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Parish Council

Newsletter Summer 2012

Catshill Fun Day and Community Games

30th June 2012 - 1pm 'til 4pm

On The Meadow

DON'T miss out on the Catshill Fun Day which will be even bigger and better than usual, because as a one-off for this year we are linking in with London 2012 and hosting community games as a celebration of the Olympics coming to this country.



The games are for all ages and will include school sports day favourites such as three-legged, egg & spoon and space-hopper races. Various sports organisations will also be there giving demonstrations, coaching and inviting participation - all part of our input to the Olympic legacy of making us more active and fitter.

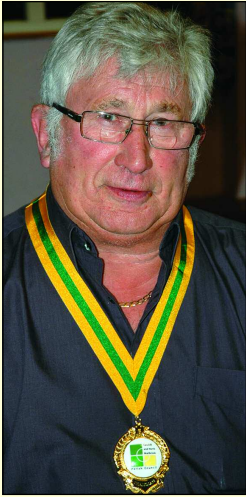
For our contribution towards the Cultural Olympiad we are planning a picture/painting competition for youngsters on the theme of "*The Olympics*".

Our gratitude must go to those residents who saved the Meadow from development forty years ago, and the proceeds from the day will help fund the upkeep of this wonderful open space so that future generations can continue to enjoy it. So please support the Fun day!

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games**

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A Message from the Chair



THE following is an edited version of the Chairman's report presented to the Annual Parish Meeting in April.

LAST May's council elections resulted in those who stood for election being elected unopposed due to no new candidates putting themselves forward. I am pleased that the members from the last council have been keen to continue and we have been fortunate in being able to co-opt new members to bring us up to full strength.

Since our last Parish Meeting we have provided a new garden in Marlbrook, at the corner of Braces Lane with the A38, which is to be called the Diamond Jubilee Garden.

We continue to enjoy the services of the Lengthsman Allen Farnsworth who carries out work within the parish keeping drains clear, siding back footpaths and cleaning road signs etc.

We continue to support the annual fireworks display in conjunction with the scouts, which is going from strength to strength.

We are pleased to continue our support of the Royal British Legion with the annual Remembrance service at the War Memorial and I would like to commend the hard work of our local Legion members.

We are pleased to have established a regular, well received newsletter, and we welcome any contributions that will appeal to the wider community.

The parish council's finances continue on a sound footing. We are in the fortunate position of not being capped, but we are conscious of our responsibilities for public money and do not spend unwisely.

We continue to support our local charities – the Village Hall and the NWWA – and look forward to continued good working relationships in the future.

As a parish council we will be going through a period of learning due to the new legislation set out by the Government on Neighbourhood Planning in the Localism Bill. We shall have to work closely with both the District and the County Councils on this.

In advance of any Neighbourhood Plan we have been working on the production of a Parish Plan, which has been distributed throughout the parish.

As for future projects we are hoping to extend the opportunities for the youth within the area; we hope to have a new garden on the corner of Barley Mow Lane with the A38; and we are also looking to provide some form of community benefit to the Horse Course and Woodrow Lane area of the parish.

I look forward to another productive year on the Parish Council.

Gordon Witcomb.

From Our Past

Where have all the shops gone?



IN the spring newsletter we published a photograph showing the Meadow Road Haywood's Fish and Chip shop from the 1930's. This made me think of all the other small family run shops that operated within the parish years ago which no longer exist.

Perhaps in a future edition we will list some of the former businesses that used to serve the community, and if we do, I am sure this will be a surprisingly long list for younger readers to comprehend, and an interesting trip down memory lane for our older readers.

This edition's photograph shows a small shop in Golden Cross Lane taken in the 1930's. Pictured are Eliza Woodbury (nee Wilkes) and owner Gertrude Wilkes. This property is now a home, and as can be seen from the stone in the brickwork is part of Laburnum Cottages.

If you have any interesting photographs from the past that you think would be interesting to share then please let us know.

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Focus on Blackwell Concert Band



THE Blackwell Concert Band which rehearses at Catshill Methodist Church hall in Golden Cross Lane are always very busy, and last year was no exception when the band produced their first CD which features some of their more popular tunes as well as solos and a euphonium duet.

