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Certificates

In our assembly this week certificates were awarded to:

Max Mundell, Tilly Haydon, Daisy Parsons,
Mayzie-Jo Teague and
Annabel Hotham-Gough

Well done to you all we are very proud of you.

Notices

Class Caen would be grateful for any junk modelling materials especially plastic lids please.

Friday 18th May 2018

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A Message from Mrs Denham

Wow what a week! I am so proud of the Y6 and how they approached their SAT's. They were so sensible and engaged and really worked their hardest. I would also like to say a huge well done to Mr Pettifer and Mrs Ashton, who have worked so hard to prepare the children and even went the extra mile with booster classes before school. Thank you both for your hard work and dedication to our wonderful Y6.

Our Breakfast Club and Afterschool Club is open daily during term time. Breakfast Club opens at 8am and the Afterschool Club runs from 3.15 to 5.30pm. If you have any suggestions on how we can improve our services to help accommodate your needs, please contact the school office.

Sometimes we need Mealttime assistants at short notice to cover staff sickness etc. If you would be interested in joining our bank of Mealttime Assistance, we would like to hear from you.

As the summer approaches, please can you ensure your child has a sun hat and sun screen in school, so that they can apply when needed.

Notices

Lost Annabel Hotham –Gough has lost 2 aged 7 –8 yr fleeces, please check to see if your child has taken them home by mistake.

Class Bray had a lovely time celebrating the forthcoming Royal Wedding with the children and staff from Pre-School. We had delicious cupcakes which the Pre-School children had made and 'toasted' the happy couple.

Play equipment We have some old play equipment free to a good home. If you are interested please contact the office.



Barnstaple Library

Dan Metcalf, the author of *The Lottie Lipton Adventures* and *Codebusters*, is BACK with *Dino Wars: Rise of the Raptors*, a brand new book set in a futuristic land, featuring thrills, excitement, and DINOSAURS! With laser guns!

Set in 3142 AD, humanity is on the verge of extinction after genetically engineered dinosaurs reclaimed the planet during the Dino Wars. Adam Caine lives in the secluded city of Bastion with other human survivors and peace-loving dinosaurs. When an old biological weapon that threatens all dinosaur life is activated, Adam knows it is down to him to stop it. With the help of his sister Chloe and best friend Dag, a tech-savvy Iguanodon, Adam must find four Dilotron crystals before time runs out. However, one might just be at the centre of a city full of carnivorous raptors...

"Dinos, Dilotron crystals and computer chaos – a raptor rollercoaster for all young action fans!"

-Claire Barker, author of the *Knitbone Pepper* series

Dan is currently touring with his author event show *Dino-Mite!* Join him to celebrate the release of the first book in the *Dino Wars* series, *Rise of the Raptors!* There will be live readings, games, activities and lots of dino-fun!

Come along to Waterstones in Barnstaple during May half term on Wednesday 30th May at 11am. The event lasts 45 minutes with time afterwards for book signing. Age guide 7-12.

Check out danmetcalf.co.uk/eventsdiary for more information or follow on Facebook.

PRE-SCHOOL

We have had an exciting week at Pre-School leading up to the Royal Wedding. Some of us have bought in items from home to show our friends and to use in our wedding role play area. We have also been baking cakes and decorating them ready for a Wedding Party with the reception children at the school and making royal crowns. Outside this week we have been playing with the water, painting on the easel and showing each other our football skills.

Pre-School is open between 8am and 5pm, Monday to Friday. We accept Early Years Funding where 3/4yr olds can access 15 hours of childcare a week. From September 2017, we are also offering the 30 hour free childcare entitlement where you can access an additional 15hrs funding a week. We are also an approved setting to accept 2 year old funding for 2yr olds. For further information or to arrange a visit, please contact us on 01598 710019.



Bratton Fleming Traffic Calming Action Group

If, like me, you are concerned about the speed that traffic passes through Bratton Fleming, then read on.....

I live on the main road and regularly walk along the road with either my grand-daughter or my dog or both. I am horrified by the speed of cars passing very close to me and fear that it is only a matter of time before there is an accident with horrendous consequences. I think that this problem has got worse and with the change of location of the village shop, the natural chicane that parked cars outside the old village shop created has now disappeared, allowing traffic to drive past that point on the road faster than previously. Perhaps the only thing that slows traffic down is the potholes in the road!

One of the major reasons why the main road is so dangerous is the lack of continuous pavement. For a pedestrian walking from one end of the village to the other, it is necessary to cross the road many times to remain on a pavement; however there are several stretches where there is no pavement and although parked cars help slow the traffic down in places, they also force pedestrians to walk in the road.

I am not prepared to wait until a road accident makes people sit up and take notice. I would like to propose a village group to look into these issues and to campaign for safer roads in Bratton Fleming. I am particularly interested in two traffic calming measures:

Speed Watch Campaign

Physical traffic calming measures such as widening pavements (or creating pavements where they don't exist) thus narrowing the road for vehicles creating a need to slow down.

