

The Cleobury Clarion



GOLFING CHAMPIONS!

EMILY, EUROPEAN CHAMPION



Emily Price, winner of the Under 14 European Championship.

Cleobury Golf Club's members are having an amazing run of success. That course overlooking the town always has some good news to offer, but they've really hit the jackpot this year.

It started in May, when junior member 13 year old Emily Price travelled up to Gullane in Scotland for the USKids European Championships. This is familiar territory for Emily, who has been in the top five for the last five years. But this time she was really on great form and

finished three rounds of the course a clear six points ahead of her nearest rival. The coastal winds on the links course tested the skills of every player, but Emily kept her cool. And she's keeping in practise here at Cleobury for the English School Girls tournament in August.

To continue the list of successes, other members had a run of holes-in-one on their home course; four of them in just ten days! Rick Clayton started it with an ace shot on the second green of the Badgers Sett run, Mike Stevens then did the same on the fifth hole of Foxes Run and Sam Pain took a three iron at the 232 yard eighth green on Deer Park to complete a remarkable hat trick.

But the hero was Arthur Aston, who was a regular and keen player until he lost his sight. Any lesser man would have given up, but Arthur is made of stern stuff; he arranged to play with club member Roy Chapman, who lined Arthur up for each shot and then let his established instinct take over. On the eighth hole of Foxes Run, his tee shot found the spot - down in one!

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ARTHUR, HOLE-IN-ONE HERO



The remarkable Arthur Aston, the blind player who hit a hole in one.

The story goes on. A week later 12 year old Jack Severn holed in one - surely another champion in the making - and then Bob Rudge did the same during a cancer charity day. And instead of buying the traditional round of drinks in the bar, Bob donated the money to the charity. Winners all round.

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This is Bouncy Martin of the inflatables. He now has quite a collection of them.

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Stuart Mumford. Local man, local service and not looking to go anywhere else. The man loves Cleobury Mortimer.

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CLEE HILL BUTTERFLY SURVEY



The Dark Green Fritillary, here in black and white but in reality yellow with green and orange markings, is one of the species you may be able to spot on Clee Hill in July.

Volunteers are needed over the summer to help the Clee Hill Wildlife Group complete a butterfly survey. This area is very important for its butterflies, including several rare species, but they are generally poorly recorded. The survey is running from April to the end of September and recording forms are available from Mike Williams from West Midlands Butterfly Conservation, co-ordinator of the survey on behalf of the Group. A leaflet is available to help with identification and a number of events are being held (www.shropscwg.org.uk for details). The next event is a Guided Butterfly Walk on Catherton Common on Sunday

July 7th, meeting at Riddings Gate for 11.00 am. More details from Andrew Heidemann on 07807 198572 or a.heideman@hotmail.co.uk

Special butterflies to look out for include Dark Green Fritillary (June-July), Wall Brown (May-June and Aug-Sept) and Small Heath (May - Sept). Many of these species are declining nationally and the surviving populations on Clee Hill are regionally important. By finding out more about where these butterflies are found, the Wildlife Group will be better placed to safeguard them.

Already around 20 people have signed up to help with survey work in but more volunteers are needed. If you would like to get involved please contact Mike on 07802 274552 or by email: mike@stagborough.fsnet.co.uk

Mike Williams

THE VERY BEST OF MANNERS AT THE LACON LOTTERY

James Hilton, lucky chap, won the May Lacon Lottery, giving him a £115 return for his £10 summer-long ticket. And when the June draw took place, James's ticket came out again.

In a very proper and generous gesture, he asked for the draw to be taken again. This time it was Sally Howman's ticket that came

out, which is a very fair reward for all the time she has put into the Parent teacher Association.

Nice touch, Mr Hilton.

THE NIGHTINGALE NURSING FUND

Rosemary Abbiss reports:

Please accept our apologies for cancelling the usual Five-a-Side Football Day that was scheduled for June 2nd. Unfortunately we did not choose a good Sunday, as it was at the end of a school break which did affect the numbers of teams entering. Sadly this is quite a major fund raiser for the Fund.

The Annual General Meeting has been organised for July 3rd, at the Sports and Social Club in Cleobury Mortimer at 8.00 p.m.

The annual accounts will be presented and there will be an election of officers. Please feel free to attend as this is your fund, there for times of medical crisis.

Many thanks, Rosemary Abbiss

KNOWLE SALE

The excellent Knowle Sports Association sale is on Saturday the 6th this month. It starts at 8.00 and officially closes at 11.00, all in the a.m. They have some great bargains, all sold to raise funds for Clee Hill United and Cleeside Cricket. If you've not been, you've missed a wonderful local voluntary event.



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MEMORIES OF MULLER'S?

Did you work at, or were you connected in any way with Muller's? Do you have photographs to share, perhaps from sports and social events, parties, presentations or commemorations? Maybe you have a story to tell?

For many years, Muller's has played an important role in Cleobury Mortimer and was one of the biggest employers in south Shropshire. Muller's was based in Park Royal, London and was told by the Ministry of Supply to make turn-parts and cannon shells for the war effort. They had to relocate as part of a government scheme to move essential industries out of the cities and in 1939 ended up in Cleobury Mortimer – a story in itself.

Many readers and their families in the area will have memories of being involved in some way with Muller's. The History Society has put together a set of web pages – including a blog and a photo gallery – and wants to encourage people to share memories. Photographs can be loaded and stories added. Visit www.cleoburymortimerhistory.co.uk/mullers, or contact the Society at website@cleoburymortimerhistory.co.uk.
Robert Hodge

95TH BIRTHDAY ON CLEE HILL

April 30th was party time for Clee Hill WI and friends. For 95 years, since 1918 and the close of the Great War the WI had been a presence in the village and current members were keen to celebrate the occasion.

Drinks and canapes were handed round to guests and representatives from local WIs and County Office as they arrived at the Village Hall. President Marina Clent, welcomed everyone to the party and played whilst the WI anthem was sung. Then it was time to tuck in, when special buns iced with '95' quickly disappeared.

Local film maker John Hughes reminded us that last year Clee Hill village had its moment of glory when the Olympic torch came through. Hundreds of children lined the route and cheered wildly as the cavalcade, and especially the ice cream van, passed by. He also showed a film he made nearly 25 years ago when Tenbury was visited by the Regimental Band of the Worcs and Sherwood Forresters.

The films were followed by a talk from Alf Jenkins who regaled everyone with stories from his days as a teacher in the local area, of colleagues,

children, and also his wife, but he didn't hesitate to include himself as the subject of amusing anecdotes.

The last entertainment was a sketch by Clee Hill WI members, a tragic tale of life, love and death in a Chinese royal family. Hilarious, and just the right moment to cut the cake and drink the toasts. Clee Hill WI were thanked for the delightful evening and after looking at the display of memorabilia guests said goodbye with the hope that they might return for the 100th Anniversary party in 5 years' time.
Ruth Dunkley

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

We would like to say a big Thank You to everyone who contributed to our street collection on May 11th. We received £306-88 which was great.

