

The Cleobury Clarion

FAREWELL, OLD COMRADES

JULY 2011



A piper from the Irish Guards played a lament at Tim Sheehan's funeral, to honour him and his half brother Stafford.

One of Cleobury's characters passed on when Tim Sheehan died just a week after half brother Stafford England. They both came over from Dublin in the late 1940s; they'd known poverty there and quickly settled into a more secure life here. Tim worked at Muller's for 50 years and Stafford served down the pit

in Highley until it closed. In his later years, Stafford had the habit of catching a bus in Cleobury and ending up in Dublin.

Tim didn't wander like that, preferring to meet his many friends in the local pubs and saving the bus fares to spend across the bar. His son Matt remembers collecting him "And we knew that to him, 'one for the road' really meant three or four more," he recalls.

The two reprobates had a riotous visit to Lourdes, as good Catholic lads should, and again when they went to a family wedding in France. They both enjoyed a good laugh, and shared many with their friends.

It was a tribute to Tim that so many people turned out for his funeral and testimony to his friendly character that there was such an age range there to say a final farewell.

This world needs individuals like these two. Men who'd be proud to know you were drinking to their memory.

IN PRAISE OF.....SAM

We live in a world dominated by box tickers. People who think that saying a job is done - ticking the box - is all they have to do. No matter if the customer isn't happy, the patient better, the roof still leaking, they've ticked the box. Fortunately you can find better around here.

A relative in America is very ill and when I asked Rector Ashley Buck if a prayer could be said, he referred me to parish secretary Sam Adams, who prepares the list every week.

I was going to call on Wednesday, when the parish office is open, but before I left the phone rang. "It's Sam from the parish office. I'm sorry to hear about your brother in law, can you just give me his name for the prayer list on Sunday?" No box ticking. Here was a caring person putting herself out and showing sympathy.

That's how such jobs are done well. With a caring touch. Not a tick.

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HAVE YOU TRIED?

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It's one of those simple dishes that are more rewarding to eat than the simplicity of its preparation might suggest. We went for the Mint Lamb option, and delicious it was, but you can buy just the vegetable element and add your own preference. Good for barbecues or a dinner with a difference.

SUCCESS BREEDING SUCCESS

Tim Preece's Timber Buildings business in the Old Station Business Park is giving the lie to that old tale about Britain not having an industrial ability any more.

TP's trade has changed in character, from mainly holiday home units to extra rooms to accommodate growing families, or a move to working from home. And the latest development is the use of his top class structures as extra classrooms at schools; TP Buildings recently won a contract to supply a new room for a school in Peterborough, with a price less than half the quote from a competitor whose job would be done on site. Tim quoted for a factory assembled mobile delivered in three sections, all complying fully with building regulations.

Are they busy? "We're fully booked until Christmas," he told the Clarion on June 1st.

VOLUNTEERS, PLEASE

The Voluntary Car Scheme, an invaluable asset to the less mobile in the community, are

looking for more volunteer drivers. Pat Smith, who runs the operation with a gentle but very efficient touch, explained that with retirements and people moving away, she needs a few more drivers and their cars to cope with the demand.

It's not a difficult job, and you do meet some very interesting people as you chat on the journey to whatever appointment brings them out on that day. You can give as much time as you can afford, no limits either way. And you naturally get your travelling costs met.

If you would like to make a positive contribution to this community, have a word with Pat Smith on 01299 270883.

NEW ON THE STREETS

The Clarion welcomes a new newsletter that has appeared in Cleobury Mortimer, under the name of the Cleobury Country Store. The Spring edition is a modest two sides of A4 with the script well spread and aimed only at local council and service matters.

How many readers such a narrow outlook will bring we will see in time. If the editor behind this new venture - there is no indication who this could be - wants advice or help, the Clarion editor will happily offer guidance.

SILLY SIGNS

Have you noticed how many signs you're expected to read as a driver? Even better, they repeat the message, sometimes several times. The trend showed up on a recent visit to Swindon, where huge illuminated signs hung over the road, the screens blank. Tied to the base was a smaller sign: 'Sign not in use.' Quite.

AN IMPRESSIVE FAITH IN THE PUB

All we can tell you about this young man is that his name is Jez, from Scotland and a recovering heroin addict.

Jez spoke to June's Faith In The Pub meeting at the King's Arms, outlining a background of sliding into drinking, trying cannabis and gradually moving to heroin. It was fun at first, he told us, a cool experience, but he gradually went down into addiction and the problems that meant. This was not a weak man, as he had managed to hold down a number of jobs during his ten years on heroin, but he never managed to climb out of the pit.

His parents - who made it clear they still loved him - had to ask him to move out into rehab, because the strain was so bad. Jez had met a Christian counsellor earlier in his decline and was impressed enough to take that route to recovery. He'd heard of Willowdene Farm, this place in Shropshire where you learn country skills and live a clean life. He got a place, did his twelve months and came out clean, to work with a church group in Craven Arms. He has a flat there and works enough days to pay his way; the rest of his time is spent working to help young people in the same trap he's been in and survived. He told us that every day now he wakes up and thanks God for his life. His passion for his belief and determination to help others held his audience for 40 minutes or more.

The Clarion has no wish to preach, but here was proof there are good people in the world.

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EMILY'S AT THE TOP



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Cleobury Golf Club Junior member Emily Price was one of 500 children invited to the **U S K I D S E u r o p e a n** Championship at Gullane Golf Club in Scotland. She was in the Under 11s class, with opposition from France, Germany, Egypt, Switzerland, South Africa and the Czech Republic. There was no easy ride for such young players - three 18 hole rounds over three days. There were showers and a strong wind to

contend with, but Emily came through it all to take third place. Third in Europe is a wonderful achievement, and in August she's off to Pinehurst in America for the World Finals.

THE NEEN SAVAGE SILVER SHINDIG

That's quite a title, but it is a rather special birthday for one of the nicest village halls in the area. It's the Neen Savage hall's 25th birthday party on Saturday the 9th of this month, and they're celebrating in style.

At 5.00 there's the Aliens Scarecrows Convention and sideshows, at 6.00 it's Scarecrow Judging time and at 6.30 Sheep Racing. By 7.30 you'll be ready for the Pig Roast and Pudding to build up a little energy for the Ceilidh at 8.00. There's a licensed bar that is not scheduled to close early.

All profits go to the Air Ambulance, adult tickets are £10.00, 11 to 17 year olds pay just £5.00 and Under 11s get in free.

Tickets from Clare Ratcliff on CM 270173 or take a look at silvershindig@neensavage.co.uk

LUDLOW MALE VOICE CHOIR

Would you like to sing in a male voice choir, or do you know someone who would?

Ludlow Male Voice Choir meet every Thursday at 7.30pm in the British Legion in Mill Street, Ludlow. They are a friendly bunch, and new members of all voices are welcome.

There is no need to read music, so why not come along to a rehearsal and see for yourself what pleasure you can get from singing in a convivial atmosphere?

For more information ring Pip Hollins on 01584 879557 or Joe Edwards on 01584 874490

LOCALLY RECOMMENDED

Interesting comment from Mandy Smith, who organises the Clarion calendars. She saw the advertisement for Ace Glazing of Kidderminster and told us: "We used these people when we were refurbishing the house and they were very good. Every window was a different size and they all had to be especially made. They were ready on the day they said they would be; we installed them ourselves and they fitted perfectly. I'd recommend them to anyone."

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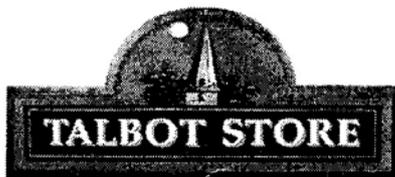
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We are going to the Safari Park for our Summer Trip which I'm sure will be fun. There is also a Teddy Bear's Picnic and Sports Afternoon arranged – let's hope the weather will be kind to us.

Sadly, a number of children will be leaving at the end of term. We would like to wish them well when they move up to school, but hopefully we'll be able to give them a great send off at the Graduation Party on the last day of term.

