

The Cleobury Clarion

NEW MAN AT THE TOP

June 2011

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Sean Thorogood, the new Chair of Cleobury Parish Council.

It was all change at the Parish Council Annual General Meeting on May 11th. Newcomer Sean Thorogood was voted in as Chairman for the next year, taking over from long term chairman Ken Reynolds.

Mr Thorogood has lived in the town for five years and was coopted onto the council just a year ago. 46 years of age, he has shown diplomacy in tackling problems and promises that the

work of the council will be open to public scrutiny as much as possible.

All Council meetings will be held upstairs at the Market Hall. And he's looking at installing a microphone system that will make every speaker easy to hear, despite those dreadful acoustics.

We wish Mr Thorogood well and will interview him in detail later in the year, when he's settled in.

THE SCHOOL PROM



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IN THE LIBRARY

The national press and TV news carried a story early in May about Worcestershire-born Claude Joules. Claude died in Australia, his adopted home, the last surviving First World War veteran at the age of 110.

In 2009 Mr Choules became the oldest person ever to publish their autobiography, in his case titled "The Last of the Last." It's a fascinating glimpse of rural life many years ago, and there's a copy in the library.

With so much gloom and doom being talked about cutbacks, it's a real pleasure to remind you that when the library moved into its new home in the Cleobury Country Centre, the County service found an extra £4,000 to fund the purchase of new books for our shelves. And Jenny tells us that useage is going up...

GOOD TO SEE...

Nick Morris, our Community Support Officer, back in town. And to see him issue a warning notice to the driver of a car parked in Love Lane, selfishly taking up so much of the pavement that push chairs, prams and even shopping trolleys couldn't get past and had to take to the road. Only the crassly stupid can regard the idea of both pensioners and children mixing with vehicles on the highway as worth a try

There was a time when pavements were places where pedestrians walked, but too often today they are seen as a parking space. Time to get cars back onto roads and pedestrians onto pavements?

Pavements for pedestrians - that's a novel idea.

THE LEAFY PRIDE OF OUR HIGH STREET

Flo Hadley, chair of the Cleobury Horticultural Society, on one of the town's attractions:

Did you know that the seventeen lime trees that gracefully stretch the length of the town were planted in 1897 to celebrate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee in 1897? So they have witnessed life in Cleobury Mortimer longer than any of the town's residents. They were pollarded until about ten years ago, when the Horticultural Society put in the ropes in order to create the current pleached shape, inspired by a visit to Bruges Cathedral where a similar effect has been created. The Society continued to prune them annually until two years ago when the size of the trees meant that it was no longer a job for members to undertake safely. Shropshire Council stepped in to do the work in 2010 and, despite significant budget cuts, agreed to do the work again this year.

What an excellent job the contractors have done. The decaying ropes have been replaced and will soon be hidden by new leaf growth. Eventually, the framework will sustain itself and the ropes will no longer be needed.

But it's not all good news. From next year, Shropshire Council will pay only half of the cost, so the Horticultural Society is planning to request the Parish Council to meet the shortfall. The Society intends to make an annual donation itself and is seeking contributions from other bodies in the town. If you'd be willing to commit to an annual

donation towards the cost and making Cleobury attractive, we'd love to hear from you. Contact me 01299 271762 or flo.hadley@btinternet.com. You can donate as much as you like, so long as it's a long term offer and you're willing to donate every year into the foreseeable future.

Hopefully, together we can secure sustained funding to ensure that these trees remain safe in the town's hands. They are a feature unique in Shropshire and one that other towns are seeking to emulate elsewhere in the country, so we should be proud of them.

NEW SATURDAY OPENING

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Regina

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Laying down the loot. Left to right:
Lucy Swancott, Bethany Webb and
Jess Evans

Mark Greaves tells about the Not Quite a Mile of Coins effort by St Mary's Youth Project:

We have been collecting coins for about five months, with several large donations from various sources within the community. To them go our thanks and appreciation for their support with our work with young people in this community.

Our target was a mile but we managed to make 372 metres and raised £170 towards the young people's weekend away in June.

It was a great evening and even some of the parents joined in towards the end of the night.

We will be taking the young people away and will be using some of the equipment which had been funded locally to take the group outdoor rock climbing to the peak district.

Mark Greaves

CLOWS TOP GARDENING CLUB

At the April meeting, speaker Jill Whitehead, gave a talk and presentation on 'Hidden

Gardens Of Herefordshire'. The slide show had some excellent pictures of small gardens throughout Herefordshire, which usually open for the National Garden Scheme or Charities. The evening was a great success with everyone thoroughly enjoying the talk.

Come along to one of our monthly meetings. A great opportunity to share your thoughts, ideas and advice with others. We have a great programme of speakers as well as evening visits to local gardens and an Annual Coach Trip.

Diary Date: Wednesday June 22nd. Speaker Adrian James, with a talk on 'Bodenham Arboretum Through The Seasons'

THANK YOU

We get a lot of these, a compliment to the community. Suzanne France writes;

Would you be kind enough to thank the person called Charlie to took my greyhound Misty in on Saturday night, May 7th. She disappeared just before a storm started and didn't come home. I searched all evening, called the vets and the police and stayed on the couch all night in case she came back and I could hear her at the door. Charlie left her with a friend in the morning as he had to go out early and the police phoned me at 8.00am to say where she was. I had Charlie's mobile number but he would not divulge his surname or address. I have sent a card and a reward via his friend, from whom I collected Misty, but would like a public 'thanks' for both of them if you have space.

Suzanne France

SOMETHING RATHER SPECIAL AT MAMBLE

We are making our Flower Festival Weekend a very special event in Mamble this year. As well as the beautiful Flower arrangements by Hazel West's classes that will be displayed in the church and the Open Gardens, we will also have art by local artists displayed at several locations around the village. All this will be on the theme "Nature is but Art".

As before, it is a charity event in aid of Midland Air Ambulance, Mamble Village Hall and Mamble Church. It is happening over a three-day weekend, from Friday June 24th to Sunday the 26th.

Georgina Instone

CLEE HILL ART EXHIBITION

The Painting for Pleasure Art Group at Clee Hill are exhibiting some of their work at the Recreation Room in Clee Hill village, Saturday and Sunday, June 18th and 19th. from 10.00a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Admission is a very affordable £1.00 and includes refreshments. Most of the paintings will be for sale.

The Group meets every Monday from 10.00 to 12 noon – cost £2.00 a session – and new members would be welcome whatever their ability.

SILLY BITS

'I went to the butcher's the other day and bet him 50 quid he couldn't reach the meat off the top shelf. He said "No, the steaks are too high".