Sue Henderson

AND THE R.N.L.I.

A collection took place on Cleobury High Street on May 25th, when the sum of £264.32 was raised for the Lifeboats.

We would like to thank all who so generously gave of their time to make this possible, and all those who donated to this worthy cause.

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METHODISTS BARKING?

Have you noticed how obsessive people get over a new interest? That's what happened to Methodist minister Rev Helen Roberts. Having adopted a rescue dog, she is seeing everything through dog shaped glasses. And her six year old fluffy cross breed Gabi has been the inspiration for a pet related weekend planned by the church in July.

On Sat 20th, alongside the Farmers' Market they will be running a fun dog event, with classes from Scruffiest Mutt to Best Dressed Six Legs, which invites dogs and handlers to get dressed for the occasion. It will be based at the Rectory Field, or if the weather insists in the Methodist Church itself. The aim is to have fun whilst supporting church funds.

If you are not a doggie person don't feel left out. On Sunday all kinds of pets are welcome to a special service at the Methodist Church at 11.00am. They are asked to bring their humans with them.

Pet services are not a new thing, Neen Savage have held them in the past, but it will be a first for the Cleobury Methodists. It will be a short service as animals are not keen on sermons.

Will Gabi, who inspired the whole weekend, have a starring role? As a rescue dog who had some bad experiences with dogs in the past she is happier with people than other dogs, so will

have to stay at home. "Like all owners I need to consider my pet's needs. People are welcome to come along and still celebrate our relationships with animals and nature," Helen explained.

One thing both the minister and her dog are starring in is a sponsored slim for church funds. Gabi arrived overweight after being under exercised, and Rev Helen decided it was a good time to tackle the bulge on the dog walking diet too. Reports so far are that Gabi is doing best on this regime, her not being able to reach the snack cupboard. Speak to a church member or Rev Helen on 01584 819649 to sponsor them both to reach their goals by the start of September.

CLOWS TOP

GARDENING CLUB

The garden should now be looking its best, the borders full of colour and scent such as roses and sweet peas and the vegetable garden producing fine crops. Long summer evenings can be enjoyed to the full, relaxing and entertaining friends.

The speaker at the May meeting was Cliff Wood, from Laylocks Garden Centre near Worcester. He was an absolute delight to listen to and gave some sound advice on all sorts of gardening subjects. He came along with some very good quality plants from the nursery for members to purchase.

Our next meeting is on July 24th, when Sue Russell will give a talk entitled 'Perfume in the Garden'.

A Diary Date: Saturday August 24th, Clows Top Summer Show.

MAWLEY HALL OPEN DAY

In cooperation with the Friends of St Mary's Church, the ground floor of Mawley Hall and its lovely grounds and gardens will be open on Sunday the 14th, from 12.00 to 5.00. Admission to the grounds alone is £3.50, or you can include the downstairs rooms of the Hall itself for £8.50; children under six, free of charge. Afternoon teas will be available and if you're thinking of walking around the grounds, particularly by the River Rea, stout shoes are recommended.

All by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Galliers-Pratt and the funds raised will be shared between the Friends and the Shropshire Historic Churches Trust.

TONY BUTCHER

A big Thank You to everyone for their support and kind wishes during my Father's illness and subsequent death.

Our family were overwhelmed by the fantastic turnout at St Mary's for the funeral, on a day when the heavy rain just didn't stop pouring.

Special thanks go to the Cleobury and Clee Hill branches of the British Legion, who provided a Guard of Honour, Standard Bearers and a poignant rendition of The Last Post on the bugle.

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June 19th - The Lacon Childe School Prom

It was a night of contrasts and possibly a pointer to a future trend for the annual Lacon Childe Prom. There were fewer vehicles on parade, though still a variety to please all. But some pupils walked to the gathering - sign of a Green tendency? - and others used really humble vehicles to send up the stretched limos and still earn the applause of the big crowd the Prom always draws.



McCauley Topham was a star of the night, in a suit that hurt the eyes and his BMX to match. Wearing the outfit was brave enough, but walking

home in it late at night was even braver. Did anyone report him to the Taste Police?



A complete contrast came with Mark Purslow's 1955 American Peterbilt, a very rare example of the trucks that worked up and down the highways of the US of A over 50 years ago. This is believed to be the only working example in the UK, it makes stretch limos look small and it was there just to deliver a privileged Richard Skellern.

It's always a gamble to book an open car for the evening. More so with an Aprilia RSV that is at home on the racetrack or conquering Alpine passes with absolute ease. And you better be able to dismount with something

close to balletic grace. Like this:



And finally a touch of vintage class, a lovely old Lagonda almost as graceful as its passenger. It was another spectacle to be proud of.



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KINLET FAMILY PLAYGROUP

The final weeks of term see us focus our attention on Holidays and we hope the sun will shine for us again. The children will be thinking about holiday experiences and the clothes we wear, the foods we eat, the places we stay and the methods of transport we use to get there.

Its always a bittersweet time of the year, as we prepare our eldest children for their transition into school. We love to see them so excited about the next phase but we will miss them. This year we say goodbye to five children, including some who've been with us since their second birthdays. We've seen them grow and learn so much and wish them lots of love and luck.

The Playgroup will close for the summer holidays on July 18th, and reopen in September. Over the summer we are on info@kinletfamilyplaygroup.co.uk

Zoe Pearson

END-TO-END CHARITY CYCLE RIDE

Neal Deller has got together with three mates to tackle a charity cycle from one end of the UK to the other. That's a lot of miles in a car; on a bicycle it's a huge amount. "The idea's been bandied around for a few years,

and as we don't appear to be getting any younger the decision was made to have a go this year to celebrate Pete's 60th," Neal explained.

"The Teenage Cancer Trust at Birmingham Children's Hospital is the charity we support this year at work and I thought it was a good opportunity to help out. I've named a dear friend, Charlie Grant, who died of cancer, in whose memory I'll be riding and raising money.

"I've set up a Just Giving web page: <http://www.justgiving.com/Neal-Deller1>."

If you would like to support Neal and his mates' efforts, you can make a donation. They begin their epic journey on July 23rd.

THE READING GROUP

"Empire of Sand" by Robert Ryan was enjoyed by half our group but not the rest, though some liked the prologue and epilogue! Views expressed were; a ripping yarn, contrived, holes in the story, weird and a good feel of the desert.

We discussed similarities with present day disputes and fighting, much of it in the same area. Also that we should not judge others by our standards, in reference to the cruelty to humans and animals in the novel. There was no agreement

on stories based on real people, though all felt Tracy Chevalier had done a great job with "Remarkable Creatures", our last book.

Next we read "Moveable Feast" by Ernest Hemingway, the subject of our meeting on July 15th, at 7.30pm in Cleobury Library. The book is available there. Join us or phone me on 271754.