2011 saw the band fundraising for Macmillan Cancer Support with over £2160 being raised at various events throughout the year, including a charity concert at St Andrew's church in Barnt Green, along with Bel Canto singers and Fairfield folk.

The band is in for a busy summer season

this year featuring both regular favourites and new bandstand jobs and later this year on November 17th they will be participating in a big charity/memorial concert at the Adrian Boulton hall in Birmingham, along with the West Mercia police and West Midlands fire service bands.

Last year saw several new players join, including a young drummer but they continue to welcome new wind or brass players, and are particularly keen to attract more trombone, horn, oboe and tuba players.

The band plays under the baton of talented young conductor Tom Martin and rehearse on Thursday nights. If anyone is interested in joining or booking the band, their secretary, Vicky Stock can be contacted on 0121 244 1662 or emailed at stock.vicky@yahoo.co.uk

All concert and other details about the band can be found at www.blackwellconcertband.co.uk

Annual Flower Display Competition

ONCE again this summer we are running a Parish Flower Competition, which is free to enter. In the past we have looked for the best Hanging Basket or Tub Display within the parish, but this year we have decided to widen the scope of the competition and will be looking for the **Best Floral Display** visible from the road. This means that the flowers could be planted in the actual garden, in tubs or in baskets or any combination of these. The competition is open to everyone within the parish and you do **Not** have register. All you have to do is put on a splendid floral display that can be seen from the road. A number of Parish Councillors will then tour the parish in late July to judge the first, second and third placed displays with Garden vouchers to the value of £25, £15 and £10 being awarded to the winners, all of whom will be notified by post and published on the parish website.

So why not help make summer that extra bit brighter this year by putting on the best display of flowers that you can!



Marie Curie Cancer Care

Have A Cup Of Tea And Celebrate The Diamond Jubilee!

THIS summer Marie Curie Cancer Care is calling on all tea lovers again in Worcestershire to put the kettle on in support of local Marie Curie Nurses.

Are you celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee this year with a street party, garden party or just with a group of friends? Why not join in with people across the country celebrating this milestone and raise funds at the same time for Marie Curie?

This year alone Marie Curie's local nurses will look to provide free care and support to 200 terminally ill patients and their families in Worcestershire – yet there are



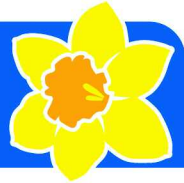
more and more who need this support.

By getting together with friends, family or neighbours and holding a tea party of your own you

can ensure this care can continue in Worcestershire.

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Diamond Jubilee Garden

LAST Year most of you will have noticed that your parish council created a new garden at the corner of the Birmingham Road and Braces lane. This Garden is now established and should look its best as it enjoys its first full summer this year.

However, unlike the Ivy Gardens in Catshill this new Garden in Marlbrook did not have a name, so in order to rectify this



situation and to commemorate 60 years of the reign of Queen Elizabeth II it has been decided to name this garden the Diamond Jubilee Garden. A suitable plaque will be positioned in the garden which will also explain that

Catshill & North Marlbrook Parish Council maintain the garden for all to enjoy and celebrate the six decades of rule by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Catshill Music Festival 2012



ONCE again the Catshill Music Festival hit the right notes with a visit from the Bournville Young Peoples Choir on Saturday 31st March. The venue was Catshill Methodist Church, which was full of music lovers who not only enjoyed a superb evening of musical entertainment from the talented youngsters, but excellent refreshments of tea coffee and cakes in the interval.

Unfortunately this years M&C Friendship Club musical evening, which would have seen a visit from the Blackwell Concert Band had to be cancelled at short notice due to plumbing problem at the venue!

The Future

Your Parish council has worked hard over recent years in trying to re-introduce the music festival, which years ago was a major event drawing people to the village from a very wide area.

However in a bid to move the festival forward we would very much like to hear from people from the wider community who would be interested in forming a committee to take control of the festival for the future. Are you interested in music? Do you have the time to help organise a

few events? If so then let us know, and rest assured that if you do volunteer, you will receive all the help the council can give you as we attempt to develop this enjoyable event.