We would like to thank everyone who supported the Quiz Night and our walkers in the Bridgnorth Walk – well done everyone. We are also running Summer Holiday Provision this year between Monday July 25th and Friday August 12th, 8:00am to 5:30pm. For information contact Zoe on 01746 718 769, or www.chorleyfamilyplaygroup.co.uk

Sarah Price

HOME FROM HOSPITAL

Are you having hospital treatment as an in patient or attending an outpatients department? Would you prefer to stay in your own home to prevent an untimely hospital admission?

If you could find practical support such as shopping, paying bills, your prescription picked up and medicines collected from the pharmacist would this provide effective support? If you could have social visits, could any of these support activities help you rebuild your confidence while promoting your independence during recovery?

Would you like to contact this free service, which will provide support for a few hours a week, for up to six weeks? Live in South Shropshire? Have you celebrated your 60th birthday?

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Would you like to be part of our team delivering this service? If you are interested in becoming

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Jean and Jackie would welcome the opportunity to give a talk or presentation to any group within the area.

WYRE COMMUNITY OPEN DAY

Visit the new Wyre Community Discovery Centre on Thursday July 21st, between 3.00 and 6.00pm. View art and nature displays, talk to our friendly team, explore the building and surroundings. Then let us know how your organisation could benefit from these unique facilities.

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BOOKING ESSENTIAL. RSVP to Liz Bunney, Forestry Commission, Callow Hill, Bewdley, Worcs. DY14 9XQ or email liz.bunney@forestry.gsi.gov.uk
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AN APOLOGY

We've been happy to bring you a page of jobs every month, drawing on the Kidderminster, Bridgnorth or Leominster Job Centres for the list. But things have changed, job specs in Job Centres have altered and they no longer issue lists of local vacancies. Instead, they suggest going to the Job Centre Plus website, where you put in your postcode with the type of job you want and they give you a list to try. That would take hours to find a page of local jobs, if not days, and I don't have that time to spare. So sadly we can no longer offer you an alternative local place to help you find work.

Box tickers, don't you just love 'em?

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CRUCIAL TO OUR COMMUNITY

Each month the Clarion interviews someone with a vital job to do for the Cleobury Country community.

This month: The Fire and Rescue Service

It's one of those services you hope you'll never need. But if you ever do, you'll be very grateful that local people give their time to do this job. They used to be called the Fire Brigade, but today the whole business is much more complex; the title Fire and Rescue Service better describes a group of men with skills and equipment to deal with most emergencies. And if they can't deal with the problem, there are specialists on call who can.

They all live or work locally, on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Emergencies don't take a holiday. We talked to Watch Manager Graham Phillips, the man in charge, longest serving officer Anthony Reiner and recently qualified Toby Guise to get a view of life at the sharp end.

Graham joined because it's a family tradition: "My dad was in it and I was press ganged." He does droll very well, does Graham. Anthony signed up 28 years ago after the friendly team spirit impressed him on a visit. Toby's claims he only joined in 2007 to look after his best mate. Don't believe that - he's also a First Responder who turns out for medical emergencies.

New recruits do 20 weeks of training before they're allowed out on call. Toby had been on duty just two hours on his first day when a call came in: "I thought it was a practice," he admits with a wry smile. It was actually a fatal traffic accident, a sobering experience for a newly qualified novice.



Watch Manager Graham Phillips backed by recently qualified Toby Guise (left) and veteran Anthony Reiner.

RTCs - road traffic collisions - are 30 percent of the work they handle, and every man is trained to give trauma care until the medical services arrive; the Scania truck carries a defibrillator and oxygen as part of a huge array of life saving equipment.

The truck is a very sophisticated piece of engineering, able to carry men, water and equipment at speed. When a call comes in from Central Control at Shrewsbury, men run, cycle or drive to the station, where the truck has to be on the move within five minutes; that time is monitored and Cleobury's normal turnout is below that figure. They are required to be at the scene of the emergency within 15 minutes in 85 percent of the calls. In an area that stretches from Corley to Highley, from Stottesdon to the Worcester border, that means no time can be wasted.

Are there problems with traffic when £250,000 of Scania and its crew are in a hurry? The biggest is thoughtless parking within the town, that can delay the men. Theirs could be a life saving mission; parking with a little thought doesn't seem a high price to make that possible.

They are paid a modest retainer and a fee every time they attend an incident. It's not a fortune and it's taxed as income - between £4,000 and £7,000 p.a. is the norm in this low risk area. The station has been refurbished recently and gives the level of accommodation this devotion to the job deserves. Like a conference room, available for use by community groups, where training is given every Tuesday night for three hours. Training is vital, knowledge and skills moving on as a changing world imposes new demands.

Why no women on the station? "There's no reason why they shouldn't do the job," says Graham. "They're looking for recruits all the time, who must be over 18, physically fit and able to pass a medical every three years.

It does cramp social life, and men check that there's enough cover on call before they travel out of town, so their families have to be flexible. "I don't think you'd stop in the job if your family weren't supportive," Toby suggests.

It's a friendly team, with ready smiles that hide the very serious job they do for this community. If you'd like to know more, talk to Watch Manager Graham Phillips on CM 270098.

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Philip Dunne's Letter from Westminster

Writing about the weather in this country is high risk – as you read this, weather patterns may have changed significantly. But at the time of writing water restrictions have been imposed by Severn Trent and other water providers across the country, in response to the exceptionally dry weather we have had since March. Water companies claim supplies are enough so that widespread restrictions to the public are unlikely. Here on the western side of England we have been fortunate in having some rain, but less than half the annual average up to the end of June.

The lack of water this year reinforces how important it is to so much of what we do and the natural world in which we live. We are fortunate in this country with a temperate climate where water issues are a concern from time to time, but not every season as in many other parts of the world. But when a shortage occurs this does not make it any the less of a worry.

Farmers are some of the first to feel the effects. A farmer myself, I am aware of the prospect of reduced yields and output this year, which will make cereal prices rise and fodder for livestock more expensive and harder to source. Drought conditions have been reflected across Northern Europe and if this has a significant impact over a prolonged period will lead to higher food prices

for consumers. At a time when household budgets are under pressure, this will not be good news. Ofwat, the water industry's regulator, decides every five years how much water companies can charge their customers. The last review was in 2009 and held water price rises at 0.1% below inflation. This means that after inflation is taken into account each year, water bills will remain broadly stable until 2015.

Some complain that privatising the water companies was a mistake. But would any government have invested the £85bn in water infrastructure which the water companies have done since privatisation? They are planning to invest a further £22bn over the next five years. Meanwhile the Government is committed to reforming the industry to improve delivery of affordable water for all households and businesses.

The government is doing what it can to reduce the impact of the dry spring and early summer. It arranged last month for interested groups to work with the water companies to prioritise extraction and major water use. But everyone can play their part; households know how to use less water and everyone can do their bit to use it more wisely, not only through summer, but throughout the year.

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THE SIGN SAYS IT ALL



At the turning onto the Cleeton St Mary road is this sad evidence of people not recognising that as the seasons change, so does the need for extra awareness of animals.

You don't drive over Clee Hill regularly without seeing the sad sight of a sheep dead at the roadside, hit by a vehicle. They are the innocents, creatures of habit who never heard of the Green Cross Code.

There are always animals about on country roads, and as spring turns into summer the most vulnerable are young lambs, who will run to their mothers with no thought of danger. We drivers do know, and should drive with a little extra caution at this time.

And in the autumn, we will presume to remind drivers of the movements of deer in their rutting season, when they follow paths established centuries ago, long before man came along with tarmac roads and the belief that he has absolute right of way.

SUE SAYS THANK YOU

Sue Pearce and family would like to thank everyone for their kindness and messages of sympathy following the sad loss of her mum, Betty Hymphreys.

"We would also like to say a huge thank you to the ladies from Diamond Life, for the dedication and care they gave Mum."

Sue Pearce

CLOWS TOP GARDENING CLUB

At the May meeting Mark Zenick, of New Hope Gardens, gave a presentation on 'Day Lilies'. The slide show had pictures of lilies large, small and a good range of colours. These plants are often known as the poor man's orchid. A collection of more than 100 varieties can be seen at Mynd Hardy Plants, Delbury Hall Estate, Mill Lane, Diddlebury, on weekends during July. A great success with everyone enjoying the talk.

Many thanks to everyone involved with the plant sale on Saturday 21st May. It was a great turnout.