Deana Kimber

LEA COTTAGES BRIDGE WORK DELAYED

The repair work scheduled to start on this bridge on June 3rd was delayed. If you've been driving over it in recent weeks, you probably realised this.

We understand from Senior Bridge Engineer Chris Wright that the work will now start on July 29th and is scheduled to last about three weeks. There will be an alternative routed signed during the work.

COMPASSIONATE COMMUNITIES PUB QUIZ Katja Ward reports:

A great success on June 9th in the Kings Arms, with over 50 entrants. The aim was to raise awareness but we also raised £106.04. Some great prizes were donated by the KA, The Fighting Cocks at Stottesdon, The Spice Empire, Edna Maes and Carrot Tops. Thanks to all.

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Small Ads Star - Martin at Dawn Chorus Leisure



Martin Prosser works phenomenal hours and still enjoys it.

15 years ago Martin Prosser was working his own milk round in Bewdley. Milk from Mawley Town Farm, 300 or so happy customers and life was good.

Then he saw a bouncy castle for sale and realised this was something extra he could do; milk in the morning, bouncy castle in the evenings and at weekends. Leaflets were handed out with the milk and business grew: "If people know you, they're more inclined to book you because they feel they can trust you," he reasons. A bigger castle followed, then a slide as the fun-for-hire business took off.

Today he has six bouncy castles, two slides, a bouncy boxing ring, bungee run, a gladiators set and

sumo wrestling for both adults and children. Outside his front door stands a big Transit van, clean as a whistle and recently signwritten with pictures of the inflatables he offers.

It's all inflatables in Martin's Dawn Chorus business, because there's a lot less risk of injury that way. Every unit comes with a blower unit to inflate to full size and keep it there. If there's just a bouncy castle for a kids' party, it's plugged into the mains and Martin explains the safety items to watch out for, and adds that they're on the hire agreement too. If he's serving a big event like the Far Forest Show his month, he has petrol powered blowers instead.

All that time in this business means he's learned some sound lessons in common sense. Like buying British made equipment where you can sort out any little problem with the maker; he's seen much cheaper units and has a definite view: "I don't go for something because it's cheaper on price, because it will be cheaper on quality too."

Units have a working life of four to five years in his hands. "They're still in very nice condition then, very useable," he explains. "We get very little damage and we can sell them on." But his own equipment is

young, and he turns up in a very smart van, wearing a Dawn Chorus tee-shirt. If it's a big event he has staff in for the weekend, all in the same style of shirts, but with one little difference. His crew all have "Staff" printed across their backs, while Martin has "Boss." That's not an ego trip, it's a sense of humour confirmed by his smile.

The Dawn Chorus Leisure work is inevitably seasonal, but he is now doing a lot more indoor bookings through the year. And he'll be adding a skittle alley to the collection later in the year. He doesn't do idle.

The smile can slip a little if he has a wet outdoor event and no under-cover option. Then he gets the castle, slide or whatever out of the van at the end of the day, to clean, dry and check it over before it goes into store, ready for the next job.

With the summer season at its peak he can put in 80 hours a week. And does he still enjoy the work? "Oh yes, there's so much variation, never repetition like you get in a factory.

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Clarion Clippings - The Local News

THE WINE WALK

The Walk has become a regular feature of our programme and this year's walk was no exception. About 50 people strolled around Cleobury visiting our hosts to enjoy a drink and a chat with friends old and new.

We are grateful to our hosts who this year were Mr. and Mrs. Leach at the western end, Peter Vale to the east and in the middle Jane and Roger Brown and Penny and Ryland Robertshaw. The evening raised almost £300 for The Friends of Saint Mary's

Our next event is the Open Gardens and Ground Floor Rooms of Mawley Hall on Sunday July 14th.
Alec Osbaldiston

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Saturday September 7th is your chance to enjoy a 7.5 mile walk around Cleobury, with wonderful views of the surrounding countryside, be fed and watered at three locations along the way and with entertainment at the end.

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www.cleoburycountry.com. Advance booking is essential and further information will be available on purchase of your ticket.

Our thanks for practical help goes to the CM Footpath Association, whose website is www.cmfa.co.uk

Carol Franklin

THE TOWN'S DEFIBRILATOR

Very sensibly, Cleobury Country have organised a training course in the use of the defibrillator that currently lives in the Kings Arms. It's there because it's in the centre of the town and readily accessible in an emergency.

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THE NEW STOTTESDON SUMMER FETE

As the popular Chorley Show won't be happening this year, there's big gap in the local social calendar. So Stottesdon Primary School have got together with the parish church of St Mary's to organise a Summer Fete in the grounds of the school. It has an

impressive list of attractions to draw all ages and it all starts at 6.00 on Friday evening the 12th of this month.

For the children there will be special performances, pony rides, fun races, ice cream and cakes. The more mature can try the tombola, grand raffle, wood fired pizzas, the licensed bar, stalls, the W.I. Show and look at the range of plants for sale. The more athletic can share the fun races or step up a level to the Mile Race. It all sounds like a good formula for a fun event and you can add to it by going along to try it.

SEVERN HOSPICE SHOP NEWS

Thank you everyone who came to the Crib night at the Sports Club on May 15th. We raised £300.00 towards the continued care given by Severn Hospice.

Our next event is for those interested in espionage and World War II. Dr Mark Baldwin will talk about 'Women Behind Enemy Lines,' covering the women of Special Operations Executive. A fascinating subject of interest to all ages. It will be on Friday July 19th, starting at 7.30 pm. Tickets from the Severn Hospice Shop and Harry Tuffins; £5.00 a head. For further details you can ring 01299 271391.

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The Severn Edge Vets Pets Page

Muddy pawprints... luckily only on the utility floor so far, but I'm worried about the coming weekend. Landscaping the garden in the rain will mean plenty of mud for the cat to walk through before he comes in and onto our lovely light coloured carpet. Anyone got shares in carpet cleaning companies?! I'll have to be a bit careful too – I can't really blame size 9 workmans boots on Bubbles... I'll be banished to the garage until I have changed clothes!

With the landscaping in mind, I was hoping to fit Bubbles with a small harness, and use him as a workhorse to shift soil and bricks around. He wasn't too keen on the idea though. Apparently his union were upset that I had not conducted a proper risk assessment. I'll have to stick to the wheelbarrow I suppose.

No holidays for a little while as I am shifting all this mud means no trips to cattery or kennels (aside from professional visits!) Do please remember as holiday season approaches the dogs need a Kennel Cough vaccination to be admitted to most of the kennels in the area. We need two weeks notice at least before you are due to depart to ensure the vaccine has been administered and had chance to take effect before the kenneling date. This month we are helping a little with the expenses of going on holiday – Severn Edge Vets are offering a remarkable Kennel Cough Vaccine price – just £10 per animal for the Month of July. Give us a ring and get booked. Be sure to mention the Clarion and we will honour the discounted price.