Parish Forum

An opportunity to find out what goes on in Catshill and Marlbrook

WITHIN the parish there is a rich diversity of groups that meet for various activities for people of all ages. Some are regular weekly, monthly or annual events, and others are ad hoc events such as organised trips to places of interest.

Your council has decided that it would be a good idea to help showcase groups that meet locally and make sure that all residents know exactly what is actually available for them within Catshill and North Marlbrook.

Therefore we are very pleased to be introducing a new forum event this autumn, to help all groups and organisations within the parish advertise themselves to a wider public.

The first drop-in forum will take place on Saturday 22nd September at Catshill Village Hall, between 10 am and 2pm. The Parish Council will provide free refreshments and will advertise the forum closer to the day.

All local clubs, groups, societies and organisations are invited to attend, where they will be allocated floor space or a table, allowing them to promote what they do and when they meet to potential new members. It will also be an ideal opportunity for the various organisations to chat amongst themselves.

If your organisation would be interested, then please contact the Parish Clerk.

Don't forget that the Parish website has a "What's On" page which lists many of the regular events within the parish, and this along with the new forum is our way of ensuring that everyone knows what there is to see and do in our community.

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Bromsgrove District Council's Planning Publicity Policy: What it is and How it Works

ALL plans that relate to our parish are notified to us by Bromsgrove DC, we then consider them at our planning committee meetings and pass comment before the eventual decision is made at Bromsgrove. The following article is Bromsgrove's policy on publicity.

What is a Planning Publicity Policy?

Planning Publicity Policy refers to the Council's guidelines for advertising planning applications. All developments are subject to some form of mandatory notification/advertising which serves to inform the local community about new applications and allows you to have your say on development in Bromsgrove.

How are planning applications advertised?

There are three main tools we use to advertise planning applications. These are Neighbour Notification letters, Site Notices and Press Notices.

What are Neighbour Notification letters and when are they used?

Every planning application is accompanied by a site location plan which identifies the development site within its surrounding locale. Our policy is to write to adjoining properties which physically abut the application site. This excludes any properties which are separated from the site by means of a physical feature such as a stream, footpath, track, road etc.

What are Site Notices and when are they used?

Every planning application is advertised by means of a site notice which is placed at a suitable height on or near to the development site.

What are Press Notices and when are they used?

Certain applications will be advertised by means of a notice in a local newspaper (either the Bromsgrove Standard or Redditch Standard dependant upon the application site). These applications are often those of wider public concern.

How are other applications advertised?

There are other applications which it is also necessary to advertise.

Telecommunications application	Neighbour Notification letters within 100 metre radius and Site Notice
Agricultural application	No notification
Advert Consent	No notification, but if in a Conservation area or affecting a listed building then Site and Press Notice
Conservation Area Consent	Neighbour Notification letters to adjoining occupiers and Site Notice
Listed Building Consent	Site Notice and Press Notice

What about ‘word of mouth’?

Although we advertise applications appropriately within Government guidelines, this does not always cover everybody who has an interest in a development, therefore it is possible that you may find out by informal or indirect means; however this will not affect your right to participate. It must be remembered that only the closest, adjoining neighbours are directly notified and this is based purely on the geographical context of the site. We hope for everybody to be included in the development process, but our formal methods are only a guideline for notification. If you hear of an application but have not received or seen notification of it, in the first instance you should check the website where all new applications are recorded. If the application has been received and validated, anyone is able to make comments. Therefore, whether you hear of an application through a neighbour notification letter, site notice, press notice, at the school gates, or local pub, you are welcome to have your say and contribute to the future of Bromsgrove. For further information see:

<http://www.bromsgrove.gov.uk/cms/environment-and-planning/planning.aspx>

Catshill Marshes Update

THE Parish Council has been notified of an application to register Catshill Marshes as a Village Green. At the moment this land to the north of Church Road is subject to a planning application by Cala Homes seeking permission to develop it for up to 80 residential units. A copy of the application can be inspected at Worcestershire County Council’s County Hall, Bromsgrove District Council’s offices and at the Parish Council’s office. A copy of the notice has been posted on to the parish council’s notice boards and anyone who wants to object to the Village Green registration is asked to send a statement of the facts on which their objection is based to Worcestershire County Council’s Head of Legal and Democratic Services quoting reference FM/273/2012/O2. Please contact the Clerk for more information.

