cob oven is a wood burning device whose origins date back to Ancient Egypt and possibly beyond. It is cooking with the materials around you, the clay under your feet, mixed with sand and straw. Never mind those super fancy wood burning jobs at £1500 or so, this is affordable basic. And you can learn how to make one, courtesy of Hobson's, those well known local brewers of fine ales. Not to mention ciders.

Hobson's are hosting a day course in Cob Oven Building on September 7th, starting at 9.30 and including lunch, beer tasting and a brewery tour. It's led by Matthew Lloyd, who makes these cookers and shows others how to do the same. And here he is:



If you would like to join the happy band of people who can produce a home made oven at the local BBQ, or wow friends when they come around for the odd glass of bubbly, this could be for you. Talk to Kate at Hobson's on CM 270837 to book a place. At £75.00 a head it makes that wood burning oven look rather expensive.

THE ANNUAL BRITISH LEGION AUCTION Dr Mark Baldwin reports:

On Friday September 12th, Jim Hulme will conduct the Annual Auction of Harvest Produce and other goods in The Bell Inn.

Donations of goods for sale are welcomed - please contact Jim on 270261. Goods of all types are wanted, not just seasonal produce. Even if you can't donate anything, do come along and bid.

The auction starts at 8.00 pm. There will be an excellent range of fruit, vegetables, cakes, flowers, wine and many other bargains. MB

AN APOLOGY

In the August issue's Clarion Social Calendar, the Royal British Legion parade and service on the 3rd of that month was described as "to celebrate World War 1." No sane person celebrates war,

only its ending. The editor would like to apologise to all concerned for that.

THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Cleobury's Friendship Club meets at the Parish Hall, Church Street, at 2.00 on every Tuesday. Everyone is welcome to join them there and on their trips and days out. The winter entertainment programme is booked through to January and details are available from Val Breakwell on CM 270830.

A RATHER LONG SILLY BIT

One day, shortly after joining the PGA tour in 1965, Lee Trevino, pro golfer and married man, was at home in Dallas, mowing his front lawn..

A lady driving a big Cadillac stopped in front of his house, lowered the window and asked, "Excuse me, do you speak English?"

Lee replied, "Yes Ma'am, I do."

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The lady hurriedly put the car into gear and sped off.

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NEEN SOLLARS FETE



Winners of the Hobson's hamper in the Mini Olympics at the fete were, from left, Russ Knapper, Pat Jones, Mazella Witts-Hewitson and Chris Jones.

The sun shone on June 29th, as it has for the most of the past 24 Neen Sollars fetes. This year's, kindly hosted by Scilla Kennedy, raised close to £2,000 in aid of All Saints church.

Guests commented how much they enjoyed the traditional attractions as well as fun games. A selection formed a 'Mini Olympic' tournament for teams of four, sponsored by Hobson's. The winners were presented with a hamper of local produce.

The afternoon was rounded off with a dog show.

FURTHER PRAISE

Shirley Patchcock phoned to say that she'd like to support the praise for Raj Singhera of

Spar Stores in the August issue. Shirley uses a mobility scooter and told us: "I just have to stop outside the shop and Raj comes out to see what I want. And I get the same service at Carrot Tops and Simply Fresh. It's wonderful."

Everyone mentioned should take a bow, please.

WEDDING FAIR

Claire Bradley, who many people will remember from her time and friendly manner in local florists, is involved with a Wedding Fair on October 4th. It's at The Fountain Inn, Oldwood, Tenbury Wells and will be open from 2.00 to 6.00. More details from Claire on 07980 580 770.

LACON CHILDE RESULTS

Lacon Childe seem to have kept up their good record with this year's GCSE results. The problem for many people not closely involved is knowing just what all the figures mean, so let's just trust what the school tell us. After all, they do have a good reputation.

64 percent of the students hit the national benchmark of five or more good grades. There were some outstanding

results, like Ben Phillips getting eight A* and one A grade, Greg Young with seven A* and three A grades and Freya Scott with seven A* and two A grades. Our congratulations to every one of the students who came away with a decent result.

CROSS HOUSE

ART SALE

Georgina and Dean of Cross House Art Gallery in Mamble, are closing the Frames by Design operation at the Old Station Business Park. It's not easy running two units some miles apart and they're going to consolidate it all at their long established Mamble base.

Which means stocks have to be drastically trimmed to fit the smaller space and they have an Art Sale at Clows Top's Village Hall on the 6th. Lots of bargains to pick up; it all starts at 10.00.

WHOOPS!

Apologies to Jalal and all at The Lamp. The certificate of excellence we said in the August edition was awarded to the Wednesbury branch was actually won by the Cleobury one. Congratulations to all the staff there for their courtesy and welcome being so good.



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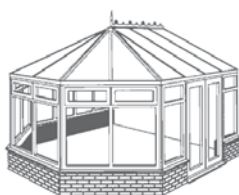


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IN BUSINESS: Rae Luckett's Quercus Landscapes



Talking to Rae Luckett, it seems that she was destined to do landscape design from an early age. "I've always wanted to work outside. I just love nature, I'm outdoorsy," she admits.

Early student days brought her a B.Tech in Building Construction and a job with architectural giant Aedas. It's no surprise that she was there as a landscape technician, and showed enough prowess for the company to sponsor her for a degree course at Manchester. She emerged with a B A Honours in Landscape Architecture.

In 2011 she took the big step and went into business as Quercus, offering landscape design to both corporate and private clients. Her goodwill

and standing with Aedas shows in the two days a week she still puts in for them.

Corporate work ranges for clients from churches to hospitals to the Ministry of Defence. Every job, wherever in the country, means a site visit and meeting the client's local representative. "The jobs are all site specific and must blend in with the environment, so you go there," she explains. Her part of such a scheme is the design, specifying materials, colours and plants in line with the client's needs, and then handing the scheme over to the approved contractor. As a member of the Landscape Institute she operates to very strict rules and is responsible for the job for 15 years. "Yes, I do have insurance, and I haven't got it wrong yet," she smiles.

Local work is centred more on private clients' gardens. That means meeting and talking with the customer, then drawing up outline sketches before developing detail like hardware materials, planting plan in line with the customer's ideas and the final drawing and specification for the contractor. There's an extra dimension with such jobs, and she will happily take people to

Paul's Landscape Plants on the Bridgnorth Road to see just what each plant looks like. Such a good facility nearby is a great help, and as the customer's choice of plants is the final decider on a job, it does help all parties. She also offers a follow-up maintenance service if a private customer asks for it.

Which does she prefer when planning a garden, a greenfield site or a mature garden suffering neglect? "The established garden, because there are things there you can easily develop."

Would she see her son Archie - see August's front cover - following her into the business? "I'd love to think so," and she smiles at the idea.

The seeds of that may have been planted, through the Garden Club that she helps with at Abberley Primary School. They entered the CPRE's schools competition at this year's Malvern Show and won top marks for their scheme. "It was very carefully run, with the children having to be involved at every stage," she recalls. There were 22 schools entered, of all ages, and Abberley Primary brought home the CPRE prize. Another smile from Rae.



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