'A man walked into the doctor and said "I've hurt my arm in several places." The doctor said "Well, don't go there again.'

Both from Tommy Cooper via e-mail

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Major Alan Edwards, ex Intelligence Corps and one of our very informative guides.



In a country under bombardment, sometimes severe rules are needed to keep law and order.



Our other guide was Wing Commander Michael Mockford of the RAF Camera Unit.

The Legion's 'Secret War' Outing

On April 28th, the Cleobury branch of the Royal British Legion had an all-day outing to investigate some little-known aspects of 'The Secret War'. Leaving on an R&B coach at 8.15 a.m., first stop was Chicksands, near Bedford. This was a WW2 RAF station, where German wireless signals were intercepted and sent to Bletchley Park for possible decoding. The station was used by the US Air Force as a 'listening post' until 1995, but is now the Headquarters of the

British Army's Intelligence Corps. The site is only open to the public by special arrangement, but its museum provides an excellent introduction to the world of covert operations. Its collections include photo-reconnaissance, codebreaking, the Special Operations Executive, and Intelligence, with material from the late 19th to the end of the 20th century.

After lunch the visitors went to the 'Carpetbaggers' museum,

housed in the control buildings of a WW2 airfield at Harrington, from where the USAAF flew hundreds of missions to supply the French Resistance. The staff made us very welcome, and were keen to share specialist knowledge, and show off their extensive collection of WW2 material. We left soon after 5.00, having not had time to look at everything, and were back in Cleobury soon after 7.00.

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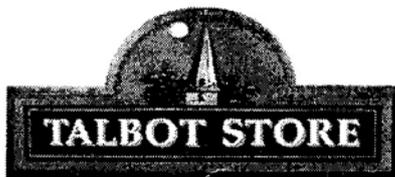
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The children will begin the second half of the Summer Term with activities about Judith Kerr's 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea'. We will be reading the story and making tiger masks, as well as other activities, as preparation for our Playgroup Summer Outing to see the story as a play at the Oakengates Theatre on June 13th!

Please feel free to browse www.kinletfamilyplaygroup.co.uk to find out more about us
Zoe Pearson

THE READING GROUP

"We Need To Talk About Kevin" by Lionel Shriver, a well-written novel - no one enjoyed it but it will be remembered! The book, written in the form of letters, provoked much discussion on child rearing & family life. It was suggested that

perhaps Kevin was autistic, which may have explained some of his problems. The book has just been made into a film & is at present at Cannes Film Festival; will any of us want to see it? Would recommend selectively.

"A Quiet Belief in Angels" by R J Ellory is our selected book for the meeting on June 20th at Cleobury Library.

Deana Kimber (CM 271754)

PARTY IN THE PARK, WITH THE POLICE

This is an unusual project. It's West Mercia Police getting together with Radio Sunshine and Kerry Foods to organise a Family Fun Day. Sunday June 26th is the date, Palmers Meadow in Tenbury Wells the venue.

There's an impressive list of things happening: Rides, bouncy castle, birds of prey display, face painting, bands playing, dancing, Sunshine Radio entertaining and lots of interactive play for children. And it's on from 12.00 noon to 5.00 o'clock

AND THE WEEK AFTER...

On Saturday July 2nd, the annual Fayre Around the Steeple will be in the grounds of the Parish Church, offering lots for all the family. It an old favourite, and always fun.

CLEOBURY IN BLOOM

Every year the Horticultural Society makes changes to the format of Cleobury in Bloom. We still have all-year elements, like maintaining the plant trough outside The Talbot and ensuring the lime trees in High Street are properly maintained, but we are also hosting a number of competitions in July.

There will be a competition for primary schools; each of the schools has a starter pack to help their garden become productive. We are organising an allotment competition for Lacon Childe School, who tend the twenty plots they created last year. And a competition for the Society's allotment holders. Members are also looking for gardens, a container or hanging basket to nominate for our spot prize. Don't be surprised if someone knocks at your door to ask if you're happy to be entered for this aspect.

Awards will be presented on Saturday, July 9th - more details next month.
Flo Hadley

SILLY BITS

'Good judgement comes from bad experience..and most of that comes from bad judgement.'

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

We start with Allan Gilhooley, Head Teacher at Lacon Childe School.



A classroom teacher here before, Mr Gilhooley returned as Head and is building on the record of success.

He heads the town's biggest employer, with 80 people helping to run the school. It has an annual budget of £2.5million, 550 customers who need stimulation every day and a regular inspection to make sure the place stays on target. Running a school is no easy ride.

Finance is always a headache, with less money per pupil in rural schools than their inner city equivalents get. City schools have more complex social problems to face, but in the country there are much higher costs for transport. He accepts it: "Shire counties traditionally have lower funding."

Ofsted, the Office for Standards in Education, used to call and inspect the school every three years. But as the standard got higher - 'Outstanding' recently - that pressure has eased. How long are the inspection intervals now? "Six, maybe seven years,"

he says. "But another inspection could be triggered by several factors, such as poor exam results." Another aspect of this big job is the need for diplomacy when dealing with both parents and pupils.

So how does he intend to keep standards improving? He thinks carefully before answering: "Supporting the children by supporting my staff. Expecting the best and having a continual push to improve standards. Gentle pressure, applied relentlessly."

A good example is the recent change in the school day, the result of staff observing pupils' behaviour and realising that concentration was fading during the two hour afternoon. A trial run of four lessons in the morning, then late lunch from 1.25 to 2.25 and one lesson before the 3.30 end to the day, was liked by pupils and staff. Even better, it gave more productive lessons.

Catering is another area where Allan's thoughtful approach has paid off. He called two established caterers in to present their menus and service to staff, parents and pupils; the vote went to Class Catering, who provide food to the government's raised standard of nutrition. It seems that Jamie Oliver's campaign did get through.

The most visible recent change has been the installation of security fencing around the site. Not popular with everyone, it is now standard practice in schools, to provide greater security for the children. It also helps reduce

the problem of dog fouling on the playing fields.

He worked at Lacon Childe some years ago, leaving to further his experience after telling his colleagues: "It would be great to come back here as a deputy head." He smiles at the memory: "I never saw myself being a head, but could be a deputy." In a climb up the ladder at a succession of schools he was Head of Faculty, Deputy Head and then Acting Head. That was when the Lacon Childe job was advertised and he stepped into the big shoes here. "You can achieve anything if you've got the confidence and the right people behind you," he admits. He's proved that point and is working on showing others how true it is, full of praise for his staff. He normally arrives at 7.30, when some cars are already in the parking area and staff preparing for the day.

