

# Litter



The Parish Council employs a part-time litter picker in addition to the District Council's operative. If you have any concerns about litter, please inform the Clerk.

## Advertising

Are you a local firm that wants to advertise in future newsletters? Please contact the Clerk for rates.

# Fun Day

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Fun Day will be held on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2009, on the Catshill Meadow, Meadow Road, starting at 1pm until 4pm. Attractions for this year's event will include the largest inflatable assault course in the UK, live music, bouncy castle, over forty stalls offering a wide variety of entertainment, a duck race, pig roast, home made ice cream and much more. In the last three years the NWWA, who manage the meadow on behalf of the residents of Catshill, have raised and spent over £70,000 to provide a footpath and two sets of exciting playground equipment for all age groups to enjoy.

# Web Site

[www.catshillandnorthmarlbrook-pc.gov.uk](http://www.catshillandnorthmarlbrook-pc.gov.uk)

Keep up to date with the latest parish council news by visiting the web site, which is constantly being updated and includes contact details of all of your parish councillors, downloadable minutes from all recent meetings, and much more. You can see details of the various competitions that the parish council run, and never be short of something to do by checking the What's On page. There is a useful links section where among many things you can check the latest PACT news. Also, coming soon... a gallery of photographs showing the area past and present. If you have a photo you would like to contribute, then take a look at the web site now!

## USEFUL NUMBERS

Bromsgrove District Council. 01527 873232.  
Out of hours emergency 01527 871 565

Catshill and Marlbrook Local Policing Team  
Telephone: 01527 583733

Parish Council telephone: 08713 671 899  
e-mail: [clerk@catshillandnorthmarlbrook-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@catshillandnorthmarlbrook-pc.gov.uk)

Write to the Parish Council :  
Catshill & North Marlbrook  
Parish Council  
Catshill Village Hall  
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## NEWSLETTER SPRING 2009

# From the chair

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Welcome to the latest newsletter. In the future the Parish Council aims to produce and circulate a newsletter three times a year.

Since the last newsletter I am pleased to inform you that we now have a Parish Council Office, which is open two mornings a week, Monday and Thursday 10am till 12 noon, which is at Catshill Village Hall, Golden Cross Lane.

By the time you read this newsletter, a new notice board should have been installed at Marlbrook. Also the Parish Council is hoping to erect a new bus shelter in Meadow Road.

Last year the Parish Council helped the local scout group to reinstate the annual bonfire and fireworks event, many thanks to all who supported this event.

Why not attend our monthly parish council meetings, have your say, air your views? All are welcome. Dates of meetings are on the parish council's notice boards and the website

**Gordon Witcomb**

Parish Councillor, Chairman  
Catshill & North Marlbrook Parish Council.

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# Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting for Catshill and North Marlbrook will be held on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April starting at 7.30pm in Catshill Village Hall. This meeting is the only one of its kind all year! It's open to all residents of the Parish and is your chance to come along, hear what we've been up to, meet your local council representatives and, more importantly, have **your** say about **your** community. Let us know what you would like to happen in the community, and what you would like to see happen over the next twelve months. Refreshments will be available.

## End in sight for lorries

It has been reported that the infill work at the Marlbrook Tip should be completed by Summer 2009, according to a report from the Marlbrook Tip Monitoring Committee.

## Police and PACT

West Mercia Constabulary have established 145 new Local Policing Areas, which have a dedicated Local Policing Team, consisting of at least one Local Police Officer and a Community Support Officer. Local Policing Teams are supported by response. At the moment at Bromsgrove North we have a Sergeant, four local policing officers and three CSO's.

They work as part of broader neighbourhood teams, including local councillors, neighbourhood managers and housing managers, youth workers and local businesses as well as community and voluntary organisations.

It is important that the officers engage with communities to reduce levels of worry about crime and ensure that their perceptions of crime levels better reflect reality. By engaging with the community they gain a better understanding of the Crime and anti-social behaviour that affects people. A great way they can gather information is through PACT, which stands for Partners And Communities Together. This is their approach to local community engagement, where they want people to get involved and play a leading role in shaping and influencing local priorities.

PACT sets up meetings, surgeries, environmental audits, face to face surveys and postcard boxes where local people can raise issues and vote to prioritise these issues for a panel of key partners. These partners will then be tasked by the panel to action these priorities and report on progress at the next meeting. The next PACT meeting will be held on Monday 15th June 2009 at 7pm, at Catshill Baptist Church.

PACT surgeries are held on the first Saturday of each month at Bromsgrove North Office (next to the Ambulance Station off the Birmingham Road) between 13.00 and 14.00 hrs

In order to reduce the level of Anti Social Behaviour activities are being organised for the youths in Bromsgrove. In partnership with others they have organised Music Production, Dance, DJ-ing and Percussion workshops that are available for free to anyone who is interested. For details of these events please ring 01527 881472.

The Local Policing Team for Catshill and Marlbrook are:

Sergeant: Nick Husbands

Local Policing Officer: Alan Healy

Community Support Officer: Kirsten Bowkett

Catshill and Marlbrook Local Policing Team

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## Lengthsman appointed

The Parish Council has appointed a lengthsman. His duties include: cleaning non illuminated signs, removing vegetation that obstructs signs, clearing gully grates, digging out gullies, and siding out footways to normal width. If you notice some thing that needs attention, please contact the Clerk; contact details are on the back page.

## Catshill Village Hall

There is a range of regular activities in the hall, from Karate, card making, children's groups, big bands practice, computer training, W.I. meetings, slimming classes and a great deal more. Notwithstanding this, it is your village hall, and if you have any activities you would like to see included, please contact the Parish Council, who will put your ideas forward to the Hall trustees.

## Planning on-line

Planning applications can now be viewed on line; to see them either click on the 'committees' button to access the link from our website or log on to <http://appuview.bromsgrove.gov.uk> and enter either the application number or the address details.

## Village Meadow

Many people from the community of Catshill, and the surrounding parishes have for many years been enjoying the peace and tranquillity of the three and half acres of grassland at the heart of our village.

Recent developments have seen the construction of two age range play areas, and a hard standing path around the perimeter of the meadow to allow all residents to enjoy the open space.

Dog walkers have always been welcome on the meadow, with the vast majority behaving in a responsible manner by using the dog-waste bins. However, in the past few months there has unfortunately been a dramatic increase in the amount of dog mess on the meadow. Dog walkers are urged to use the facilities provided, in order to keep the meadow a safe, clean and pleasant area for the rest of the community to enjoy.

## Village Events

If you are organising an event in the Parish, why not let us know, and we may be able to include it in the next newsletter? Just let the Clerk know the details.

Once again there will be a hanging basket competition, with the judging taking place in July and there will be local gardens open for charity on May 31, July 5<sup>th</sup>, August 2<sup>nd</sup> and September 6<sup>th</sup>.

Full details of these, and other events, can be found on our website.