If you love pottering around the garden, if you need some fresh ideas or advice for your garden, why not join us at one of our monthly meetings. It's a great opportunity for you to share your thoughts, ideas and advice with other members.

Diary Dates

Wednesday July 27th, Roger Umpelby, will talk on 'Friends & Foes in the Garden'

Saturday August 20th, Clows Top Show.

THE FOOTPATH ASSOCIATION

Our workparties during the summer months concentrate on keeping the footpaths clear

from weeds and brambles etc. In addition, several of our members "adopt a path" near town and keep the vegetation down. If you experience a problem when walking a path, please let us know via the website or by phone.

The next led walks are in September when we will support the Fringe Event with a Parish Walk and with a longer walk following the Simon Evans Way.

Graham Simpson CM 270655

THE W.I. INVITES YOU

Cleobury's W.I. seems to be building a programme of events beyond the regular monthly meetings. It's a good way to take their message to a wider public and possibly recruit new members.

This month they have a Coffee Morning in the Market Hall on Saturday the 30th. Everyone welcome and it's open from 10.00 to 12.00 noon. Proceeds from the morning will go to the Air Ambulance and the W.I.'s own funds.

In September they have a much more ambitious offering. A trip to the beauties of Chatsworth House that includes admission to the grounds, and to the house itself, with a conducted tour. At £25.00 all in, it's quite a bargain, and they would welcome non-members who'd like to enjoy the experience. For further details, talk to Jill Chesterman on CM 271671

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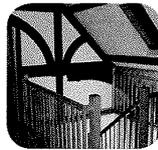
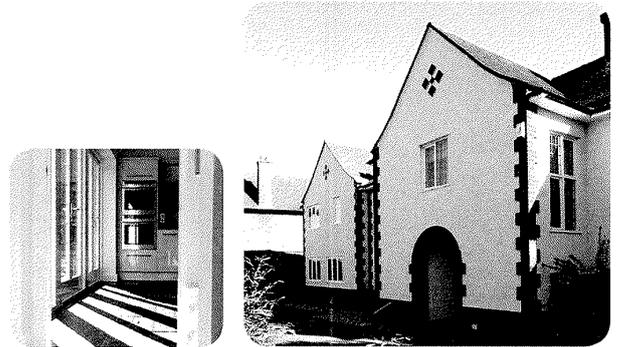
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The Severn Edge Vets Pets Page

Elayne Jones - who clearly likes pets much more than computers - brings us up to date on the service:

We have survived the first month as Severn Edge and are slowly getting to grips with the new computer system –thank you for your patience as we struggled with it. I don't think anybody actually threw a computer through the window, though I must admit to coming close a couple of times. It takes time to get used to all the changes, not least answering the phone with the right name and not "Seven Veg" as one of the girls was heard to say.

There are still people who don't know who we are, so a quick update: Hollybush Vets have merged with The Old Pound vets to form Severn Edge Vets. Same staff as before, plus a few new faces which you can check out on the new website www.severnedgevets.co.uk. We will always try to get you an appointment with the same vet for continuity but please check with reception, as rotas can change.

With Bridgnorth now the main centre for the practice we also have 24 Hour cover by the veterinary nurses, so any of your pets who have to stay overnight can be monitored closely. The nurses undergo at least two years training, usually whilst working at a veterinary surgery and having day release at college. On passing their exams they are known as a Registered Veterinary Nurse and are entitled to wear the dark green uniform. They can then go on to study for a variety of extras such as a surgical or medical diploma or choose to specialize in a particular topic; for example two of our nurses are experienced in animal behaviour and rabbit medicine. Qualified nurses are trained to carry out procedures as diverse as x-rays and nail clipping, anaesthetics and microchipping, blood tests and worming and like the vets are on call 24 hours a day.

Take advantage of their expertise and experience and ask to attend one of the many

free clinics that they run. If your pets are young, old, too fat or too thin, have dental or behavioural problems then they may be able to help with any questions that you may have. Just call the surgery to make an appointment.

And now a seasonal warning:

NEVER leave an animal in a car or caravan on a sunny day- even if you think it isn't that warm. When it is 22 degrees outside the temperature inside a car can soar to 47 degrees in less than 60 minutes. Leaving a window open or a sunshade on your windscreen is not enough to keep the car cool. If you want to take your dog with you, then check that your destination is dog friendly or leave them at home. If you think your pet is suffering from heatstroke, contact a vet immediately.

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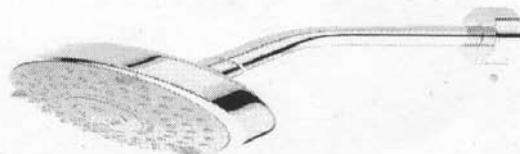


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THE LEGION'S BIG BIRTHDAY

Dr Mark Baldwin looks forward to a busy month:

Following the successful launch of Hobson's 'Old Comrade', specially brewed to commemorate the 90th anniversary of the Cleobury Mortimer British Legion, July sees a week-long series of events organised by the Legion.

On Saturday the 9th, and Sunday the 10th, there will be an exhibition of militaria, medals, and Home Front material from the last hundred years; no charge for entry. In the New Market Hall, 10.00 to 4.00 on Saturday, 11.00 to 2.00 and 4.00 to 6.00 on Sunday. If anyone has material which they would be happy to lend for this, please contact me at The Bookshop (CM 270110). It is 16 years since Cleobury has seen a display on this scale. While the exhibition is open, the RBL will be providing refreshments and a 'Poppy Shop' on the ground floor.

Also on the 10th (please note the change of date) the Shop Window Competition will be judged by Colonel and Mrs Stamford Cartwright. All High Street businesses are encouraged to decorate their windows on the theme of 'Our Armed Forces during the 20th century'. Prizes and certificates will be awarded.

On Sunday afternoon there will be a Church Parade, starting from the Talbot Car Park, and proceeding to St Mary's Church, with the salute being taken by Colonel Cartwright. The church service, starting at 3pm, will be conducted by the Rector, the Reverend Ashley Buck, with the Curate, Reverend Kelvin Price, preaching the sermon.

On Wednesday the 13th Hobsons are hosting an 'Enigma Evening' at the brewery. This will include a short presentation, competitions, a buffet supper, and the chance to buy special 'Old Comrade' gift packs. Guests are encouraged to wear 1940s dress - and there will be prizes for the best of these.

On Friday the 15th, there will be a film night in the Parish Hall - 'Shrek: the Final Chapter' at 5.00pm, and 'Carve Her Name with Pride' at 8.00pm. The Parish Hall is also the venue for a 'Fish & Chip Supper Concert' on Saturday the 16th, with the West Mercia Police Band in attendance.

Tickets for these events are available from Trevor Burton (270420), Ron Breakwell (270830) and Mark Baldwin (270110).

KITE FESTIVAL AT BERRINGTON HALL

There's something very peaceful about kite flying, as a competitor or just a curious spectator.

The 10th Leominster Kite Festival is happening at Berrington Hall, just off the A49 near Leominster, on the 16th and 17th of this month, from 11.00 to 4.00 each day. Sport and single line kites in colourful action, with their controllers hoping for a decent breeze to give them a lift. Call 01568 615721 for more details.

THE PARISH PLAN

The Parish Plan Steering Group, which is designed to get more local people involved in deciding what the community's priorities are, is making steady progress. But it does need more views from the general public - the idea is not to have the usual suspects with their well established views in charge.

Like electing Michelle Key as chair. "I decided to stop moaning about things and get something done," she explained to the Clarion. Three cheers for that common sense approach. And while there are three Parish Councillors present to give advice, it's the voice from the streets that will take this idea further.

The priorities are still to be decided and if you want to be part of the process, go along to the next meeting. It's in the New Market Hall, on June 13th, starting at 7.00.

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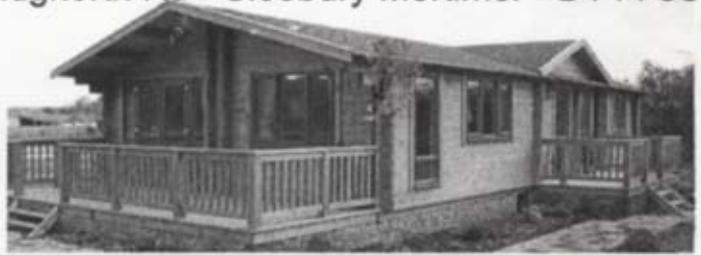
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GRACE BIELI

A lovely lady, liked by all who met her, Grace is remembered by Betty Ladek.