Also this month – it is time to stock up on your flea treatment. We are offering Buy Three, Get One Free, and Buy Six Get Two Free on selected flea treatments throughout July. Pop in when passing to pick up your discounted supplies. Please note we need to have seen the dog or cat recently to dispense flea treatment. If you are unsure how long it

has been then bring them along and we can weigh them in order to ensure dosage accuracy.

Soon enough it will be August, Burwarton Show time. We hope for better weather this year. Why not join us at our usual stand for a chat, and ask our team any questions that have been worrying you. We would love to see you there. Dogs are, of course, welcome.

I'll report the working cat union (WCU) response to my appeal next month. Hopefully Bubbles will be working hard in the garden by then!

Thanks for reading

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Further, our Year Six children are all in the process of spending a day in their new schools. This year we have children going to Lacon Childe, Tenbury High, Stourport High and Kings in Worcester.

Our Year Six children have all worked so hard in their recent SATS exams and are now practising their Leavers' Service which is always a great success. They have all been a great pleasure to teach and we wish them well in their future schools.

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The new owners are Mike and Julie Grimes, who assured us that they will make only gentle changes to what is a very successful business. Julie has worked in retail, three years with Bowkett's in Cleobury and before that in the scooter trade. Mike is a self employed ISO Standards and Safety consultant, covering a big area to advise industry.

They were a natural choice to take on Rachel's business, as Julie explained: "When we

moved to Cleobury five years ago, Rachel was working for McCartneys and showed us around the house we bought. Now she's sold us her business and her van!"

One change they have made is to extend the opening hours. By the time you read this, Carrot Tops will be open on Sunday from 10.00 to 1.00.

Julie is the face you'll see in the shop day to day, with Sue Pearce and her gentle charm part of the team. We wish them every success.

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The work is funded by a partnership of Shropshire Council, Cleobury Mortimer Parish Council and local people, including the Horticultural Society. The Society also maintains the gravel borders around the trees, keeping them weed-free. Many thanks to the working party who weeded and tidied the gravel borders recently. And to those who keep the trough outside The Talbot looking colourful, spruced and well watered. Local people helping their town look attractive and well cared for.

Flo Hadley

BANK'S THANKS

The ever helpful staff at Lloyds TSB would like to thank those who supported their recent coffee morning. Not the usual setting for such an event.

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Cleobury News Maker - Councillor Jack Martin



18 year old Jack Martin. Cleobury's youngest ever Parish Councillor?

Unless somebody out there in Cleobury Country knows better, Jack Martin is our youngest ever Parish Councillor at 18. He's been studying Economics and Politics at Worcester College and had opted to work for a Gap Year before going on to university and reading for a degree in Politics. He's working for the P E Department at Lacon Childe School, and in a year he'll take up his university place.

So why stand for the Parish Council? "It was a good opportunity to learn more about the business of politics and it came at the right time," he explains. He clearly has a strong sense of social responsibility and has been working for the

Cleobury Concert Brass band, for whom he plays on cornet. "I was going to their concerts when I was two or three, it's a big part of my life now," he smiles at the memory.

Last September he started their Training Band, to encourage primary school children to learn to play. Band members talked to schools, loan instruments were available and charges were very low. There are now six primary school age players, their practise sessions led by Jack with other school age players joining in and encouraging them. Jack represents the band, is vice chair on the Parish Hall users' committee and is now a Parish Council voice as well.

Before standing for the council he listened in at meetings, to get an idea what he was committing himself to. What became clear was that as a councillor he has a responsibility to the people of the parish. So what does he, with a view through younger eyes, think the town needs?

"I'm looking at setting up a Parish Hall website to get younger people interested in what goes on," he explains. "There's a lot out there that people don't know about. You can reach them through social networking." He says no more, which reflects a tendency to think first and then speak; he

was like that at his first council meeting, sitting quietly, listening carefully and asking questions when he needed information. If this is typical of the new generation of councillors, it's good news for the town.

He's very obviously a younger voice on the council, willing to express that point of view: "Cleobury is becoming a younger town, with all the new housing. We need to listen to them."

He's an admirer of the work done with young people by Mark Greaves of St Mary's Youth Project and Richard Morley of the South Shropshire Youth Forum. Richard is now running a free football practise on Friday nights and after just a month there are about 30 players turning up.

Does Jack have doubts about being a Parish Councillor? "No. They're a good group of people, passionate about Cleobury, who want to make the town an even better place."

The last word goes to council chairman Sean Thorogood: "Jack is in a position to encourage young people in our town to get involved and to show them that they can make a difference."

He doesn't shout, he does listen and he's clearly a thinker. Jack Martin represents the future for our community.



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Letter from Westminster - Philip Dunne MP

Renewable energy is an issue, like many of the fossil fuel generators it seeks to replace, which we know is needed but not everyone wants it next door, nor to pay for it. An onshore wind farm coming to a neighbourhood can be very divisive. This was the case last year when a proposal for eight turbines in the Rea Valley near Worthen was stopped by some of the farmers who had offered land, after an outcry from the local community.

But speaking to constituents facing this prospect, I get a sense that people worry their concerns can be ignored by wind turbine promoters and planning inspectors, who too often green light projects without properly considering the impact on the lives of local people. This was evident when I went to a public meeting called by constituents opposed to a two-turbine development above Morville, near Much Wenlock. The promoters had held open days on site for local people to learn about the plans, but not a public meeting in Morville, despite the fact many of its residents would be overlooked by these turbines.

I have argued that the people of Shropshire have a right to have their voices heard, and that developments affecting local communities should take into account the landscape, environment and history of our area. Half of Ludlow constituency is within the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, and I believe it should stay that way. That's why the latest government reforms to onshore wind planning are so important.

The top down strategies of the previous government meant that often decisions on wind farms were made on appeal by distant planning inspectors. The new reforms will contain guidance for local councils and planning inspectors, meaning communities will be consulted much earlier in the process. There will be four key areas

where concerns of local communities could overrule the national planning framework: environmental, landscape, topography and heritage. If the local authority adopts these powers, planning will have to take into account these issues, as well as the cumulative impact of wind farm proposals in Shropshire, which will safeguard the natural beauty of our landscape.

The need to establish renewable energy is clear, and I am delighted by the hydro-electric generating schemes emerging. But before we damage the beauty of the area in which we live with wind turbines and overhead power lines to the National Grid, we should consider carefully latest information about wind efficacy. The Renewable Energy Foundation stated in research published in December 2012 that "adjusted for age and wind availability the overall performance of wind farms in the UK has deteriorated markedly since the turn of century."

Onshore wind turbines also produce less electricity the longer they operate. "The normalised load factor for UK onshore wind farms declines from a peak of about 24% at age 1 to 11% at age 15." These findings suggest that onshore wind farms in the UK not only underperform their promoters' expectations, but their performance declines the older they get.

