



Briercliffe News

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Crime Watch

PCSO Rachel Lonsdale is back on the beat after taking maternity leave, and wants your help informing her of anything that you think just does not seem right. Rachel would rather be kept informed on what's going on in the area than pick things up when a crime has been committed. Rachel would rather receive phone calls about the same thing then none at all. Unless you inform her she cannot do anything about it. With this in mind please be on the lookout for people driving round in a white van and occasionally blue that are looking into your back yards for scrap metal, if you see anything suspicious please ring Rachel. The number of reported crimes for 30 days until the 21st March included vehicle crime on Queen Street and Lydgate, 1 burglary on Little Toms Lane. Again the Police ask you to secure your vehicles as one of these incidents could have been averted if it had been secure. There were 5 reported Anti -Social Behaviour incidents, 2 relate to kids on Kings Mill. Three youths have been given youth referrals. At the April meeting the police stated that there had been a decline in anti social behaviour with youth nuisance down. Although there is still a problem in the Standen Hall Rd area with youths causing trouble the Police are aware of it, and patrolling the area but if you see anything please ring them. The more calls the more the area will be flagged up as a problem and the trouble will be resolved.

Parking outside the schools is a concern with some very inconsiderate parking; this has been reported to the Police with one person receiving a ticket. If you are one of these people you are being watched and can expect a ticket! People with disability badges are also expected to park with consideration for others. After all even with a disability badge this does not mean you can park where you want. Rules for use of the badge states, the Blue Badge is for your use only, it is an offence to allow other people to use the Blue Badge i.e. to let non-disabled people take advantage of the benefits while you sit in the car.

Reported from April 18th till 16th May incidents have been up for this month with 3 vehicles having items removed from them, but again they were not locked and goods were on display. Again lock your cars and remove items on display these crimes can be averted. Again co-operation with the police does help two people have been found in possession of cannabis, these were separate instances and were the result of information given by the public. Due to the PACT priorities in the Standen Hall Drive area there have been no reports of any anti social behaviour in this area this month. For the following months the Police will still be in this area along with the schools for parking, you have been warned the Parish Council will not let this drop. Rachel wishes to thank all those who have rung in, after all from what you can see it works. If you keep on the lookout, Rachel will do her side of the job but she needs help, just call her. Rachel (mobile 07595075268)

Dog Fouling

THIS comes up at nearly every Parish Council Meeting, but you can do something about it. If you see and know the person you can ring anonymously and leave details, and a letter will be sent to that person. If there is a really bad area of concern you can still ring this number and report it, then it will be flagged as an area of concern, then we will see the dog warden in our area more often. So you can do something about it, just ring 425011 and report your concerns.

New Chairman Elected

COUNCILLOR Ann Kelly's term of office came to an end with Councillor Roger Frost now in the seat. Ann's end of year report gave a list of what she has presided over while in office. Many things have been achieved this year, from the Woodland Walk, hanging baskets, stones on the end of Duke St, funding for Lane Bottom play area being submitted, donations to the bowling club, football club, new parish website, garage colony on the turning circle now started, a new chipper and gritter purchased, that's on top of the day to day running of the Parish.

A special thanks was given to John Greenwood for everything he does for Briercliffe. That is apart from being the Lengthsman and Allotments Manager. John does many voluntary jobs from catching chickens in the morning in the school ground, to checking and picking up litter on the Queen St play area to meeting with the United Utilities when consulting about the drainage, his knowledge of Briercliffe has been invaluable.

Overall Ann has chaired a very successful year for Briercliffe even leaving the Parish with a very healthy bank balance. Anne's term is now finished, but will still continue as a Parish Councillor continuing with her work.

Allotment Society

A MEETING was held in the Community Centre for old and new members. With over 35 people attending the meeting it was a great success. There were many ideas banded about and the Committee will bring these up at the monthly meeting held with the Parish Council. If any members have any concerns please go through your committee who will present it at these monthly meetings. At a Parish meeting it was brought up by the Society if the flagstones that the council remove from paths could be used on the allotments. This was looked into by Councillor Royle and she was informed that there was no way we could use them due to Health and Safety when moving the flags, they will just be dumped. Yes we know it is scandalous, but that is the society we live in! Kelvin currently has shed alarms and marker pens available please contact him if you require one, these are on first come first served basis. At the last meeting with the Allotment Society they said they had now signed up 32 members but are still looking for more, please contact the Society for more details. John Greenwood will now be standing down as the Allotment Representative and taking on the role for the Parish Council as Allotment manager. The Allotment Society will now be contacting the Allotment holders to vote for two new Allotment representatives.