The Charles Beale Dance Club would like to thank members old and new who attended the recent Supper Dance, in memory of Grace Bieli. Grace was one of the founder members of the club, which started in the 1950s and is still going enthusiastically every Tuesday evening at Lacon Childe School, starting at 8.00

We would also like to thank John and Jean Chamings for the hard work they have done for the club over the past 14 years. They are retiring, not wishing to travel from Kidderminster to Cleobury for another winter.

Betty Ladek

Honorary Treasurer

THANK YOU

Collecting for the Lifeboats in a place as far from the sea as Cleobury? It works:

In the street collection held in Cleobury Mortimer on Saturday, May 21st, a total of £246.66p was raised in aid of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. The committee would like to thank all who helped collect and all who donated to this worthy cause.

Elizabeth Burton

CONGRATULATIONS AND A BIG THANK YOU

John and Valerie Cope celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary on June 11th with a party. They would like to thank all those came and made a donation to their favourite charity. John and Valerie have sent a cheque for £750 to the Kidderminster Prostate Cancer Support Group.

CLEOBURY W.I.

On a warm evening we gathered to hear from Tony Crowe about Thomas Telford. We thought he was Shropshire stock but he was actually born in Scotland in 1757. At 13 he was apprenticed to a stone mason and became very proficient. He had a strong interest in architecture, road building and bridges and was commissioned to do work on Somerset House and later Portsmouth dock yard. He was noticed by William Poultenay, MP for Shropshire and brought to Shrewsbury to work on the delapidated castle. He was then appointed the Surveyor of Public Works ,a position he held until his death.

Whilst in this position he built many bridges, first in stone and then the new, lighter iron. Quite a lot of his bridges are still in use but not as main roads. At this

time he was also involved in building a couple of aqueducts and viaducts. There are several churches in the area attributed to him the nearest St Mary Magdalen in Bridgnorth. He is remembered mainly for 30 bridges, five in cast iron. He was a very talented engineer and used his ability to the full.

Flower of the month was won by Liz, with Angie second and Jenny third. Jenny also won the competition with a very striking pot plant.

On the 30th July we will be holding a coffee morning in the Market Hall; 10.00am until 12.00noon, in aid of the Air Ambulance and WI funds.

Liz Smurthwaite

SOMETHING DIFFERENT

Here's a novel idea. The lovely Neen Savage church is holding a Pets' Service at 11.00 on Sunday the 10th of this month. There will be refreshments available after the event.

All pets are welcome, according to the posters you may see, but we do suggest that you check before taking your fully grown crocodile along.

SILLY BIT

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THE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Members were greeted by a colourful display of Carnivorous plants brought to our June meeting by Mike King. He became interested in these plants at five and was encouraged to find out as much as he could about them. His initial interest has developed to the extent that he holds the National Collection and lectures to various societies.

These plants attract, capture, kill and digest their prey; they can be passive, like the Pitcher plant or active like the Venus Fly Trap. Mike has several greenhouses in which he displays his collection and cultivates plants for sale.

As they only like rain water, he also has containers in which he captures rain. He cross pollinates to form hybrids and we were shown slides of many of these beautiful creations. He has been to the USA many times to see the plants growing in the wild. Unfortunately, the sites are getting fewer with the need for building land, which makes plants in his collection important; a great number go abroad to collectors. We were lucky to see some of these beautiful plants during a really interesting evening. Our next meeting is the Summer Social at Catherton House on 25th July.

Liz Smurthwaite.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SHIRLEY

Sally Greenhill wanted you to know that it's Shirley Booth's 60th birthday today, July 1st.

Happy Birthday and love to you Shirley, from Michael, Sal, Kass, Brendan, Ben, Liam, Nathan, Max and Zac.

CLEOBURY MORTIMER JUNIOR BOWLERS

A big welcome to Dave Harley, who will be reporting for the Cleobury Bowls Club in the future:

Shropshire Crown Green Bowling Association has invited county bowling clubs to take part in a Junior Bowling League in 2012. We have been asked to forward the names of four to six Juniors to take part and four of our Juniors have indicated an interest.

The Association want to develop our Junior Members and introduce new blood to our sport, which we fully endorse. We need to promote bowls, maintain its popularity and increase numbers on a regular basis. Teams in the Junior League would play each other both at home and away in their own Area. At the end of the season top placed teams would be involved in Play Off Games to decide the overall Shropshire Champions. The games may be played on a Sunday Morning, but this still has to be agreed.

We have our own coaches and a Child Protection Officer to assist the Juniors. The Club is located in Ronhill; there is an access ramp to the Green.

Membership is open to all, irrespective of age, gender, whatever and membership is free for Juniors under 18.

Do not be concerned about playing at your age, young or old. If you have never played before, our members and coaches will be pleased to give you advice. There are different size Woods for you to borrow whilst on the green. I hope to see you there; it is open most of the time.

For information on membership fees and the Club please contact me on 01299 271311 or visit our website, www.cleoburybowls.org.

Dave Harley

THE READING GROUP

Holidays depleted the number of readers who met in June, with Mazella Witts-Hewitson a gentle and able chair in the absence of Deana Kimber. R J Ellory's 'A Quiet Belief in Angels' was praised as a well written work with an unusual presentation of the plot, but so much violence in the subject matter did not please all. Recommended with reservations.

Rose Tremain's 'The Colour' is our latest read, a novel that promises a gentler experience to be shared when we meet in the Library at 7.30 on Monday the 18th. New readers will be made very welcome and listened to very courteously. It's rather like a little corner of Civilised England as You Knew It.

VISITING RINGERS

The Parish Church bells will be very audible on Saturday the 16th of this month. We have some ringers from Holmer Hereford coming to ring the bells on that day from 2.45 to 3.45pm

THE WINE WALK

Our thanks to our hosts and all those who came for making it a friendly and most enjoyable evening. The profit made was £286. *Alec Osbaldiston*

WISE BITS

'In wine there is wisdom, in beer there is freedom, in water there is bacteria.'

Benjamin Franklin

The Clarion's Monthly Social Calendar - Part One

Date	Time	Details	Contact	Telephone Number
Fri 1		It's Shirley Booth's birthday today. SEE PAGE 25		
	7.30pm	Songs for a Midsummer Evening at Kinlet Hall		01299 272300
	8.00pm	Bingo Night at Doddington Village Hall.	Sonia Pearsall	01584 890874
Sat 2	2.30pm	Table Top Sale, Doddington Village Hall	Sonia Pearsall	01584 890874
	10.00am	The Parish Church is the venue for the Fayre Around the Steeple, with lots of fun for all the family. Lovely, friendly event.		
Sun 3	10.00am	Charity Car Boot Sale at Forest Dog Rescue's Green Gap Kennels in Far Forest. Booters in at 9.00am at £5.00 a car and the public come in at 10.00am www.forest-dog-rescue.org.uk		
Mon 4	6.00pm	Parish Council Meeting in the Market Hall. You may speak about concerns in the first session.		
	8.00pm	Faith in the Pub. Men talking about belief. In the King's Arms		
Wed 6	10.00am	Walk and Talk – monthly walk from the Leisure Centre	Mandy Smith	01299 270317
	2.00pm	Thru the Door informal service for toddlers and parents at Cleobury's Parish Church	Gabrielle Eve	CM 270510
	8.00pm	Whist Drive at Doddington's village hall.	Sonia Pearsall	01584 890874
Thu 7		BLACK WHEELIE BINS AND GREEN RECYCLE BOXES EMPTIED TODAY		
	6.30pm	Clows Top Gardening Club meet in the Victory Hall car park to drive out for a visit to Farlow Farm Nursery.		
Fri 8	8.00pm	Bingo Night at Cleeton St Mary Village Hall, proceeds to the hall.	Eula Rutter	01584 891200
Sat 9	2.00pm	Cleobury in Bloom prize giving in the Parish Church		
	5.00pm	The Silver Shindig celebrates 25 years of Neen Savage Village Hall with a full evening and beyond. SEE PAGE 7.	Clare Ratcliff	CM 270173
Sat 9/ Sun 10		Cleobury in Bloom. The town and its gardens on show		
		The Royal British Legion has memorabilia from the last 100 years on show in the Market Hall. SEE PAGE 21		
Sun 10	11.00am	Pet Service at Neen Savage church. All pets welcome, refreshments available after the very novel service.		
	2.30pm/ 3.15pm	Cleobury Town Centre roads closed for Royal British Legion birthday parade to the Parish Church.		
Tue 12	7.30am	St Mary's Breakfast Club meet at the Cleobury Café to hear Dr Chris Dimond talk about "A Small Cog"		
	7.30pm	Cleobury WI meets at the Parish Hall, Church Street		
Wed 13	7.00pm	The Parish Plan Steering Group meet at the New Market Hall to develop future plans for the town. Open to the public – help develop our town.		
	8.00pm	The Royal British Legion's meeting moves to Hobson's Brewery for a 1940s evening and fancy dress. Tipples and nibbles too.		
Thu 14		GREEN WHEELIE BINS EMPTIED TODAY		
	1.00pm	Open Afternoon at Kinlet Family Playgroup and the neighbouring Kinlet Primary School.		
Fri 15	8.00pm	Bingo Night at Doddington Village Hall.	Sonia Pearsall	01584 890874
		Film evening in the Parish Hall. SEE PAGE 21		
Fri 15/ Sat 16/ Sun 17		The Hole in the Wall Festival gets even bigger. Now up to three days of good fun and music		CM 270734