The people of Shropshire deserve a say over the future of their homes. I am pleased to say that these new proposals from government will give local communities more say in the planning process, restoring decision making to Shropshire Council which will soon have the power to preserve Shropshire's spectacular landscape features from wind turbines, if they so decide.

Philip Dunne



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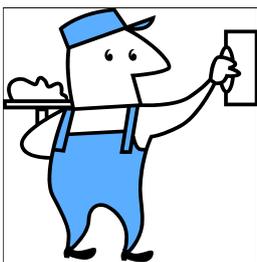
The July Social Calendar

Date	Time	Details	Contact	Telephone Number
Tue 2	1.30pm	Instruction course for the defibrillator kept in the KA. SEE PAGE 17	Clare Todd	CM 272300
Wed 3	10.00am	Walking for Health steps out from the Fitness Centre in Love Lane. A gentle, social occasion with obvious benefits.	Mandy Smith	CM 270312
	8.00pm	Annual General Meeting of Nightingale Nursing Fund, Sports & Social Club, Love Lane. All welcome		
	8.00pm	Whist Drive, Doddington Village Hall. Good car parking.	Sonia Pearsall	01584 890874
Thu 4		BLACK WHEELIE BINS AND GREEN RECYCLE BOXES EMPTIED TODAY		
	7.00pm	Evening walk for Rock Pathfinders starts from the Talbot Inn, Knightwick.	Alan	01299 832511
Fri 5	8.00pm	Bingo Night, Doddington Village Hall.	Sonia Pearsall	01584 890874
Sat 6	8.00am	Monthly Sale at Knowle Sports Ground, Tenbury Road, Clee Hill		
Sun 7	11.00am	Guided Butterfly Walk on Catherton Common. Meet at Riddings Gate. SEE PAGE 5		
Mon 8	6.30pm	The Creative Writing Group gather in the Library.	Vicky	CM 272301
Tue 9	7.30am	The Breakfast Club enjoy food at the KA, then a conducted tour of the Parish Church led by Dr Mark Baldwin		
Wed 10	12.30pm	The Ladies Luncheon Club meet at The Plough, Far Forest.	Alison Osborne	01584 890414
	7.30pm	Neen Savage W.I. meet in the village hall to enjoy a Bastille Evening.		
	8.00pm	The Royal British Legion meet at The Bell Inn, Lower Street		
Thu 11		GREEN WHEELIE BINS EMPTIED TODAY		
Fri 12	6.00pm	Stottesdon's Summer Fete is in the Primary School. Lots for the children to do - great fun occasion. SEE PAGE 17.		
	7.30pm	Bingo Night at Cleeton Village Hall		
Fri 12/ Sun 14		The Hole in the Wall Festival, sponsored by Hobsons, brings a big range of rock music to Hopton Court. Headliners: Counterfeit Stones. www.holeinthewallfestival.co.uk will tell you all.		

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The July Social Calendar - continued

Date	Time	Details	Contact	Telephone Number
Sun 14	1.00pm	Mawley Hall and Gardens, in aid of the Friends of St Mary's Church. SEE PAGE 9		
Mon 15	7.30pm	CM Reading Group meet in the Library, Love Lane, to argue over a Hemingway work.	Deana Kimber	CM 271754
Wed 17	10.00am	Walking for Health outing. See Wed 3rd above for details	Mandy Smith	CM 270312
	8.00pm	Whist Drive, Doddington Village Hall	Sonia Pearsall	01584890874
Thu 18		BLACK WHEELIE BINS AND GREEN RECYCLE BOXES EMPTIED TODAY		
	10.30am	Rock Pathfinders walk out from The Colliers Arms, Rock. All welcome.		
	7.45pm	Whist Drive at the Sports and Social Club, Love Lane.		
Fri 19	7.30pm	Dr Mark Baldwin talks about the heroic women of the Special Operations Executive in World War Two. Tickets £5.00 from Severn Hospice Shop or Tuffins		
	8.00pm	Bingo Night, Doddington Village Hall.	Sonia Pearsall	01584 890874
Sat 20	10.00am	The Farmers' Market is back at the Parish Church, with local businesses adding to the attractions. It's looking like a real success for the town.	Clare Todd	CM 272300
Sat 20/ Sun 21		The Leominster Kite Festival is at Berrington Hall, near Leominster. HR6 0DW for your satnav if you prefer. Go and be amazed.		01568 615721
Wed 24	7.45pm	Clows Top Gardening Club meet at the Victory Hall. Sue Russell talks on 'Perfume in the Garden'.	Marion Wilson	CM 270475
Thu 25		GREEN WHEELIE BINS EMPTIED TODAY		
Mon 29		New start date for work on the Lea Cottages Bridge on Catherton Road, Cleobury. Diversions will be signposted AND LOOKING AHEAD TO AUGUST...		
Thu 1		BLACK WHEELIE BINS AND GREEN RECYCLE BOXES EMPTIED TODAY		
Wed 7	10.00am	Walking for Health start their gentle outing from the Sports Centre	Mandy Smith	01299 270312
	8.00pm	Whist Drive, Doddington Village Hall	Sonia Pearsall	01584890874

PRIZE PICK OF THE MONTH

On Friday the 19th, the Sports and Social Club hosts a talk by Doctor Mark Baldwin.
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Clarion Coppers - CSO Nick Morris

Again there have been very few crimes in the area to report. The electrical control box on a tipping trailer in Lion Lane was stolen between 10:00pm on May 12th and 08:00am the next day. In the early evening on May 16th, between 5:00 and 7:30pm, a car parked on Vaughan Road residents' car park was scratched. Between May 16th and 19th a spare wheel and tyre was stolen from a vehicle at Hopton Wafers, and between May 24th and 29th about 500 litres of diesel stolen at a farm in Billingsley. That's about the size of it at the time of writing - not bad, except for the victims.

Don't forget the crime prevention products available from Cleobury Country Centre or Stone House, Ludlow for this area, or contact Tracy Johnson on 07582 004 016 or her email :- tracy.johnson@shropshire.gov.uk. Perhaps the diesel would not have been stolen from Billingsley, as mentioned above, if a Watchman oil tank alarm had been fitted, which sends a signal

to you inside your house to show oil level and emits a loud siren in the event of rapid loss.

In the good old days, on ITV during commercial breaks there sometimes used to be driving tips. That went out of fashion ages ago, but wouldn't it be a good idea to bring them back? There are many misdemeanours, minor and major, that drivers commit, but just at present I'm thinking of the trend of non-indication. Perhaps some vehicles nowadays are not fitted with direction indicators - or that is how it seems to me. Or is it really that some drivers are too lazy to move their hands very, very slightly? Or do they think that other road users are mind readers? Or do they think that only themselves matter? Or are they incapable of thinking? These little slots on TV could stretch to incorporate other advisory information. They could warn those relevant people that after drinking too much or taking illegal drugs, they may become doolally, and then want to argue with or bash

their wives, husbands, friends, neighbours, strangers or themselves! A lot of police time is used up dealing with these sort of incidents. Enough said or I'll get into trouble.