The future? "Recruiting the best staff. Rather like a Premier League manager, you've got to have the best players and improve the players you've got."

That reflects in the Lacon Family of Schools, working with the primary schools whose pupils will come here, his staff going out to work with others. Plus possibly sharing facilities and resources with another Shropshire school to provide even better service. Not easy in times of reduced budgets, but don't make the mistake of thinking this quiet achiever can't do it. I've never heard him shout; Quiet but Effective clearly works.

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Philip Dunne's Letter from Westminster

Last month the Coalition Government passed its first anniversary in office. You will have your own view about how this is working, but whatever your interest in Westminster, it is worth reflecting on what the Government has achieved in its first twelve months.

Two parties, which had secured 84% of the vote here in Ludlow constituency, came together in the national interest to form a strong, stable government, following a general election which did not produce a conclusive result. This is the first peacetime coalition government in most people's memory. Some said it would not last, others that it would not work. One year on, a quarter of the commitments made in the agreement have been completed, and we are on the way to completing two-thirds of the total.

The priority remains strengthening the economy, to deliver spending plans to deal with the unprecedented deficit. Through last year's spending review and two Budgets, we are cutting the deficit, supporting growth, restoring confidence. Challenges remain, with debt and inflation too high, unemployment too high but declining. We are helping with the cost of living by cutting income tax for millions, freezing council tax and reducing fuel duty. But the coalition is about more than sound public finances and better spending. This is a government determined to

reform the way it works; by cutting bureaucracy and trusting people more, we are modernising our public services. We are reversing centralisation, putting power back into the hands of people.

We are seeking fairness at the heart of the measures we take, so are stopping the practice where people who did the wrong thing got rewarded, and those that did the right thing got punished. We are undertaking a radical shake-up of our benefits system, capping housing benefit and introducing a Universal Credit to simplify the system and ensure that work always pays. We have introduced a pupil premium to help schools' disadvantaged children and are restoring discipline to the classroom.

There is more to be done. As a five-year government, the focus of the coalition is on the long-term issues that have held Britain back. Many involve questions about sustainability: from the eradication of a crippling budget deficit, to the reform of welfare, pensions, immigration, university funding and the NHS. This government is tackling them.

In the four years ahead, the coalition is more determined than ever to be a different kind of government: transparent, open and willing to listen as it seeks to rebalance Britain's economy, repair Britain's broken society and rebuild trust and accountability in Britain's politics.

Philip Dunne

Heather Kidd's Local View

We often forget the implications of all those electrical appliances we now have and need. Those things that mean washing day is not the hard graft my mother and grandmother had every Monday, using the flat iron on Tuesdays, sweeping not vacuuming and sitting round the only family radio. Now we have radios and TV's galore, computers, washing machines, endless other electrical gadgets and constant electric light.

All those items cost us dear in electricity and remembering to take them off stand-by can be an issue. The country needs to generate more electricity to keep pace with our increasing needs and investigations into alternative power sources rush on. Where I live in the west of the County, power from wind farms will be brought through

Shropshire from Mid Wales to supply the Grid- and all our appliances.

Do we like the way it is brought to our homes? Pylons? Most do not in beautiful rural Shropshire. Do we think wind farms are the answer? Some do, many do not. Do we want electricity? Yes.

Perhaps it is time the County had a debate about exactly how we are going to do this and look at ALL the implications not just parts of them. The wind farms and the pylons, the nuclear power stations and their waste, tidal power usage and its impact. There may not be a simple solution but it may be time the whole picture was examined - most do not want it in their back yard but they want the electricity. This could be quite a debate!

Heather Kidd



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CLEOBURY W.I.

Another well attended meeting in May enjoyed an interesting talk about Aloe Vera. Lottie Dale travelled from Ashfield in Worcester to enlighten us on the benefits of Aloe Vera. Many of us have an aloe plant, from which we break off a leaf and squeeze out the juice for a wound or burn as we know of its healing property. But we did not realise that it has many other applications. It can heal from the inside out, as the plant contains many minerals, amino acids and vitamins that are useful to our bodies.

Lottie outlined the different products available and we were able to test and smell many. The creams gentle and soothing, but the drinks, were of a taste that you would have to acquire! The products on display were available to order; several were persuaded of their benefits. The evening concluded with a buffet.

Our next meeting will be on June 14th, when we will be hearing about Thomas Telford and his engineering feats in Shropshire.

Liz Smurthwaite

MAWLEY OPEN DAY

The recent Open Day was an enjoyable event, raising £1600 to be shared between The Friends of Saint Mary's and the Shropshire Historic Churches Trust

About 200 people came to see the gardens, which have listed status. Many visitors went inside The Hall which contains one of the finest Baroque interiors in England. Refreshments were served in

the old Coach House, a fine listed building. Our thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Galliers-Pratt for their cooperation in organising the event and to all who came along.

Next event: Friday, June 17th at 7.30pm, a repeat of last year's successful Midsummer Wine Walk. Four venues this year and programmes/tickets will shortly be on sale.

Alec Osbaldiston

THE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

In May members enjoyed a talk by Julia Scott about the Walled Garden, full of herbs, in Worcester. Julia had been developing a herb garden in Evesham but it grew so that a larger space was needed. A site was found in the middle of Worcester, in an abandoned state and once the kitchen garden of Vine House. It was ripe for development. The RHS and the BBC recognised the value of the garden and a number of articles and programmes have featured its development.

Herbs were central to the development of the garden and many have a great beneficial value medically and as a protection against insects. For example--Lemon Verbena--a relaxing herb, good for sleep problems, Camomile--settles upset stomachs, Marigold cream--good for burns. For the gardener there is a mixture of herbs that can speed up the process of composting, producing excellent results in six weeks. An interesting and enlightening talk.

Doug Smurthwaite

THE FOOTPATH ASSOCIATION

The kissing gate at Whitegates was installed as we had indicated last month. CMFA members are also busy now with early summer clearance of footpaths.

The great walking weather continues and we are offering a June Parish Walk -2.00pm on Sunday June 5th from St Mary's Church. Do come along.

Graham Simpson

MEET MADGE

County Councillor Madge Shingleton is holding a local surgery, in the Market Hall on Saturday morning, June 11th, from 9.30 to 11.00.

No appointments are necessary. As the very approachable Mrs Shingleton puts it: "An independent, I don't have an entourage to deal with all that, there's just me." And few councillors are more helpful than her.

ROAD CLOSURE

The road from Neen Savage Ford to Stone House crossroads will be closed for resurfacing work on Tuesday June 14th from 8.00am to 4.00 in the afternoon. There will be diversions posted.