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Date	Time	Details	Contact	Telephone Number
Fri 15/ Aug 4		Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows at Ludlow Assembly Rooms	Booking Office	01584 878141
Sat 16		The Legion's Fish & Chips Supper Concert, Parish Hall, with West Mercia Police Band. SEE PAGE 21		
Sat 16/ Sun 17	11.00am	Kite Festival at Berrington Hall, off the A49 north of Leominster. Usual admission charges		01568 615721
Sun 17	7.30pm	Ludlow Assembly Rooms presents the classic French film "Of Gods and Men"	Booking Office	01584 878141
Mon 18	11.30am	The Horticultural Society gather in the Talbot Car Park for a visit to Hampton Court Gardens in Herefordshire.		
	7.00pm	Free Blood Tests for men at Kidderminster Town Hall. Early detection of a prostate problem means a much better chance of recovery.		
	7.30pm	The Reading Group meet in the library, Love Lane		
Wed 20	12.30pm	The Ladies Luncheon Club gathers at The Crown in Hopton Wafers	Allison Osborne	01584 890414
	8.00pm	Whist Drive at Doddington Village Hall. Good parking facilities.	Sonia Pearsall	01584 890874
Thur 21		BLACK WHEELIE BINS AND GREEN RECYCLE BOXES EMPTIED TODAY		
	3.00pm	Open Day at Wyre Discovery Centre. SEE PAGE 9		
	7.45pm	Whist Drive at the Sports & Social Club, Love Lane	Alan Evans	CM 270114
Fri 22	8.00pm	Bingo Night at Doddington Village Hall.	Sonia Pearsall	01584 890874
Mon 25	7.30pm	Philip Dunne MP is due to speak at Faith in the Pub at the King's Arms		
		The Horticultural Society meet at Catherton House for their Summer Social.		
Tue 26	7.30pm	Ludlow Assembly Rooms present "Vidal Sassoon, the Movie"	Booking Office	01584 878141
Wed 27	7.45pm	Clows Top Gardening Club meet at the Victory Hall to hear Roger Umpelby talk about "Friends and Foes in the Garden"		
Thu 28		GREEN WHEELIE BINS EMPTIED TODAY		
	8.00pm	Whist Drive at Neen Savage Village Hall	Clare Ratcliff	CM 270173
	8.00pm	Jazz in back at The Bell, with a blues emphasis this month.		
Sat 30	10.00am	Coffee Morning at the Market Hall, organized by Cleobury WI. All welcome.		
		AND LOOKING AHEAD TO AUGUST....		
Wed 3	8.00pm	Whist Drive, Doddington Village Hall	Sonia Pearsall	01584 890874
Thu 4		The Burwarton Show – the biggest one day event in the farming calendar, with almost too much to see.		
		BLACK WHEELIE BINS AND GREEN RECYCLE BOXES EMPTIED TODAY		
Sun 11		Contrast Burwarton with one of the smallest shows – Chirley's lovely day in the countryside with a lot happening in just one field.	Ian Pearmain	

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Clarion Coppers - PC Tony Sewell

Another month has gone by with no house burglaries like we suffered at the end of last year. Crime and anti social behaviour is still low.

The Neighbourhood Watch now has 100 residential members and 700 facebook friends. This is a massive achievement by Flo, Betsy and the local co-ordinators. 31 Smartwater kits have been ordered and should be marking property very soon. The next public meeting is on July 6th at 7.00pm, the venue to be confirmed. We should also have a talk about Smartwater. It shows that when we work together anything can be achieved.

A number of speed enforcements have taken place in the last few weeks, as part of our PACT requests from the public, with the following results: 6 Fixed penalty notices of £60 and 3 points on licence; 4 summons to court; 3 speed awareness course; 2 vehicles were seized as they were not insured.

The law has changed recently where any vehicle on a road, (which means hedgerow to hedgerow), has to be insured, even if it is not being driven. When the car is seized for no insurance, a ticket for £200 is issued and 6 points on your licence (or court), also you have to pay £150 to have the vehicle back, plus £17 per day if it is stored.

On a community note, I had the pleasure of refereeing at the Nightingale Five A Side

Tournament on June 12th, when it rained cats and dogs all day However, every team bar one turned up, everyone rallied around and brought their gazeboes for cover and the day was a great success, showing fantastic community support and the fundraiser supporting local issues.

On that note, we have a Cleobury Youth Group in town and we meet on a regular basis to discuss youth issues. We are aware that owing to local cuts in the youth budget, there is not a lot of funding around. With the small amount that we have we hope to provide some activities and events through the children's holidays. So we are looking for people who want to become community volunteers. They will be looking to do the following activities

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If you have an interest in these sports, if you think you would be able to drive a minibus, or just help out in any way, then let us know. Training will be provided along with CRB check, first aid and driver training. You can contact me on any of the below communications.

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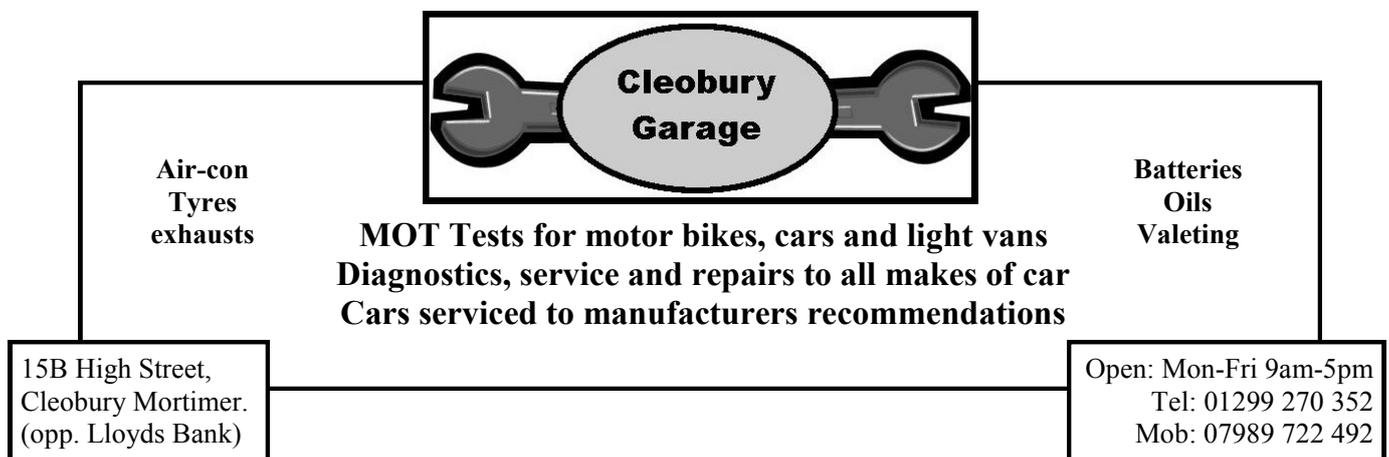
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CLEOBURY IN BLOOM

Why not come along to St Mary's Church on Saturday July 9th to join the Horticultural Society's annual Cleobury in Bloom awards event?