Occasionally we read and hear comments bandied about referring to police inaction, or general criticisms, sometimes with good reason. Everyone is entitled to their opinions, of course, but it seems that often it is misunderstood how the law, the lack of important reported facts and reality dictates what police can do. Police will always try to act appropriately to everything reported. Many officers go that bit further, as when many did a lot of overtime and one cancelled his leave in order to successfully investigate the murder of Georgia Williams. Also it is worth considering how the number of house burglaries in Shropshire have been significantly reduced during the last few months. This is not down to police inaction!

Nick Morris

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A FOND FAREWELL



After eight years at the top, Allan Gilhooley opts for early retirement from Lacon Childe School and plans to take life a little easier.

"When I was originally here as a teacher, 20 years ago, I was leaving and a colleague, Margaret Astbury, asked if I'd like to come back some day. I said 'I'd love to come back as deputy head.'" He smiles at the idea as he looks back on eight very successful years at the helm. And an ambition realised.

He's been running one of the biggest businesses in town, with 80 staff and an annual budget of £2.5 million. "You have to balance the books, get the best possible educational results and hopefully give each child a

good, happy experience." The school certainly gets results, consistently well above the national average, and about 90 percent of the pupils leave Lacon Childe to go on to further studies or training. He forecasts this year 97 percent of the children will leave with some qualification, from those who find study difficult to high flyers. Allan is full of praise for his devoted staff and the way they go the extra mile to get the best out of every child. "It's not just the most able who are encouraged, the less academic get attention too," he emphasises.

Rural schools like ours have tighter budgets than city centre ones. Allan compared notes with the head of a city based similar size Sports Academy; they had a budget of £3.7 million, when Lacon Childe had £2.2.

He leaves with one big ambition unrealised. "I wanted to add a Sixth Form, so our children could have the benefit of this school through until they were 18. I invited the right people here and showed them what we've got, but they turned us down. We're too small."

The Sports College status the school has earned brings extra funding that has been put into

improved overall education and better staff training. Even in the face of budget cuts, there is still an air of determination about the place, the children's work proudly displayed for visitors to admire. What Allan has done is take a very good school and carefully hone it to maintain its habit of improving.

He's succeeded by Darren Reynolds from the Chantry School in Martley, who takes over the reins on September 1st. Darren has big, athletic boots to fill, and we wish him well.

Allan can start to relax, with some part-time work to keep him sharp and both he and his wife want to get their golf handicaps down. They've certainly earned the chance.

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The Farming Page - Jenny Everingham

Hold the front page! Clucker has 'gone broody' Having provided us with one egg a day for weeks, she began to let us down, and then took to the nest box and refused to move. "Time to hatch out these babies," she thought. She didn't seem to realise that the nest was emptied each day. Well chickens don't have very big brains Help was at hand, however, and half a dozen potentially fertile eggs were donated to the cause. She has sat tight for nearly three weeks, and any day now the children are anticipating finding cheepy, fluffy chicks when they open the shed door. Our grandson is planning his empire. The children's new home is miraculously close enough for his sister to still enjoy bottle feeding five lambs after school.

So this is Summer? After the coldest spring for 50 years, there isn't a farmer in the land not wondering where it will end. The cold air and lack of ground heat gave us a bit of respite from relentless lawn mowing duties, but multiply this up, and you can imagine a certain level of consternation when grass is the principle food source for animals. At last the silage season is underway, and there are pale fields visible, scalped to within an inch of their lives. A dose of fertilizer, and the right weather

conditions(!) and they will soon recover to a lush green ready for the next cut. We will all find the mammoth machinery cluttering up our roads as the farmers and their contractors try to make up for lost time. Let's hope for a high level of courtesy on both sides as we all rush about our busy lives.

Other crops are also struggling with the adverse weather conditions and late planting. A constant vigil needs to be kept on the health of the developing plants, and intervention may be needed to keep diseases under control. More massive machines.

I would like to issue a challenge to all overall-wearing farmers. Has anyone found a sensible use for that long, narrow pocket down the outside trouser leg? (Curb your imagination, please!) I have yet to come across a farmer who habitually carries a ruler in it, but it is brilliant at filling up with dust, fluff, hay seeds, chaff, bits of straw and other detritus which decorate my kitchen floor at every laundry session. I have resorted to scissors in the past, thus providing a handy patch for the odd brush with barbed wire, but do you really need it? I feel a letter to the manufacturer coming on!

Jenny



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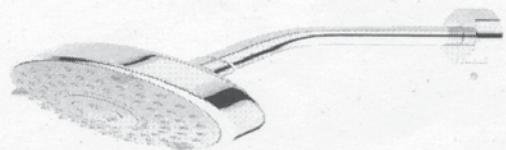
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CLEOBURY PATIENTS' VOICE

Lyn Young writes:

Jenny McCrorie is taking a three month sabbatical; we wish her well and look forward to her return. After all the hard work for the new Medical Centre our numbers seem to have dwindled significantly. But this decade will see many more changes and we need to make our voices heard.

With this in mind, we ask those who can to support CPV, who are working closely with the GP practice. For more information, please contact Gill on CM 271359 or me on 271506. Those of you who feel there is a health need not being met, come and join us.

July will see the Rural Health Survey. GPs and other bodies need to know about your quality of life. This can be done online at: www.surveymonkey.com/s/ShropshireRuralHealth.

The results will be used for research and analysis to help people living in Shropshire. Your views can make a difference.

SERIOUS DARTS MONEY

Dart players are being invited to step up to the oche by a Shropshire pub for a chance to

win £180! Aaron Jeffs, landlord of the Golden Cross in Clee Hill village, ran their first competition last year, putting his money where his mouth is by stumping up £180 first prize which was won by Jim Williams. 44 people took part and they are hoping for even more this year. Entrance fee is £6 per player and there will be other prizes of at least £90 for the runner up, £30 for the losing semi-finalists, returned entrance fee for losing quarter-finalists and £25 for the furthest woman.

Aaron said "We hope to get even more people taking part this year to make an interesting competition with a real chance to win a decent amount of money." The tournament takes place on Saturday July 20th; players need to register between 1.00 and 1:30pm for the first match at 2.00.

For further details please call Aaron on 01584 890 741

IN PRAISE OF...

We are all quick to complain when we get bad service from a company but rarely praise good service. So I thought I'd share that I am once again very impressed with the service and staff at Angel Bank Garage, Clee Hill. So obliging, friendly and helpful. Not to mention honest

and reasonable. Nothing is too much trouble. Of course Cleobury Mortimer are lucky enough to have their own branch too, Cleobury Garage! My thanks to Deggie, Gary and Jack.