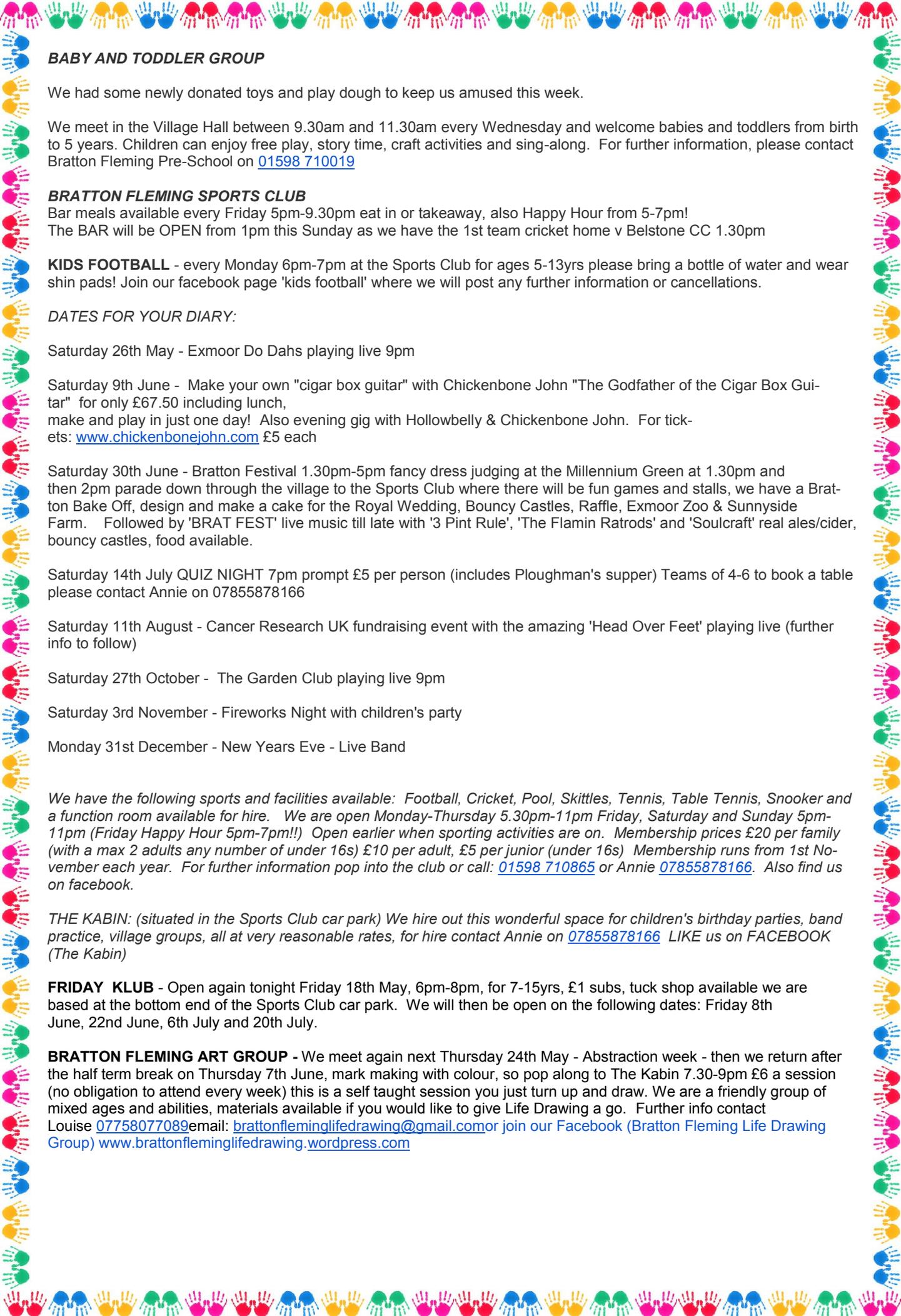
With regards to the Speed Watch campaign, I have had initial contact with the local police who would support this initiative and provide necessary training and equipment, provided a minimum of 6 people were prepared to offer their time. There is no minimum time required to get a scheme like this up and running (it could be as little as one hour a year) but obviously it would be most effective if there were more than 6 people and that they were able to be involved perhaps once a fortnight for a couple of hours. The data we would collect through the speed gun gets transferred directly to the police who can then caution and if necessary prosecute repeat offenders, so our work would not be wasted. However, the major benefit to such a scheme would be the publicity this would bring to our campaign to reduce speeding through Bratton Fleming.