Hanging Baskets

ON Sunday 8th May the hanging baskets arrived, and we have handed out over 180. The Parish Council would like to thank all those who purchased one, and who returned their empty baskets to help us to keep the cost down. This all goes to make our area a more colourful and pleasant place to live.

Newsflash

Lancashire County Council has been aware of the flooding problems at Ridehalgh Culvert for some time. The capacity of the existing structure is not sufficient to take the high flow of the river. As such when the river is in high flow it will overtop the culvert and deposit mud and sand on the highway. In order to prevent recurrence of the overtopping the existing culvert is to be replaced. The new structure will be a concrete box culvert constructed along the same alignment as the existing, and will increase the capacity of the culvert by over 200%. The design has been carried out so that the existing road level will remain the same. The works are currently planned to start on the 1st August 2011 and take 6-8 weeks. Due to the nature of the works and for the safety of the public the road will be closed for the duration of the works. Access to properties on Ridehalgh Lane will be maintained at all times.

Woodland Walk

THE Woodland Walk was officially opened last month by pupils from Briercliffe Primary School who had entered a competition to design a sign. The winner unveiled the sign and received a £20 voucher. Parish Councillors chose this design because it is bright, colourful and shows all the information. Well done and thank you to all those who entered. If you haven't already followed the trail give it a try and enjoy Briercliffe's beautiful countryside. The walk takes about 15 minutes and is suitable for prams and wheelchairs.

New Parish Signs

YOU will see new parish signs going up around the area in the coming months that are in memory of a Local Councillor Michael Holsgrove. Michael worked for the firm Aircelle who he had asked advice for on making the signs, and they agreed to carry on making the signs and donated the signs for free in Michael's memory.

The parish council wish to thank the directors for donating the signs, also Paul and Liz Atkinson for donating the stones on which some of the signs will be placed, and Simon Dak for his time at siting the stones. A ceremony took place with Michaels wife Rita and family, along with the Mayor of Burnley and the Directors of Aircelle on June 3rd with refreshments afterwards at the Queen St Mill.

Community Centre

BRIERCLIFFE Community Centre has enjoyed another successful year, though we have had to deal with a financial problem caused by the falling income from local groups using the Centre. This has been offset by the centre being used for more children's parties, and there has been an influx of new organisations using our facilities. The consequence of this is that the centre is in a better situation than it has been in for some time.

We have spent a little more than usual, in recent years on repairs, and given the age of the Centre, this is only to be expected. However, something that did surprise us was the failure late last year of our central heating boiler. The second we have installed since the centre opened just about 20 years ago. A third boiler has been operating reliably in the centre over the current winter season, but part of the finance for it has come from the Briercliffe Ward Fund which is administered by the Briercliffe Ward councillors serving Burnley council. I would like to thank my colleagues, Cllr. Mrs Ann Kelly and Cllr. Mrs Margaret Lishman for making the boiler repair work possible. Parish Cllr. Mr Colin Meeks was also involved.

B.A.G.S.

Open Sunday mornings from 10-00 am until 12 noon. - March until October

Situated at the end of Harrison St.

Almost everything for your garden needs fertilisers, compost, and weed killer just to name a few.

YES it's that time of the year to get ready for the Flower Show. Like any show exhibitors are needed, so if you are a budding Percy Thrower or a Jamie Oliver start preparing. On the Percy Thrower side if you can grow vegetables from potatoes to beetroots there will still be a class for you. Alternatively you could be good in the kitchen then put it to the test with classes that include biscuits, cakes, chutney and jams there is a class for you. With a children's section and handicraft class the options are endless. This is just an example of what you can have a go at. After all if you think it is good enough to win then have a go, with an entry fee of only 20p per exhibit how can you go wrong, with not only trophies available to win, but also cash prizes. A full list of classes is available, and will be available in your local shops.