SILLY BITS

A man takes his cross-eyed Rottweiler to the vet and asks if there's anything he can do.

"Let's have a look," says the vet, picks up the dog and examines his eyes and ears. Then says "I'm going to have to put him down."

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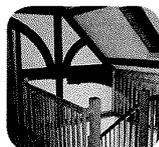
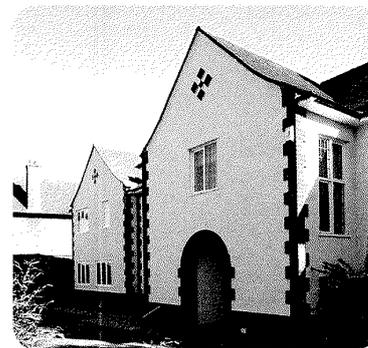
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This used to be the Hollybush Vets Pets Page, but things have changed.

Welcome to the Severn Edge Veterinary Group

Elayne Jonas explains:

As of June 1st Hollybush vets have merged with The Old Pound Vets to form Severn Edge Veterinary Group, a new veterinary business with familiar faces and a dedication to pet, livestock and equine health.

Both well established and respected vet practices have taken pride in providing excellent care and service to pet and animal owners in South Shropshire for many years. We have now come together to share our expertise and facilities and plan to bring an even more comprehensive level of care to the area.

There are now surgeries in Cleobury, Bridgnorth, Much Wenlock, Broseley, Donnington and Madeley all of which provide small animal cover. Livestock vets will operate from Bridgnorth, Cleobury and Much Wenlock and the equine surgery is based at Aston Munslow. Bridgnorth surgery with its enhanced facilities will move to 24 hour emergency care and there will be a member of staff on the premises at all times. This means that any out of hours emergency will be seen there by one of our own Severn Edge vets.

The good news is that all the familiar faces will still be here; vets, nurses and support staff. The practice ethos also remains the same - compassionate and affordable care provided locally.

Over the next six months we will be highlighting our new identity and talking more about our plans for the future and how they will bring further improvements to all aspects of our care of local pets and animals.

The vets and support teams of nurses and receptionists will be able to answer any questions as improvements take place and more importantly are there to deliver what we all believe to be the very best care and support.

Check out our new website:

www.severnedgevets.co.uk

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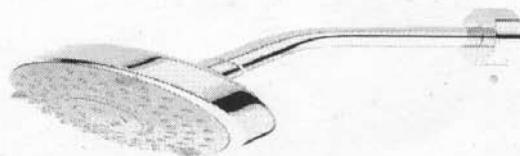


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FANTASTIC JUNIOR FOOTIE PEOPLE

Two reports on a great football season. The first from Harry Booton, left back in the Under 13s team:

The Under 13s have had an outstanding league season, playing 15 games, winning fourteen and drawing just one. Making us the South Shropshire Junior Football League champions! That is not all, as we have also played our way through tough rounds into the finals of two memorial cups. And won those too!

On behalf of all my team mates I would like to say a big 'Thank You' to all our managers: Eddie, Tank, Kev and Colin. Without them we wouldn't have a team.

Harry Booton, left back.

And one from chairman Mark Booton:

Now the season has ended, just a few words of thanks to the players and their families for supporting our local club. This season we have run teams from Under 8s through to Under 13s, with around 75 children playing football each week.

This could not be achieved without the commitment of our team managers and committee members, who give their time freely. Our special thanks go to Bill Evans, who marks the pitches every week during the season, come rain or shine.

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All these courses will be at the Centre in Love Lane and the dates and costs can be confirmed if you call CM 272300 and speak to Clare, Sam or Sue.

ROAD CLOSURE

On July 11th the British Legion's 90th Anniversary will be celebrated with a parade through the town. This will be a big event and Childe Road, High Street, Church Street and part of Lower Street will be closed from 2.30 to 3.15. You'll need to plan a diversion if you're going out.

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Please apply to Clare Todd (CM 272300) for hire costs for your personal or community event. Funding was provided by the Local Joint Committee (3 units) and Cleobury Mortimer Parish Council (1 unit) so thanks to both organisations for seeing that the provision of such equipment really meets a community need.

THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

We celebrated the Royal Wedding in style, with a party for all 30 members and helpers in the Parish Hall. The Hall was lavishly decorated with Union Jack bunting, flags and photographs of William and Catherine. A buffet tea was enjoyed, with wine to toast the Royal couple, and commemorative mugs, each with

an Easter egg, were given to everyone present.

Competition winners were: Easter Bonnet - Ann Adams; Home Made Easter Card - Barbara Smith.

Janet Rolston

VACANCY AT THE CENTRE

On the Jobs Page are details of a vacancy at Cleobury Country Centre, who are looking for a new member of their reception team. It's because Sam is moving on to another job, having been a part of the very helpful crew who make the place such a pleasure to visit.

We wish Sam well in her new post and are glad to hear that she'll still be running the Market Hall office for the Parish Church

ST MARY'S PLACE FETE

Sunday June 26th is the date for a mini fete at St Mary's Place, off Love Lane. With help from the Girl Guides and Rangers, there'll be children's games, competitions to try and stalls to visit. And the little known Community Garden will be open, a quiet place to discover, and quietly sit and rest.

FROM THE BANDROOM

Cleobury Mortimer Concert Brass joined forces with Clee Hill Village Choir and Ludlow Young Voices to present a concert at Ludlow Methodist Chapel in aid

of The Community Council of Shropshire Grassroots Fund. The Band has recently been awarded a grant from the fund to enable them to purchase additional instrumental equipment.

The Band has a full programme for this summer. On Sunday May 15th they gave a concert in the bandstand on the banks of the Avon at Stratford. and on June 5th they will be playing in Shrewsbury Quarry

Any brass player interested in joining the band or just coming along for a visit is very welcome. Rehearsals take place on Wednesday evenings at 7.30p.m. in the Parish Hall, Cleobury Mortimer

Further details from me at CM 270560

Stella Wilcox

HERE'S A DELIGHT

The Clarion has featured Claire Carter and her photographic work in our Local Crafts series.