Fay Vass

SCOUTS AND GUIDES PRESENTATION

The Scouts and Guides held a presentation evening at the King's Arms in June, to hand out cheques to local good causes. Their big rally on Saint George's Day raised an impressive £500, which they very generously shared out.

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Day	Time	Event	Contact	Phone	
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	09.45	Parish Communion, Parish Church		CM 270624	
	09.00	Mass, St Elizabeth's, Lower Street	Canon Walsh	01584 872906	
	10.30	Cleobury Country Archers, Lacon Childe Sports Field	Lesley Burnside	CM 271374	
	10.30	New Life Church – for venue call	Derek Morris	CM 270787	
	11.00	Morning Service, Methodist Church	Rev H Roberts	01584 819649	
Mon	08.00	Kinlet Family Playgroup, Kinlet School Mon to Fri		07794 166514	
	08.00	Chorley Family Playgroup, Stottesdon School Mon to Fri	Zoe Day	01746 718769	
	09.00	Peter Rabbit Nursery, Lacon Childe School Mon to Fri	April Rogers	CM 271418	
	09.00	CM Playgroup, Primary School, Mon to Fri	Jane Preece	07816 193933	
	09.30	Morning Workout, Sports Hall	Deena	CM 271317	
	10.00	Age UK, Monday Club, St Mary's Place	Sarah Wilde		
	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	
	Tue	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 Wafters Village Hall	Wendy Duley	CM 270562	
19.00		Bell Ringers' practice night, St Mary's Church	Liz Walker	CM 271808	
19.30		Modern Dance Sequence Club, Lacon Childe School	E Wrigglesworth	01562 822291	
Wed		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			
	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	Stella Wilcox	CM 270560	
	19.30	New Life Church prayer meeting. For venue call	Derek Morris	CM 270787	
	19.45	Choir Practice, Parish Church	Philip Engleheart	CM 270627	
Thu	09.30	Little Tiddlers, Kinlet Family Playgroup, Kinlet School	Zoe Pearson	07794 166514	
	14.00	Scrabble Club, St Mary's Place, Non residents £1.00	Jo Booton	07969 104808	
	16.45	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	
	19.00	Bell Inn Band improvers rehearsal, Bell Inn, Lower Street			
	19.30	Tums and Bums, Lacon Childe School	Don Carter	CM 270312	
	19.30	Adult 7-a-side Football League, CM Sports Centre	Dave Hives	CM 271317	
	20.00	Bell Inn Band rehearsal, Bell Inn, Lower Street			
	20.00	11-16s Badminton Club, CM Sports Centre		CM 271317	
	21.00	Over 16s Badminton Club, CM Sports Centre		CM 271317	
Fri	10.00	Tiny Stots, Chorley Playgroup, Stottesdon School	Zoe Day	01746 717769	
	10.00	Tiny Tots, Parish Hall	Bettina Poole	CM 271868	
	17.30	Rainbows Meeting, girls 5-7 years, Old Pump House	Jean Basham	07792 813774	
	19.00	Scout Meeting, Old Pump House, Church Street	Chris Andrews	CM 270937	
	20.00	Badminton, CM Sports Centre		01584 881359	
Sat	10.30	Junior Coaching, CM Golf Club, Wyre Common	Robert Watkins	CM 271112	

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FAITH IN THE PUB - BELIEVERS AT WORK

Faith in the Pub is a great concept. You can sit, think and listen, or sit, think and talk. It's a Christian group, but the range of speakers and visits covers much more than a single religious belief would normally reach.



Mike Follett, relaxed and happy as he talks about late night street problems and a gentle solution.

In June Mike Follett and his mate Richard came to sit and chat about working as Street Pastors at weekends in Kidderminster. They are both volunteers who have been trained to deal with people who may be high on drugs or alcohol, have mental health problems or just be depressed; think of a condition you might find on the streets at night and they will have met it.

The Street Pastors, always in uniform so there's no doubt who they are and no suggestion they are Police, work Friday and Saturday nights in towns where problems have been identified. Mike is from Stourport, but works Kidderminster as the social hub of the area where clubs are a draw for young people. There are 16 Street

Pastors, who work two hour shifts in pairs to provide cover from late evening through the small hours, using a town centre church as a base and more. This is where the Prayer Pastors are, workers who perhaps aren't mobile enough to patrol the streets, so combine in simple prayer to help those in need.

They cooperate with the Police by notifying them the Street Pastors are patrolling, but if there is a crime in process or building up, they withdraw and notify the law. It's vital that their work is seen as helpful and not confrontational, so stepping back is part of their training. Had they or any other Pastor been assaulted, they were asked, and neither of them could remember such a thing. What they can quote is a long list of success with their gentle approach, an offer to pray with or for someone in severe distress or anger and a situation calmed.

At the end of the two hour shift there's tea or coffee back at the town centre base. But there's also a stall in the area whose owner has found aggression and abuse over the years. He now makes his seating area available to the Pastors because of the calm manner of the Pastors that has reduced violence. And this man is a Muslim, helping Christians because they work together. There's a lesson to be learned in that.

These people are always looking for new recruits to help this wave of peace that is spreading out across the country. There are about 2,500 actively involved in the face-to-face work like this, that Police records show reduce crime and nuisance levels, with people saying they feel safer walking in their towns.

Since Mike and Richard talked to our Cleobury group, we've heard that two of the Prayer Pastors have stepped down, as people who have given up time at weekends inevitably will. If you feel you'd like to be involved with this quiet but effective revolution, feel free to talk to Mike at 07962 013281 or e-mail him at mikef@tharion.com.

SEEN AT THE FARMERS' MARKET



CSOs Mandy Leek (left) and Shelley Hyde.

These two Community Support Officers womanned a Police stand at the June Farmers' Market to show some of the equipment the householder can buy at a special price to help fight the criminals. You'll find details of prices and uses on Page 33, under the regular Clarion Coppers report.

CSO Mandy Leek is Bridgnorth based and was here in support of CSO Shelley Hyde, who you'll see around town sometimes on her patrolling duties. These girls have got a big job to do with the force numbers being reduced. and their message about fitting crime prevention tools makes a lot of sense in deterring the less honest out there.

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July in the Wyre Forest - Linda Iles



Honeysuckle is just one of the flowers to see and smell in July.

This month should be the height of summer for us. We long for sunshine and some heat, having been deprived of both over the last few years. The longest day is past but the green of the trees continues to deepen and the succession of summer flowers continues: cow-wheat, yellow pimpernel, self heal and bugle replacing the bluebells and lily of the valley in the forest. This is the time of year when honeysuckle spreads its sweet scent abroad from the trees it uses as support to reach the sunshine. The other name for the plant, 'woodbine', refers to its ability to twine up young stems. Its spiralling imprint on the host tree supplies 'barley sugar' twist stems which are sought-after by walking stick makers. The

beautifully-designed flowers provide food for dormice and many insects, with a scent that deepens in the evenings to attract pollinating moths. Children used to nibble the ends of the flowers to taste the sugary nectar – maybe they still do.