With regards to physical measures, this would have to involve the district county council. I have spoken with the clerk of our Parish Council (Terry Squire) to find out what has been attempted before and he is very happy for individuals to attempt to get progress on this but obviously we would need to keep the Parish Council informed. I have various ideas about what we might propose, but I am very keen to hear other villagers' views on this issue, as it would be pointless suggesting something that other people would resist. For example, I can't think of anything worse than the council installing sleeping policemen (Road bumps) as I think we would all hate this.

If you share my concerns about the safety of our children, grand-children, pets and all residents of Bratton Fleming, please make contact with me to let me know your thoughts and if you are prepared to get involved in some way. Email is probably the best way of initiating contact but I'm happy for you to get in touch whichever way suits you best. Once I have heard from a few people, perhaps we can meet to discuss these issues? **The meeting will take place at 7pm on Tuesday 12th June at my house; please do let me know if you can come.**

Caroline Tibble, Castlegate, Bratton Fleming, 01598710767 mobile 07508393926

Email: carolinejeft@gmail.com



BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

We had some newly donated toys and play dough to keep us amused this week.

We meet in the Village Hall between 9.30am and 11.30am every Wednesday and welcome babies and toddlers from birth to 5 years. Children can enjoy free play, story time, craft activities and sing-along. For further information, please contact Bratton Fleming Pre-School on [01598 710019](tel:01598710019)

BRATTON FLEMING SPORTS CLUB

Bar meals available every Friday 5pm-9.30pm eat in or takeaway, also Happy Hour from 5-7pm!
The BAR will be OPEN from 1pm this Sunday as we have the 1st team cricket home v Belstone CC 1.30pm

KIDS FOOTBALL - every Monday 6pm-7pm at the Sports Club for ages 5-13yrs please bring a bottle of water and wear shin pads! Join our facebook page 'kids football' where we will post any further information or cancellations.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Saturday 26th May - Exmoor Do Dahs playing live 9pm

Saturday 9th June - Make your own "cigar box guitar" with Chickenbone John "The Godfather of the Cigar Box Guitar" for only £67.50 including lunch, make and play in just one day! Also evening gig with Hollowbelly & Chickenbone John. For tickets: www.chickenbonejohn.com £5 each

Saturday 30th June - Bratton Festival 1.30pm-5pm fancy dress judging at the Millennium Green at 1.30pm and then 2pm parade down through the village to the Sports Club where there will be fun games and stalls, we have a Bratton Bake Off, design and make a cake for the Royal Wedding, Bouncy Castles, Raffle, Exmoor Zoo & Sunnyside Farm. Followed by 'BRAT FEST' live music till late with '3 Pint Rule', 'The Flamin Ratrods' and 'Soulcraft' real ales/cider, bouncy castles, food available.

Saturday 14th July QUIZ NIGHT 7pm prompt £5 per person (includes Ploughman's supper) Teams of 4-6 to book a table please contact Annie on 07855878166

Saturday 11th August - Cancer Research UK fundraising event with the amazing 'Head Over Feet' playing live (further info to follow)

Saturday 27th October - The Garden Club playing live 9pm

Saturday 3rd November - Fireworks Night with children's party

Monday 31st December - New Years Eve - Live Band

We have the following sports and facilities available: Football, Cricket, Pool, Skittles, Tennis, Table Tennis, Snooker and a function room available for hire. We are open Monday-Thursday 5.30pm-11pm Friday, Saturday and Sunday 5pm-11pm (Friday Happy Hour 5pm-7pm!!) Open earlier when sporting activities are on. Membership prices £20 per family (with a max 2 adults any number of under 16s) £10 per adult, £5 per junior (under 16s) Membership runs from 1st November each year. For further information pop into the club or call: [01598 710865](tel:01598710865) or Annie [07855878166](tel:07855878166). Also find us on facebook.

THE KABIN: (situated in the Sports Club car park) We hire out this wonderful space for children's birthday parties, band practice, village groups, all at very reasonable rates, for hire contact Annie on [07855878166](tel:07855878166) LIKE us on FACEBOOK (The Kabin)

FRIDAY KLUB - Open again tonight Friday 18th May, 6pm-8pm, for 7-15yrs, £1 subs, tuck shop available we are based at the bottom end of the Sports Club car park. We will then be open on the following dates: Friday 8th June, 22nd June, 6th July and 20th July.

BRATTON FLEMING ART GROUP - We meet again next Thursday 24th May - Abstraction week - then we return after the half term break on Thursday 7th June, mark making with colour, so pop along to The Kabin 7.30-9pm £6 a session (no obligation to attend every week) this is a self taught session you just turn up and draw. We are a friendly group of mixed ages and abilities, materials available if you would like to give Life Drawing a go. Further info contact Louise [07758077089](tel:07758077089) email: brattonfleminglifedrawing@gmail.com or join our Facebook (Bratton Fleming Life Drawing Group) www.brattonfleminglifedrawing.wordpress.com