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The Clarion's Monthly Social Calendar - Part One

Date	Time	Details	Contact	Telephone Number
Wed 1	10.00am	Walk and Talk – monthly walk from the Leisure Centre	Ian Pearmain	
Wed 1	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 splendid village hall.	Sonia Pearsall	01584 890874
Fri 3		GREEN WHEELIE BINS EMPTIED TODAY		
	1.00pm	Wyre Forest Community Discovery Centre Open Afternoon		
Sat 4	7.30pm	Quiz Night at Farlow and Oretton Village Hall, raising funds for the Clee Hill Bridleway Group.		
Sun 5	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		
	2.00pm	The Footpath Association has a Parish Walk, starting from St Mary's in the town centre.		
Wed 8	12.30pm	Ladies Luncheon Club meets at The Crown in Hopton Wafers	Alison Osborne	01584 890414
Thu 9		BLACK WHEELIE BINS AND GREEN RECYCLE BOXES EMPTIED TODAY		
Fri 10	8.00pm	Bingo Night at Cleeton St Mary Village Hall, proceeds to the hall.	Eula Rutter	01584 891200
Sat 11	9.30am to 11.30am	Cllr Madge Shineton has a surgery in the Market Hall. No appointment necessary to discuss your concerns.		
Sun 12	12.00pm	Five-A-Side Nightingale Football Day at Cleobury Playing Fields, Love Lane. Raising funds for a very important cause whilst having fun. Contact the Sports Centre	Carl Brookes	CM 271317
Mon 13	8.00pm	The Horticultural Society meets in the Methodist Hall, Church Street. Speaker Mike King on "Carnivorous Plants"		
Tue 14	7.30am	The Breakfast Club meets at the King's Arms to hear Nick Davis talk about "Sustainability at the Brewery".		
	8.00am to 4.00pm	The road from Neen Savage Ford to Stone House Crossroads will be closed for resurfacing. Diversions will be signed.		
	7.30pm	Cleobury W.I meets in the Parish Hall to hear about Thomas Telford and his engineering work in the county.		
Wed 15	8.00pm	Whist Drive at Doddington Village Hall. Good parking facilities. See Wed 1 st above for full details.	Sonia Pearsall	01584 890874
Thu 16		GREEN WHEELIE BINS EMPTIED TODAY		

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Date	Time	Details	Contact	Telephone Number
	7.45pm	Whist Drive, Sports & Social Club, Love Lane	Alan Evans	CM 270114
Fri 17	7.30pm	The renowned Rain or Shine Theatre Company perform "Much Ado About Nothing" on the front lawn at Kinlet Hall. Lovely setting and affordable Shakespeare at £11.00 adults, £10.00 concessions and £6.00 children	Tickets	01299 841230
Sat 18	2.30pm	Summer Fete at Doddington Village Hall		
Sat 18 / Sun 19	10.00am	Painting for Pleasure Art Group show off their work in the Recreation Room at Clee Hill Village. £1.00 admission includes refreshments.		
Mon 20	7.30pm	The Reading Group meets at the Library to chat and maybe praise.	Deana Kimber	CM 271754
Wed 22	7.45pm	Clows Top Gardening Club meets at the Victory Hall. Speaker: Adrian James on Bodenham Arboretum		
Thu 23		BLACK WHEELIE BINS AND GREEN RECYCLE BOXES EMPTIED TODAY		
	8.00pm	Whist Drive at Neen Savage Village Hall	Clare Ratcliff	CM 270173
Fri 24 to Sat 26		Mamble Flower Festival combines blooms and local artists' work on display. Profits to charity		
Fri 24	8.00pm	Bingo Night at Doddington Village Hall	Sonia Pearsall	01584 890874
Sat 25	6.00pm	The Horticultural Society enjoy "Pimms and Puds" at Catherton House.		
	8.00pm	Dave Summers starts in an evening of entertainment at the Sports and Social Club.		
Sun 26	12.00pm	Party in the Park at Palmers Meadow, Tenbury Wells. Free Fun Day, organized by West Mercia Police		
	2.00pm	Mini Fete at St Mary's Place, off Love Lane. Good chance to see the little known Community Garden hidden away up there. The Girl Guides and Rangers are helping.		
Thu 30		GREEN WHEELIE BINS EMPTIED TODAY		
		AND LOOKING AHEAD TO JULY....		
Fri 1	8.00pm	Bingo Night at Doddington Village Hall. See June 24 th above.	Sonia Pearsall	01584 890874
Sat 2	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		
Wed 6	10.00am	Walk and Talk – monthly walk from the Leisure Centre	Ian Pearmain	
Sat 9		Prizegiving for Cleobury in Bloom. Have you entered yet for this event that shows the town at its best?		

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Clarion Coppers - PC Tony Sewell

Good news. This month there have been no house burglaries, while the Neighbourhood Watch is gaining momentum and new people are joining all the time. If you want to join, contact Flo Hadley or myself at the station and we will pass on your details. Let's keep up the good work. There has been very little in the way of crime and anti social behaviour in May, so we have been trying to get out on patrol as much as we can to keep these incidents as low as possible. We are living in one of the lowest crime areas in the country and of course one of the most beautiful.

The main complaints at the moment are in relation to speeding. Speed enforcement continues throughout the area, so you have been warned.

We continue with our school litter patrols on Wednesday mornings, when four volunteers from Lacon Childe come with me to areas that need clearing. If you know somewhere then please tell us as we are, as you probably know, the cleanest town in Britain.

I attended the school prom, which was a great evening for the children leaving school, and was also at the Cleobury Primary school fete on a Friday evening. Schools are important in society and I believe the police

have a role to play early on in the way children are guided through life and learn what they can and cannot do. I currently have lessons with the year 7 tutor groups to re enforce this message about what the police do and how I expect them to behave.

There have been issues about the age that children can be left at home alone. Don't do it, as if something happens you could be facing court for child neglect. And as for leaving a child asleep in a car seat then leaving the car on the drive, or to pop into the shop; young children should not be left alone at all. If they get into difficulty, then so could you.

We have the Nightingale Family Day and Football Tournament coming up on June 12th, so if anyone is around to help set up or pack away, we can pass on your details.

Community Policing is about us all working together. What has been nice over the past few months is how willing people are to help, I have two new volunteers at the police station and we are hoping that in a few weeks time it will be open most mornings between 10.00 and 12.00 It is already open most Saturdays and Thursdays.

See you around town.

PC Tony Sewell

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ANOTHER THANK YOU This one is from two grateful members of the Friendship Club:

On behalf of members of the Friendship Club, we would like to thank Janet, Stella and the committee for all the hard work they have done over the last 12 months.

Also Val, for keeping us up to date with the accounts.

Pat and Eileen

STOTTESDON W.I.

Seven of us got together for our summer visit, on Wednesday May 18th. First stop was the magnificent baroque church beside Witley Court, where we had the benefit of a helpful Guide, who shared his knowledge of the history of this remarkable eighteenth century building, including the tale of importing the massive ornate marble monument during its grand refurbishment. Although Witley Court is now a ruined reminder of opulent bygone days, the church continues its vibrant life as a venue for concerts and regular services.