About This Newsletter

THIS newsletter is produced by your parish council to help keep you informed of what the council, the community and the many organisations within it are doing. We aim to deliver a copy to all homes within the parish. Extra copies are also left in various public places for anyone to take, and past and present electronic versions are also downloadable from the parish website.

If you know of anyone living in the parish who is not receiving copies of these newsletters, then please let us know, so that we can rectify the situation.

Also, if you have any contributions or suggestions for future editions or if you wish to advertise, then please contact the clerk.

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Local Policing News

Have a Safe & Secure Summer!

WEST Mercia is a safe place to live and burglary figures remain low. In fact, less than one per cent of homes are burgled each year and your local policing team is working hard to reduce this figure even further.

Remember that most burglaries are carried out by opportunistic thieves and up to half are committed by thieves who enter the house through an unlocked door or an open window.

With the advent of hot weather, West Mercia Police is reminding residents to be vigilant and help to significantly reduce the chances of their home being broken into over the summer months and while away on holiday.

Finally here is a list of the PACT surgeries/walks for June 2012:

20th June 10:00 - Green Lane, Aintree Close, Epsom Road, Goodwood Road, Lingfield Walk/Park, Cheltenham Avenue, Haydock Road.

20th June 11:00 - Shelley Close, The Dock, Gibb Lane, Meadow Road, Woodbank Drive, Poplar Close.

27th June 18:00 - Cobnall Road, Churchill Road, Wildmoor Lane, Bracken Grove, Alexander Close.

28th June 10:00 - Mayfield Close, Bourne Avenue, Chadcote Way, Marsh Way, Church Road.

28th June 11:00 - Stourbridge Road, Brookside Drive, Westfields, Crownhill meadow, Hinton Fields, Dale Close.

*Kirsten Bowkett, Community Support Officer 6212
Bromsgrove North Local Policing.*

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Marlbrook Gardens

SUNDAY 27th May saw the first open day for 2012 of the three “Marlbrook Gardens” rated by one national paper as being in the top 50 small gardens worth visiting!

If you missed the chance to enjoy the contrasting styles of these three beautiful gardens which overflow with plants, then don't worry as you have other opportunities throughout the summer on the following dates:

Sunday 1st July (1:30pm - 5.30pm).

Sunday 12th August (1:30pm - 5.30pm).

Saturday 1st September (6:30pm -10:00pm).



Catshill Fun Day and Community Games - 30th June 2012

Don't miss out of the fun and games!

THIS years Fun Day has not only moved to the end of June, but promises to be an even bigger and better event than ever as the London 2012 inspired Community Games element has been added. So don't forget to join in with the fun and games on Saturday 30th June from 1pm till 4pm on the Meadow.

As ever members of you Parish Councillor will be on hand, so do come and have a chat over a free cup of tea or coffee. We will be delighted to see you at our stand.

Your Parish Councillors

AS reported by the Chair at the Annual Parish Meeting, following the elections in May and after co-option we now have our full compliment of 13 councillors. The parish is divided up into three wards, and although all councillors take a keen and active interest in the whole of the parish, they are allocated to the three wards as follows:

Catshill: *Phil Baker, Glenys Blackmoor, Frank Cook, Julian Grey, Stephen Haynes, Malcolm Shephard, Martin Tingle, Gordon Witcomb.*

Marlbrook: *Alan Kelly, Peter Worthington.*

Barley Mow: *John Glover, Paul Masters, Roy Nicklin.*

You are always most welcome to join us at any of the committee and/or full parish council meetings all of which are all open to the public. Dates of all meetings are published on our notice boards at Ivy Gardens and by Tesco Express.

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