We shall be presenting prizes to the winners of the Primary Schools' gardening competition, the Lacon Childe School allotment competition and to our own members for the Best Full and Half Plots. Also, we shall present the Horticultural Society's spot prize to the local resident whose garden or containers have been judged the best around. The event starts at 2.00pm, but come earlier to look at the display of our members' horticultural skills – more than enough to make your mouth water.

Flo Hadley

STOTTESDON W.I.

June Emmerson was our instructor for an evening of pegloom weaving in June. A lively hands-on evening from which we all took home a highly individual creation, utilising this ingenious technique for producing woven textiles. Ludlow based June june@woolleythinking.org.uk sells equipment from

Leominster's Sheep Shed cooperative; though, pegloom apart, all that is needed is quantities of wool and fabric remnants, all of which can be from recycled sources. In fact, almost anything goes, the skill being in producing an integrated look for the desired outcome of cushion, bag rug or wall hanging. June has produced masses of highly tactile items using a huge range of ingredients; we were all enthused to go home and experiment further.

Our July meeting is, by tradition, kindly hosted by Mrs Claude Reed at Sidbury Hall. We meet there on Wednesday 20th at 7.30 p.m., when the Revd Colin Resch will talk to us on his experiences as 'The New Vicar'. As always, visitors are very welcome.

Marian Wootton

THE RAIN DOESN'T ALWAYS WIN

June's Five a Side Football and Family Fun Day looked like a victim of the weather as the day dawned. Rain was coming down like stair rods, running down the road, so surely there'd be nothing happening up on the Town Sports Field.

Wrong. Obviously the bouncy castle was a non-starter, unless you were training for the Olympics diving team, and a car with its boot showing a few inches of water isn't going to sell much. And would junior footballers be allowed to play in such conditions?

The lesson from the day was - don't underestimate soccer players. Derek Pearce had been really chuffed that he had a record 65 teams entered, some from a fair distance away. Even better, they all turned up bar one and the football tournament was played off.

The supporters are as hardy as the players. At the end of the day, Bill Evans had sold out the pig roast and showed a profit around £350. Sue Pearce made about £200 on teas and overall the event made over £2,000. Everyone involved in the event deserves a big thank you for their dogged determination.

"Nightingale Nurses need that money," explained Derek. "There's more people going to them for help, so their funds are getting low with all the nurses they have to pay. It was just great that so many people turned up and just got on with it."

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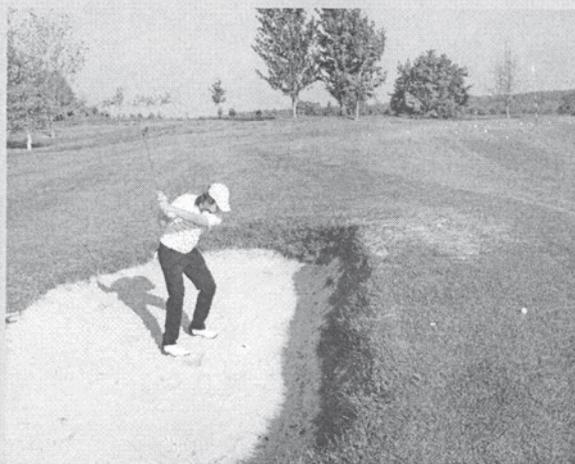
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Hobson's Taste of Cleobury Country

JAZZ AT THE BELL



The mellow sounds of jazz entertained as Ethel Fitzjohn and Mark Bettis drew a good crowd into The Bell

Roger Gittins, mine host at The Bell, doesn't make a lot of noise or boast, but he's a thinker. So when he was asked if he'd be one of the town landlords to host live music during September's Cleobury Country Fringe, he gave the idea a try before all the publicity kicked in. On June 16th singer Ethel Fitzjohn and keyboard man Mark Bettis took over one end of the lounge and a good crowd were richly entertained.

Ethel Fitzjohn filled most of the evening with fine renditions of both jazz and popular music standards, her vocal range working easily with every song and occasionally offering scat singing as a change from the well known lyrics. There were a few breaks in her performance, when Mark Bettis showed his talents off; an electronic keyboard doesn't have quite the same tone as a traditional piano, but it packs a range of instrumental sounds that makes one talented man sound like a jazz combo.

We chatted to Mark during the interval, when he explained that he was selling pianos in a store and got talking to a colleague who played guitar. They got together and decided to try a little public performing, but needed a singer. He'd been chatting to this girl in another department who did some vocals - the rest is history.

Antiques man John Carter was enjoying the evening, full of praise for the idea and wanting more. And there will be more - Roger told us the evening brought new faces into the pub and there were something like 20 more people than usual. Even the Bell Inn Brass came down from rehearsal to sit and listen.

So on July 28th Mark Bettis will be back, with two other musicians, to offer an evening with a strong blues influence. Music like this works well in pubs, needing little room for the artists and not deafening the drinkers or drowning out conversation. Very civilised, very successful.

THE HABIT GROWS

The Bell in Lower Street hadn't been a Hobson's pub until the May launch of the 'Old Comrade' brew that celebrates the Royal British Legion in Cleobury's 90th birthday. As the Legion meet every month in The Bell it would have been a break with tradition to have that ceremony anywhere else, so The Bell had Hobson's latest offering on its shelves.

Since then they've added the best selling Twisted Spire. I know because when I walked in for the Jazz Evening the question was: "What will you have? We've got Old Comrade and Twisted Spire."

DUNNE'S FAITH IN THE PUB

Faith in the Pub looks like scoring a scoop this month, with Philip Dunne MP due to speak to a special gathering at the KA on Thursday the 28th. As ever with busy MPs, the promise to attend is subject to other demands on Mr Dunne's time, but for a small church based group meeting in a pub to get their MP along shows devotion from organiser Roger Skelhorn and our MP. Sensible, chap, he's believed to like Hobson's.

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Clive Davies' Westwood Farm Diary

Westwood Farm, 19th June

It's been busy at Westwood. Over the past weeks we have been trying to encourage the grass to grow. Some fields have been grass harrowed and nitrogen fertilizer spread over most of the land. It's good now to see some rain to get growth, but this has been slow. So much so that we have cattle on patches that were intended for hay crops. It is likely therefore that feed for winter will be in short supply; most stock farmers are already thinking this. In addition, cereal yields are forecast to be on the low side and all in all an expensive winter time is on the cards. It will be good if we can reduce cattle numbers during this summer in preparation for a more comfortable winter. Our animals have been receiving their usual health treatments: wormers have been given to the young cattle and lambs; some of these will be repeated, especially for the lambs. Our lambing season finished up quite well. We suffered losses due to a bug affecting some youngsters in the first week of their lives, but those that we have are doing well. Much better than last year, so this is a tick in the improvement box! The spring calving season concluded early this month and with a couple of sets of twins born there are plenty of youngsters about. One unusual occurrence was that one calf born was blind but he's getting along quite happily. It's expected that for the rest of his life he will need a companion to help guide him around! The cattle jobs are up to date now having recently completed applying fly treatment to them all. This helps to keep flies from bothering them too much and hopefully controls eye infections that can be a big problem during summer time. These treatments will be repeated, perhaps for a couple more times as the weeks go on. Similar treatments to the sheep of course for blow fly

now that the adult flock are shorn. For the first time since reintroducing sheep we have had one ewe succumb to a maggot attack and it is not pleasant. The ability to use product to help control this terrible condition must have been one of the greatest developments in sheep farming. Various regulations dictate which products best suit various situations but there is no doubt that blowfly control and the introduction of vaccines for such conditions as pulpey kidney were revolutionary. Tom and Will Price have been busy preparing cattle and sheep for the summer shows and both were involved in winning championships at North Somerset and Three Counties respectively. The first weekend of July is promising to be hectic with stock going to Bromyard Gala and a sheep sale at Shrewsbury. This sale is the second that the Shropshire Sheep Breeders have held at the 'new' Shrewsbury Market. We have a couple of rams, including our four-time champion entered up and some yearling ewes. This will be our first attempt at a breeding sale and it will be good if we can get some income flowing from our sheep venture. When Will returns from the Highland Show near Edinburgh he will tidy up our sale entries. He brought out some outstanding champions at the top class livestock show at Malvern this week. When he has completed his A Levels, Tom will have his work cut-out with starting on some young cattle that have arrived here for the one day shows of the autumn. Newport and Tenbury will be among the first. We have also to get the hay crop sorted, complete the collecting of information for the livestock performance records and repeat some of these seasonal health treatments. It will be busy at Westwood