As I write I can hear two or maybe three cuckoos across the forest. I hope it has been a successful year for them as, despite their cruel breeding behaviour, I think the forest would be a sad place without them and don't want to find myself describing their evocative calls to disbelieving future generations. This month they begin to leave the forest on their long journeys back to Africa.

If you love the forest you may enjoy the Forestry Commission's booklet, 'The Wyre Forest', available at the Tourist Information Centre (Bewdley Museum), the Discovery Centre and Unclyls Farm at £6. It is full of information about the forest's geology, history, wildlife and management and has some stunning photographs – a real treasure even if I say it myself!

Linda Iles

HOW LOW CAN YOU GO?

There was a malicious attack on Marion Parsons' New Bridge Nursery on the night of June 22-23rd, between 1.00 and 4.30am. Petty damage was done to the nursery and some of the stocks, but there was a really nasty move by whoever did this when they opened the doors to the units where Marion keeps her rescue cats safe. Many of the cats escaped, including a feral mother who was suckling kittens. For Heaven's sake, why pick on such defenceless animals as kittens?

The Police are looking into the offence and would appreciate any help you may be able to give if you were passing New Bridge and saw someone or a vehicle there in the small hours. If you have information, Marion on CM 270701 will point you towards the right contact.

Whether you like cats or not, it's good that in this world there are people like Marion prepared to work and spend their own money to protect innocent animals. Damaging such a place and putting them at risk is a very low form of bullying.

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KINLET'S SUMMER FESTIVAL



Kinlet's Church of Saint John the Baptist. Far from the main road, but worth the journey to find its beauty.

For a small Shropshire village to promote a week long festival in the parish church was a bold move. But Kinlet has a very good story to tell about itself, a strong community feeling and a lot of talented and devoted people who are willing to give their time. The result was beyond their expectations.

"We didn't charge for admission, apart from the Chapter 8 concert on Friday. We just asked for donations," explained Mike Cartledge, one of the organising band. "People were really generous and I reckon we'll make about £600 for the church."

Saint John the Baptist is both ancient and beautiful, even more so when dressed with flowers in shades to match its fine East Window. The tomb of Sir John and his wife Catherine dominate the Blount Chapel, dating from 1581. There is no space for a history lesson here, but this place goes back 1,000 or more years and is an historic gem

There was something to see or hear almost every evening, and every one saw a strong attendance. The talk about the Channel Tunnel by Stuart Doughty of Costain was a sell-out.

Lack of time meant our attendance was brief, but we were made very welcome by two members of the church, proud to say how the congregation has grown in the last decade. We asked Mark Daborn if the Festival would be repeated and he gave a properly non-committal: "You'll have to ask the church wardens about that." They weren't there to ask, but on the basis of this result, the Kinlet Festival should become a fixture in the calendar.

AN APOLOGY

Our report in the June issue of the Crown Country Inn in Munslow's treatment of the Footpath Association was less

than accurate. It was based on a series of e-mails between Footpath Association members (we are paid up members, so we have rightful access) and some of them were not happy. It was just one side of the story and I should have checked the detail.

Jane Arnold of the Country Inn has provided us with a detailed e-mail record of correspondence and it should be made clear that the cancellation of the CMFA's original booking in March because of heavy snow was accepted and no cancellation charge made. There had been a number of add-ons and drop-outs to that list, all accepted amicably.

The May lunch was provisionally booked, but the CMFA did not want to estimate numbers; the restaurant needed an estimate, to ensure best use of their space. When CMFA said they were not able to give a block booking, the Country Inn accepted their decision gracefully. It is normal for a party to make a block booking for such a meal, with flexibility on both sides.

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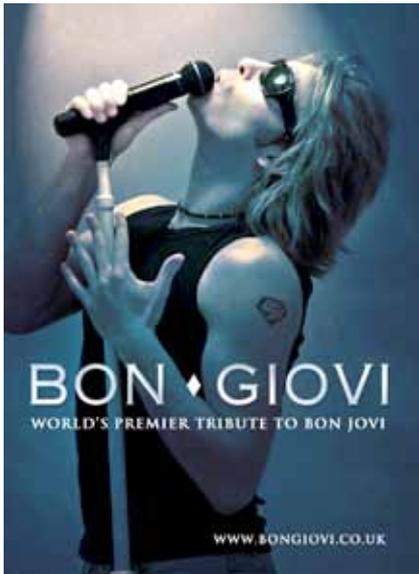
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THE HOLE IN THE WALL GROWS AND GROWS



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Mawley Travel will be running a Shuttle Bus from The Talbot in Cleobury and from The Smithfield in Ludlow for the Saturday concert.

Hobsons begin their birthday bash at 6.00 on Friday evening with 'It's a Knockout' next to the Campsite Arena, and fine ales to wash away any inhibitions. Then at 9.00 'Neil

Saunders fires up the disco to carry on until 11.30. Don't worry about food - there's a pig roast.

The walled garden of Hopton Court will house the traditional Saturday HITW concert, with The Counterfeit Stones headlining and other tribute bands Bon Giovi and Bootleg Blondie plus Doz Brendel in support. Gates open at 4.40, Stones on stage at 9.30.

Sunday shares attention with family activities, DJ's and live music on stage. Bands include The Quo aka 4 Rossis, Star ving Dogs and more support ing acts - bookings are still coming in.

More details and bookings on www.holeinthewallfestival.co.uk. It's one of the biggest entertainments in the area. Enjoy.

THE FARMERS' MARKET

The drive to convince us of the quality of local produce carries on, with new faces to be seen at the June gathering. It was wet early on, normally a bad sign for any event with an outside element, but the place still looked busy when we arrived at 10.30.

Sadly the lady who was showing nesting boxes in May didn't make it. But in the body of the church we met The Tipsy

Tarts from Ludlow, offering some unusual blends of flavours mixed with vodka to make them even more interesting. They promised to come back for the July market, so that the editor could save his pennies and buy some, so worth looking for this month.

Our family palate doesn't normally take to the richness of venison, but the Good Game display included pigeon breasts in bacon, a new combination to me. And a very pleasant dinner they provided; must find just where they're based in the Old Station Business Park and tell you more about them in a future issue. It's the same old story - you just do not know how much is going on out there in Cleobury Country.

There was a group of buskers in the church entrance, avoiding the end of the rain showers and breaking off to find refreshment in the form of apple juice - better known as cider. They made a good bluesy sound, but had no band name to offer, just a few players who got together to jam. Very listenable and relaxed; they fitted the Farmers Market style perfectly. Hope they come back.

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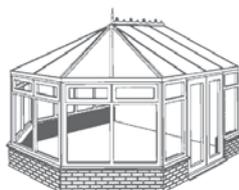
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He did a year as a self employed architect but moved back to being employed ("I knew very little about marketing myself," he admits) as a land

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