We enjoyed a stop in the gardens of the tearooms, before

exploring more of the Worcestershire countryside en route to the Jinney Ring Craft Centre, near Hanbury. Here we were able to browse the workshops, buy some gifts and enjoy a lunch of local produce.

In June we are back to normal with our monthly meeting on Wednesday 15th at 7.30 p.m. at Farlow village hall. June Emerson will be leading us in a 'hands-on' session of peg loom weaving. Please do join us if you can.

Marian Wootton

THANK YOU FROM MACMILLAN NURSES Sue Henderson, another unsung heroine of the fund raising scene, would like a minute of your attention:

Thank you to all who gave to the Macmillan Cancer Support street collection on May 7th. £256 was donated.

And thank you also to all who supported our Coffee Morning held on May 21st. The sum raised on that occasion was £187-80.

Sue Henderson

HAVE YOU TRIED?

A Fidget Pie? Apparently it's a traditional Shropshire recipe, used to feed the workers out in

fields. The basis is a layer of gammon, blended with cider and cinnamon and then a layer of apple to top it all off. In a traditional pastry pie case.

They have them on sale at the Crusty Cob, a small snack with an interesting aftertaste. Sadly, no flagon of farmhouse cider came with the one we tried, but it's not difficult to find the modern equivalent for that. Try a fidget; not cheap, but certainly intriguing.

CONGRATULATIONS!

To Albert Mantle on winning the men's solo final at a recent Bowls Club tournament. At the end of a long, hard-fought day Albert triumphed, to show that maturity and experience can win through. Maturity? Albert will admit to being 83, so he's well qualified for the description.

KIDDY BIT

A little girl was watching her parents dress for a party, when she saw her father was wearing his tuxedo.

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JUNE IN THE FOREST

Linda Iles' local knowledge



Most people hate wasps. While it isn't surprising, it isn't really fair either. Chris Packham (of The Really Wild Show) has championed the wasp, pointing out their beneficial qualities. They are carnivorous, although the adults like nectar and fruit, and so help to control pests in the garden. The social wasps build beautiful "paper" nests with delicate colour banding out of chewed up wood pulp. They never swarm but at the end of the summer the colonies begin to break up and the adult wasps can then be a nuisance with their liking for our picnics. However the arrival of cold weather kills

off all but the mated queens which will hibernate until the spring.

Norman Hickin in "The Natural History of an English Forest" drew attention to a fascinating relationship between wasps and the figwort plant, which is common in the forest's hedgerows. Their flowers are purplish-brown and are shaped to receive the wasps' mouthparts, which aren't adapted to gathering nectar from most flowers. When wasps feed on the nectar they fertilise the flowers in the process and because of their "special relationship" are almost exclusively responsible for figwort pollination.

There are 27 species of 'true wasps' in Britain, 40 species of the spider-hunting variety and 230 other 'digger wasps'. Their distant relatives, the wood wasps, are often seen in the Wyre Forest. Impressive and even scary-looking, they are 14cm or more in length with a long ovipositor on their tails which could be mistaken for a sting but is actually used to lay eggs in wood.

When not dodging the wasps you may like to join some of the events at the Wyre Forest Discovery Centre at Callow Hill Bewdley DY14 9XQ. Unless otherwise stated, all children's events are aimed at 5 to 11 year olds. (Under 8s to be accompanied by an adult), require pre-booking on 01299 266929 and cost £3.50 per child and run from 10.30 to 12 midday. _Thursdays in term time - Forest Friends for pre-school children and their carers. 10.00am for an hour of forest-based play and activities. £2 per child._No booking required

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Clive Davies' Westwood Farm Diary

Nature Is but Art is the theme of this year's Mamble Festival - it can often be described with other words and adjectives. Like when the weather is extreme on a Bank Holiday weekend, an apparently healthy sheep lies down and dies, or a promising crop is savaged by destructive insects. No, sometimes the natural world can be difficult, a disappointment and disaster. However, more often we are amazed at the wonders of life. The newborn on the farm over the past couple of months is quite remarkable, the annual growth of plants, especially those that have sprung to life even a hard winter period, and the balance of nature, everything depending on an important chain. But so much can be disrupted when mankind interferes too much. Today in our parish church at the memorial service of Bill Trow, a stalwart of village life, we have shared an important lesson in appreciating nature. More than that, in a tribute given by his grandson Ewen, we have learnt of a remarkable life much influenced by the natural world. In his younger days, Bill worked for a short time in forestry. While his business life of world-wide travel took up some forty years or so, in retirement he was able to devote time and resources to developing a piece of mismanaged woodland. This became a thriving and functional habitat. As Reverend Stephen Owens pointed out, here with trees around him, Bill was dealing with lifespans of hundreds of years, not the days or months that many of us live by. But this status, this balance, needs careful management. Too often we witness debacle, destruction and devastation because of extreme interference, most of it by humans. Climate change arguments may be connected with global warming and such but undoubtedly an energy wasting lifestyle is bad news. The amount of food resource wasted, particularly in the western world, is wrong especially when about two billion people are starving or undernourished. When man's reckless decisions, especially if it's assisted by poor governance, causes an out of balance natural lifestyle, then it is no wonder that we reap what we sow. There should be a better understanding that natural history is not only of the past but our future too. In and around the farming scene at this particular time there is great concern about how 2011 will pan-out. To date it has been a dry year and whilst that has made much of our life's plan fairly easy to carry out, there is already underlying concern about autumn's harvest. The eastern side of England has received much less rain than us. This will affect plant growth and could very well lessen the amount of crop to harvest. There is a good chance that sale prices, particularly of cereals and other animal feeds, will see movement upwards. This will concern livestock producers on this western side. Can their businesses cope with increased cost? Is this likely to be an ongoing situation? Will methods have to adapt to the conditions nature brings? Answers on a postcard please! The Festival of the weekend of 24th June is clearly going to display the greatness of our natural world whether it is the use of floral, plant and garden display or the creativity of representation with artwork, photography or song. At this time Nature Will Be But Art!

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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 Wigglesworth	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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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
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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
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Fri	17.30	Rainbows Meeting girls 5-7 years (term-time only)	Jean Basham	07792813774
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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
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Pay-Up Time for Porky



Severn Hospice Chief Executive Paul Cronin collects Porky's cheque from Cleobury manager Gayna Woodland.

The final total of money collected for Porky's Challenge was paid over to Severn Hospice on May 3rd. Hospice CEO Paul Cronin was in town and Gayna handed over £613 at the Day Centre in St Mary's Close.