It is also at this show that the prizes will be given for the best front garden and back garden including back yards. Anyone who wishes to enter this competition please contact Councillor Ann Kelly on Tel: 438328. This will be judged the week commencing 4th July.

Who am I?

Who am I? 17 species, European African White Bellied, Desert and Long Eared, I have been around for at least 15 million years. My name came into use around the year 1450, Shakespeare mentioned me in *The Tempest* and *Midsummer Night's Dream*. Have you guessed yet? No Ok, more information, we are similar in colour and looks, sharp narrow snout and small eyes, our tummies and face have fur, we have a good sense of smell and hearing, but our eyesight is poor, we have spines on our back and sides, and we roll in a ball for protection. YES you have guessed it we are your native Hedgehog. We visit your gardens at night, and can be a good pest controller, we do love chopped nuts, raisins, dog meat, chicken is really good, fresh water also but definitely not milk, bread or fish meat. A hedgehog house is a pile of logs with straw and dried leaves at the bottom of your garden and could make a state of the art home for winter hibernation, and perhaps for little ones in the breeding months, please do not enclose us in your garden. We have litters in Spring and sometimes in Autumn with up to 7 in a litter, when weaned we will go off on our own. We can live up to 7 years if we are lucky. The numbers are declining fast, and they are now on the At Risk List. Pesticides, slug pellets, cars, bonfires, dogs, fox and badger attacks, also loss of habitat are all responsible for the drop in numbers. If you see any of us out in daylight hours we need help!

The main person in this area is a very dedicated and devoted lady called Sue Lewis from the Rochdale Hedgehog Rescue with carer's around this part of Lancashire, I am Katrina one of the carer's for Sue. We would be forever grateful if you could help us look after these lovely little animals.

Donations are accepted along with unopened gifts that you don't want which we would use for tombola's. You could also adopt a rescued Hedgehog with a minimum payment of only £15 that would make a wonderful gift for family, friends or just yourself. If you need any more information please contact me Katrina on 01282441849 or Sue for sick or injured hedgehogs 01706860904 address 10 Fallowfield Dr, Rochdale OL12 6LZ. web site <http://www.hedgehogrescue.org.uk> registered charity No 1063457 Thank you Katrina.

Work on the Allotments

Work commenced on the hedges around the Allotments, and has now been successfully completed with the hedges nicely trimmed back. At the same time work commenced on the trees behind the garages that for some time have been casting a shadow over a number of allotment holders plots causing them immense frustration, this has now been resolved, and now the allotment holders can get back to doing what they do best, and that is growing things.

We have had two skips filled by volunteers, but it would be good if a few more would come forward, please contact John Greenwood. Some people seem to think they can dump fridges, sideboards and other household rubbish on the area allocated or allotment waste. Any allotment holder caught dumping this kind of waste risks losing their allotment! The Parish Council are trying to improve the allotments, and have the Lengthsman working one day a week for a trial period to see if this option is worth pursuing.

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Parish Council Meetings

All meetings of the Parish Council are held at Briercliffe Community Centre on Jubilee St, Harle Syke, and commences at 7-30 p.m. Members of the public are welcome at the meetings, and the first fifteen minutes of each meeting are reserved for public questions.

Usually meetings are held every third Monday in each month.

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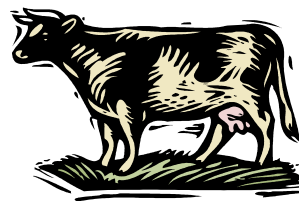
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Briercliffe Society

Programme of Events 2011 – 2012

August 8th Matt Wall, The Battle of the Brun
(Donation).

August 27th Annual Flower Show.

September 12th Quiz Night.

September Burnley Heritage Walk round Briercliffe.

October 10th France/Bolton Memorial Lecture,
Roger Frost.

October 22nd Social Evening.

November 14th Steve Williams, Accrington Pals.

December 12th Annual Carol Service 7 p.m.

January 9th Martin Wrench, An Audience with Dame Dolly
Dishcloth.

February 13th Frank Duckett, South Africas Western Cape.

March 12th AGM.

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