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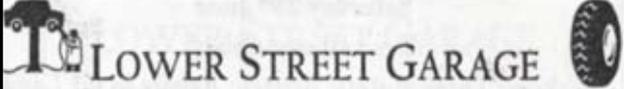
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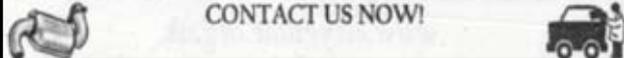


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SUN	8.30	Holy Communion)at the Parish Church of St Mary		CM 270264
Sun	9.45	Parish Communion) the Virgin, Church Street		
Sun	9.00	Mass at St Elizabeth's Church, Lower Street	Fr J Robinson	01584 872906
Sun	09.00	Cleobury Country Archers, Sports Centre	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	9.00	Hopton Pre-School, Hopton Village Hall (term only)	Kelly	01584 891185
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	10.00	Painting for Pleasure. Clee Hill Recreation Room	Pauline McCowan	CM 271329
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		
TUE	8.00	Kinlet Family Playgroup, demountable at Kinlet School	Tracey	CM 841210
Tue	8.00	- 17.30 Chorley Family Playgroup, Stottesdon Primary	Zoe Day	01746 718769
Tue	9.00	Peter Rabbit Nursery, Lacon Childe till 3.15pm	April Rogers	CM 271418
Tue	9.00	Hopton Pre-School, Hopton Village Hall (term only)	Kelly	01584 891185
Tue	09.00	-17.00 Library open	Jenny Robinson	CM 272301
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 Wrigglesworth	01562 822291
Tue	20.30	Aerobics, Lacon Childe School. £2.00	Ms K Bills	01384 877702
WED	8.00	Kinlet Family Playgroup, demountable at Kinlet School	Tracey	CM 841210
Wed	8.00	- 17.30 Chorley Family Playgroup, Stottesdon Primary	Zoe Day	01746 718769
Wed	9.00	Peter Rabbit Nursery, Lacon Childe (see Mon)	April Rogers	CM 271418

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<i>Day</i>	<i>time</i>		<i>contact</i>	<i>phone no</i>
Wed	09.00	-17.00 Library open	Jenny Robinson	CM 272301
Wed	9.00	Hopton Pre-School, Hopton Village Hall (term only)	Kelly	01584 891185
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, Daddington 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	Hopton Pre-School, Hopton Village Hall (term only)	Kelly	01584 891185
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
Fri	9.00	Peter Rabbit Nursery, Lacon Childe till 3.15pm	April Rogers	CM 271418
Fri	9.00	Hopton Pre-School, Hopton Village Hall (term only)	Kelly	01584 891185
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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Clarion Update - the Medical Centre

Medical matters are hot news in Cleobury Country and an update of the situation with the new Medical Centre is pertinent.

Matrix Medical and the Parish Council are in negotiation over a site on the old Muller factory land. Matrix have made an offer for one acre of land of £170,000 excluding abnormal costs. As there is no estimate what those costs might be, and the council sensibly won't commit until the position is clear, that offer is held until the abnormal costs have been properly considered. We understand that this work is being carried out by Matrix.

This does seem to be the time to make clear that the finance for this building work will be provided by the local Primary Care Trust and not by the Parish Council. Talk of work being done 'At no cost to the Parish' is misleading, because the finance will come from elsewhere.

Bovis, main developers of housing at the same area, have made an offer of £532,224 to buy the site earmarked for the

Centre. Bovis own the old JAG Glazing site, which would be available for the Medical Centre development if they bought the prime site that faces onto the Ludlow Road. Whether they would expect to then sell the old JAG site to Matrix is not clear in the information given to the Clarion

A latecomer to the business of negotiation is Blue Square, and we have seen a letter from them to Cllr Ken Reynolds, offering to build a Medical Centre and Pharmacy on the site currently occupied by Cleobury Engineering. Dr Dawn Powick, senior partner in the medical practice, has stated at a council meeting that their preferred contractor is Matrix, with whom they have been working on the layout of the new centre for some time.

It should be remembered that all the companies mentioned are commercial enterprises, whose aim is to make a profit. The Parish Council, who have a statutory responsibility to get the best value for the

community, are not. They are also aware that 'Best value for money' is not solely a financial matter, because improved medical facilities for the community are clearly something of value.

The Council are now waiting for all information to be gathered. We understand that at their meeting on Monday the 4th of this month there will be a proposal that all the options will be clearly listed and explained at a public meeting, after which there will be a referendum at which all Parish residents may vote for their choice. This will be conducted by Shropshire Council, who are an entirely unbiased body in the debate.

The final decision then rests with the Parish Council, and we should remember that these nine people are the effective executive of the community of Cleobury Mortimer. They will consider all aspects, including the town's wish expressed via the referendum, and decide what action is best.

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MEDICAL MATTERS

A New Clarion Feature, Bringing Words from Cleobury Patients' Voice and the Medical Centre

CLEOBURY PATIENTS' VOICE

Welcome to the first of our monthly updates. We're delighted to have this opportunity to inform you of our activities and services.

The New Medical Centre

Is moving forward. On June 15th, the Parish Council met with Matrix Medical, the Medical Practice's appointed developer. Matrix will proceed with ground surveys and searches on the community owned ex-Mullers site. Further discussions will take place on completion. This is all positive.

Help is required with Cleobury Medical Practice Patient Satisfaction Survey

We need patients from the Medical Centre to complete our questionnaire. This survey is performed with the Medical Centre's assistance, to identify patients' experiences. Results will be published in October and used to improve services. Questionnaires are available in the Medical Centre, the Pharmacy, Cleobury Country Centre or Severn Hospice Shop. We need a 10% (680) return rate. It is due to end on July 31st

Fundraising

Thank you to all who came to our Coffee Morning in June. It raised £115.20. Our next event is a Bingo Night in September.

Keeping Healthy Over Winter

CPV is running on a session with talks on maintaining your health during the winter, including talks on flu immunization and keeping warm. September 17th, 10.00 til 1.00, in the Market Hall.

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Jenny McCrorie

TOPICAL ADVICE FROM NURSE PRACTITIONER JULIE SHUTT AT THE MEDICAL CENTRE

WHAT CAUSES HAY FEVER?

It's caused by an allergy to pollen, the fine powder produced by plants, trees and flowers to allow fertilization. Cells on the lining of the nose and eyes release histamine and other chemicals when they come into contact with pollen. This

causes inflammation of the nose (rhinitis) and eyes (conjunctivitis).

SYMPTOMS:

Runny, itchy and/or blocked nose. Sneezing.

Itchy and watery red eyes

Sinuses and throat can sometimes be affected as well

PREVENTATIVE MEASURES

It is impossible to avoid pollen totally, but symptoms tend to be less severe if exposure to pollen is reduced by:

Staying indoors as much as possible with windows shut when pollen count is high.

Avoid cutting grass and large grassy places and camping

Shower and wash hair after being outdoors

Wear wrap around sunglasses when you are out

Keep car windows closed and you may consider a pollen filter for the air vents in your car

HOW TO TREAT HAYFEVER

You can buy anti-histamine medication over the counter at the chemist. It is taken by mouth in tablet or liquid form. They work by blocking the release of histamine and therefore ease the symptoms. They usually work within an hour, are non drowsy and the effects can last up to 12 hours. Examples of long acting non drowsy anti-histamines are cetirizine and loratidine.