The amount of money that came in is a tribute to the generosity of this community. The sponsorship sheets in Clarion outlets were busy and I had people stopping me in the street and handing over notes to help the cause. The Robinson family - what lovely people they are - promised a cheque and

when it arrived I was knocked out to find it was for £50.

Every penny raised went to Severn Hospice, whose work for people in distress cannot be overstated. I recently lost a friend to Motor Neurone Disease, and his widow was full of praise for SH, who heard of her situation - she had given up work to nurse Bruce - and sent a cheque for £500. And on the website is a wonderful quote from Michael, one of the charity's patients:

"This wonderful, self financing oasis of unselfishness is available in this hectic world to provide such wonderful service to those in need. Not only have I been introduced to a true treasure, but have also found caring love and a wonderful sanctuary." What a tribute that is.

The presentation was made at a training morning for volunteers in the charity's latest development, Severn Hospice at Home. It's another service that helps people in need, with volunteer visitors looking in on those who don't have regular contact because their families are far away, or they have no family at all. The charity call it 'social isolation' and the remedy

is simple neighbourly behaviour, like calling for a chat, helping with shopping, taking them to the doctor or hospital, or taking the dog for a walk. And if a volunteer can help with the paperwork that complicates life today, that's another source of stress removed.

Could you help? Talk to Gayna at 01299 271391 if you want more details of this way to help others.

JR

BEST WISHES, LINDSAY AND SID

Congratulations and best wishes to Lindsay of the Serendipity Beauty Rooms and her man Sid. They tied the knot on May 21st and are setting out on the big adventure of life together. We wish them all the best and every happiness.

FAITH IN THE PUB

Is back after a month's rest, with youth worker Jez due to talk about his experience at the KA around 8.00 o'clock on Monday the 6th.

Organiser Roger Skelhorn has been working hard to get our MP, Philip Dunne, along to chat, and he's hoping the busy Mr Dunn will be available during Parliament's recess. July 25th is the provisional date, but no firm promise yet. Watch this space.

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Royal British Legion Cleobury branch president Ron Breakwell (left) and Nick Davis of Hobson's at the launch of 'Old Comrade', the ale that honours the local Legion's 90th birthday.

EXCLUSIVE LOCAL BREW LAUNCHED

The Bell Inn was crowded on May 11th for a very special occasion. It was the official launch of 'Old Comrade', a special brew commissioned by Cleobury Mortimer's branch of the Royal British Legion to celebrate their 90th birthday. It's a tribute to the go-getting style of the town in 1921 that the Legion was launched as a national movement in May and Cleobury Mortimer got their own branch up and running just two months later.

The Legion made a tentative approach to the brewery last year, asking about a special brew and were impressed by the positive response. This is not just a labelling exercise, it's a special brew that replicates the flavour of a traditional pale ale, with a sharper aftertaste than current drinking fashion demands. And in the spirit of the Old Comrade

war-time spirit, it's not too strong at 4.2% abv. Did you know that the government controlled beer strength in both the last century's World Wars, because industrial output suffered when the workers got too much strong ale down their throats the night before?

The local Legion's oldest member, George Poyner of Hopton Wafers, cut the tape at the launch party and told of early days working in Cleobury. Mr Poyner then took a sip or two and gave the special brew his blessing. It went down very well.

It will be on sale in bottled form at local outlets by the time you read this. It will also be available on draught during the Legion's big birthdays celebration in July, when there's an Enigma evening at the Brewery amongst the attractions. The Clarion will give you the full programme of events in the July issue.

A generous gesture really adds to the special occasion feeling and for every bottle sold, Hobson's will donate 5p to the Poppy Appeal. Is Cleobury Mortimer the only Royal Legion branch to have its very own birthday brew? Do you know of another? Please tell us if you do.

IN THE AWARDS AGAIN

The Society of Independent Brewers held their Wales and West Region Beer Competition at the Spring Festival in Ludlow Castle on May 6th. You won't be surprised that Hobson's were amongst the winners.

100 experts judged 200 beers on the day, which must make that one of the jobs most drinkers can only dream of. Hobson's entered seven categories and came away

with no less than five awards, a success rate of more than 70 per cent.

Twisted Spire, that full bodied blond you can safely introduce to your wife, won Gold in the Gold Beers class and was runner up in Champion Bottled Beer. Bronze awards went to those well established favourites, Postman's Knock and Old Henry.

And Hobson's Mild, which has won more awards than most brewers have had hot dinners, picked up the Society of Independent Brewers' Gold for standard mild ales. It also won CAMRA's West Midlands award in December.

Mild was introduced in 2007 and won CAMRA's national Champion Beer award as a newcomer to a market dominated by traditional bitters. It was a touch of lateral thinking that brought a such an old style traditional beer to the public's tastebuds, and it has been making people rethink their conception of a favourite brew ever since.

Last year the company picked up a Heart of England Diamond Award for innovation and sustainable practices, as well as the Society's Best Green Business and Best Overall Business prizes. For a business that's only been in operation for 18 years, it's a remarkable track record.

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Modest heroes, taking a quiet drink at The Old Lion. Back, left to right: Stuart Bowen, Jack Bills and Eifian Rutter. Front, Sam Bills and Ben Bowen.

THE KAYAK KIDS

Eight local lads were chatting in the pub, wondering what to do for a holiday. There was a Eureka! moment and they decided to try something really out of the tourist rut. They'd do a decent canoe trip and raise money for charity along the way. Their budget didn't run to anything exotic, and they settled on a journey from Shrewsbury, down the River Severn to Bristol. About 100 miles. And not all of them were what you'd call experienced, though Stuart Bowen is a recognised trainer and works at The Old Vicarage Activity Centre in Stottesdon. He arranged the loan of kayaks and canoes. Handy to have a generous gaffer like that.

The journey was planned around camping stops at or near pubs, so they knew they could get a meal. And when they explained they were raising money for Help For Heroes, the pub landlords let them take the

collecting bucket around each evening.

The Severn carried a lot of leisure craft until they got south of Gloucester, where the traffic was much more commercial. When people heard what they were doing they were really generous. Like one landlord getting up and cooking them an early breakfast. Or the lock keeper who asked what they were doing and put money in the collection when they told him. Canoes and kayaks are a rare sight on the southern Severn and at Gloucester one man who heard about the trip on local radio turned out to meet them. A canoe groupie? Surely not.

Stuart Bowen naturally led and they officially kept close together, though there were hints that might not have been so when we talked to them. But they got to Bristol's outskirts after three days, where the tide was coming in and the waters pretty iffy. They were at a weir that actually disappeared when the famous Severn Bore wave came upriver and raised the water level. But there were clearly strong currents running and they decided not to risk it. A sensible end of the journey and dads and mums collected them.

They raised over £1,000 for the charity, they looked remarkably fit for people who didn't train for the trek and when we asked "So what's next?" 16 year old Sam Bills quietly said "What about swimming from Manchester to Dublin?"

Chris Burnside was back on duty in the Navy and Nathan Smith was on a bachelor outing in Benidorm when we photographed the group. Excuses accepted, gentlemen. JR

THE NIGHTINGALE FOOTBALL AND FAMILY FUNDAY

Five a Side Football will feature in the Sports Field gathering on June 12th, with the big competition for medals kicking off at 12.00 noon. Carl Brooks at the Sport and Fitness Centre is the man in charge - call him on CM 271317 if you want to chance a late entry, or just get more details about what's going on.

It's traditionally a family day, with lots of attractions for the children as well as food and drink for all ages.

The day is also a vital fund raiser for the Nightingale Nursing Fund, which does a truly great job to help those suffering with cancer and their families. With cutbacks on local health budgets, whatever the politicians may tell you, the work of the Nightingale nurses becomes even more vital. Which means a growing need for funds, because they employ fully qualified nurses, people who are trained to give this important care. So every pound you spend will indirectly be helping somebody in need.

And such a big event needs lots of willing hands to both set it up and take it down again at the end of the day, plus look after the job of clearing up. Not a glamorous task, but a vital one.

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June 24th	Abergavenny Market	A £13 C £12	Sat 18th Llandudno	A £18 C £15
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Just three months later they took on a mechanic and Angel Bank has kept on succeeding in a quiet, unflashy way. They now have an apprentice there, training up and learning the trade.

They both have strong local roots. Deg went to Lacon Childe, but wanted to get out in the world and earn a living. He's done well enough to ride moto cross and drive in rallies and likes his classic cars - Lotus and Jaguar included.

Marie moved to Clee Hill as a youngster and grew up helping in the family business. Today she looks after the books, leaving Deg and his mechanics to give their complete attention to the job of servicing.

It's a proper family business, with him and her working together to run it and employing proper mechanics. Deg will be moving between Cleobury and Angel Bank to keep an eye on things, and the well known face of Adrian will be carrying on in this latest addition to the Deignam service. In a world where manufacturers lean on owners to use their franchised dealers and pay prices beyond many pockets, good local garages are worth everyone's support. We wish Deg and Marie every success.

NEW NURSERY



Sarita Smith. Her nursery next to the fire station will be open for business in September

You can't miss Sarita Smith's new nursery at the Eastern end of the town. It's the one that being restored and having a lot of work done, ready to open in September. When the very experienced Michelle Martin will be manager.

It will be licensed for up to 59 children, their ages ranging from three months to 12 years old, with the aim of employing eight local and opening all year round.

The whole building and large back garden will be restored, including new windows with safety locks - it was a puzzle to find old first floor units without locks. Slabs in the back garden will be replaced with soft tarmac.

As this was once the town's Police Station, the old cell is still there, used only for storage now. The front garden will be altered to make car access easier, too.

The nursery will be open from 7.30am to 6.00pm to provide the maximum service for working parents. Talks are going on with Shire Catering about the provision of meals.

It's a big job, refurbishing a place this size, and the Smith family are using their building knowledge and contacts to get it done absolutely right. Sarita's bubbling with enthusiasm: "I've always wanted to do something like this," she grinned, her hands showing evidence of the newly painted fence. She'll be a hands-on owner, experienced herself and looking to recruit quality staff. Sarita's on 078 554 77573 and Michelle 079 077 09577. They're what the town needs.

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schoolgirl - and the deal was done.

She's certainly not frightened of hard work, leaving home before 3.00 in the morning on Tuesdays and Fridays to be in Birmingham Market by 4.00, load up and be back to the High Street by 6.45 to unload and fill the shelves. Then it's deliveries to local schools and into Kidderminster with her famous boxes of fresh produce, before coming back to the shop until 5.00. Oh yes, then there's an hour's admin work at home. Just don't mention the European Working Time Directive to her.

There are deliveries of fresh stuff direct to the shop every day: "I source locally whenever possible and the rest comes fresh from the market or the wholesaler." That means two journeys a week to Blakedown, arriving there at 6.00. She smiles: "That means a lovely lie-in on those mornings."

The range in stock has grown, reflecting what customers have asked for. The two big refrigerated display units are about to expand to three as she brings in more fish; the list fills a crowded A4 size sheet.

Through all this shines her own smiling welcome - even on

Tuesday, after one of those horribly early starts. She's one of the most positive people you'll ever meet, and it wins friends. Like the couple unable to find a box of Coxes Orange Pippins and called in with faint hopes. All Rachel had was her own stock, but she offered to get a box in and deliver. The customers doubted she'd do that - they lived a fair distance away in Hagley. "No problem, I'm coming through tomorrow on my way to market." At 6.00 the next morning a box of Coxes was on their doorstep. That was in the snowy weather, when they couldn't get out, but Rachel's 4x4 could. Big smile again: "I got a lot of orders because Tesco couldn't deliver in the bad weather."

This is a family and friends business, with mum Ruth doing deliveries including the fish. "So I call her the old trout," laughs Rachel. Step father Richard helps with deliveries, too and daughters Charlotte and Jessica are good on the till. Add Sue Pearce and Billy Van Cleek and you see why she says she has a great crew. A year on, was it a good move? "The best thing I've ever done, for both me and the kids," she smiles.



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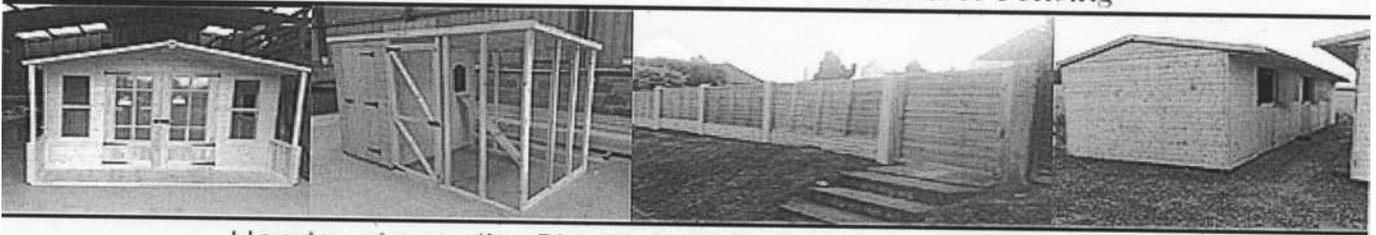
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