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INTO THE BIG TIME

Gay Barker used to run the Music Department at Lacon Childe School. A lovely, warm hearted lady who wanted to encourage every pupil to enjoy music. Some people used to criticise her end-of-year concerts that involved every pupil, because they didn't measure up to the standard of whatever band the complainant belonged to. But that missed the point of what Gay was doing; she wasn't in a competition, she was making a lot of young people proud that they'd performed in public. It gave them a real lift just before they moved on to college and greater pressures.

So it's good to hear that Joe Wills, who joined the school in 2000 and blossomed under her tutelage, is main support with a band for a Jamie Cullum gig in London, with all 600 seats sold out. As his mum Kryisia said in her e-mail to Gay: "Joe graduates in July, so a nice start to his music career."

WOULD YOU BELIEVE IT?

No names will be revealed in this story, in case of retribution.

We were talking to a local tradesman, who'd been to the Lloyds TSB version of The Hole In The Wall to check if a BACS payment had in fact happened and the money was in his

account. He doesn't trust the current trend to computer banking and nothing physical changing hands.

He'd been to pay his monthly rates instalment at the council's Bridgnorth office, where they explained they couldn't take a cheque. "No problem," said the man, "I'll go and draw cash."

"Sorry, we don't take cash," was the reply. So how could he pay? By Direct Debit, he was told. But this man doesn't trust remote banking, so no thank you to that.

"You could pay by card," the clerk suggested. But this man doesn't have a card - which must make him one of the best payers around. "We'll send you a card," he was promised and off home he went, not quite rejoicing. "They sent me a card, to the correct address, with somebody else's name on it," he told us. You can understand why he doesn't trust this new fangled stuff if it's that reliable.

After these silly shenanigans he was behind with his monthly rates payment, so got a letter demanding that he pay the lot in one go. Back to the office, where he offered a cheque: "We don't take cheques."

"Then let's go to court and I'll stand up and say 'M'Lud, I've tried to pay by cheque and cash

and it's been refused.' Do you think he'll find me guilty?"

They took his cheque. Just this once, you understand, and they couldn't do it again in future.

You begin to see what Victor Meldrew was on about, with his "I cannot believe it." You really do.

KINLET FAMILY PLAYGROUP

The children had a wonderful summer outing in June to see 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea', a play based on the story by Judith Kerr.

We spent the previous week doing 'tiger' activities and making masks, the children wore them to the theatre which gained many 'ahhhs' from other groups. They loved stopping for a picnic and play at Bridgnorth's Severn Park. Thanks to our committee for organising the trip, and to parents who helped on the day.

We will be opening our doors for an open afternoon on July 14th, from 1.00 until 5.00pm. Please feel free to come along and meet us.

Kinlet Church of England School will be holding an open afternoon on the same day, an opportunity for you to see their facilities too.

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Sat 14th	Weston Super Mare	A £17 C £15		Sun 5th	Chester/Cheshire Oaks	A £14 C £12	
Sat 21st	Cardiff Shopper	A £17 C £15		Sun 12th	Cosford Air Show	Adult £26 Child £16*	
June 24th	Abergavenny Market	A £13 C £12		Sat 18th	Llandudno	A £18 C £15	
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JULY IN THE FOREST

Linda Iles has much to report:

This is the height of summer when most birds will have finished rearing their first broods and may be onto their second. The bird boxes which were put up in our orchards to encourage some of the rarer woodland birds have produced a good crop of blue and great tits, while the redstarts chose to nest in our wood pile! We hope to see flycatchers hunting in the fields, perching on the fence posts in between their hunting flights.

The spring's prodigious spawning of toads produced hundreds of young and I watched many, less than 1cm long, leaving the pond of their birth a month ago. Now they will be among the vegetation, feeding on small invertebrates and trying to evade capture by predators. Like frogs and newts, toads are often found under logs and rocks where they can keep cool and moist, although toads are much more resistant to dry soil conditions.

As you walk in the woods, look out for the tiny footprints of fallow fawns out with their mothers for the first time. During the first weeks of their lives they lie quietly concealed in undergrowth, where they do return periodically to feed them.

Among events listed below you will see an opportunity for local community organisations and businesses to have a look around the new Discovery Centre, to see whether they can benefit from its unique features. Chat to the staff and enjoy some light refreshments from 3.00 to 6.00. RSVP to Liz Bunney: liz.bunney@forestry.gsi.gov.uk or 01299 266929.

Saturday 16th July: Introduction to Insects. Discover the diversity of the insects of Wyre with Rosemary Winnall using a range of sampling methods. Adults and interested children of 8 and over, £10 per person – booking essential on 01299 266929. 1.30pm to 4.30pm.

Basket Making. Make your first basket using willow under the guidance of Myfanwy Baldwin. At the Ruskin Studio, Uncllys Farm, costs only £20. Ring Linda on 01299 403691 for details.

Thursday 21st July: Community Discovery Centre Open Afternoon 3.00 to 6.00pm. See above.

Tuesday 26th July: Den building. Learn to make a strong forest shelter out of branches and bracken. 10.30am to 12.00noon. £3.50 per child aged 5 to 11. Please book on 01299 266929.

Friday 29th July: Dinosaur Trail. Details and booking as above. Start any time from 1.00 to

3.30pm; £3 per child (not suitable for pushchairs)

QUALITY STUFF

While the debate about the best site for the Medical Centre continues, the other part of the old Muller land is busy with houses going up. The first batch released includes a one-bedroom coach house style flat over garages, two-bedroom versions too and three storey houses with two or three bedrooms.

As the development grows, bigger houses will be added. Four and five-bedroom types and one with six bedrooms.

Louise Price of selling agents Farlow Estates is full of enthusiasm for the quality of the building, some of the best she's seen. "There's great attention to detail, a really beautiful finish and excellent craftsmanship," she enthused.

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Churchill's reply

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IN BUSINESS - AL PASS Driving School



A man with a belief in high standards - Alan Watts of AL PASS

Alan Watts has had a very varied working life in this area. An ex director of Cheshire's the Kidderminster printers, he still has a business interest in that trade, plus a garage. And a driving school with a growing reputation.

Why a driving school? "I wanted a career change, my own business. I looked at the options and as I'd done lots of driving and not had an accident, thought I'd try a driving school. Did twelve months with RED and passed my Approved Driving Instructor with the Driving Standards Agency."

"I'm on their Continuous Professional Development programme, because you never stop learning and I'm trying to teach people to be safe, not just to pass a test."

"I offer Pass Plus, but am looking more down the NVQ route, which is completed while you learn to drive and improves a candidate's CV by obtaining a professional qualification."

Before moving to Cleobury in June, Alan operated from Far Forest and then Bewdley. And he notices one big difference between Shropshire and Worcestershire: "Worcester have The Scheme, where 16 year olds can drive off road and get used to handling a car before going on the road at 17. There's nothing like it around here, and I'm looking for somewhere we could get it started."

Most of Alan's pupils are young people looking for their own transport, and he recognises the big costs they face. So he points out additions that could cut insurance costs, like fitting a tracker system to the car and shopping around for the best insurance deal.

That awareness of cost reflects in his offer of the first five one-hour lessons for just £50. Introduce a friend to the AL Pass

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Learning is a costly process: "My pass rate is about 47 percent first time," he explains. "That's realistic with the national average about 45."

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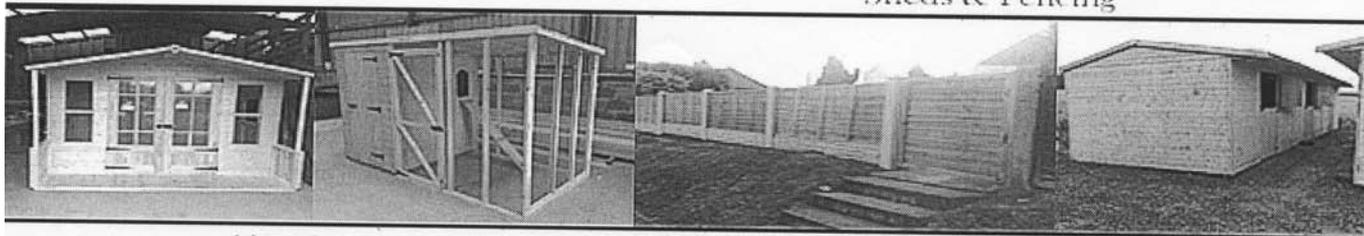
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