

NEWSLETTER FOR KINGS THORN, THE BIRCHES & ACONBURY

A Newsletter for the Villages of King's Thorn, Little Birch, Much Birch & Aconbury – SEPTEMBER 2011– First published in 1977



BETTER BROADBAND FOR HEREFORDSHIRE

Better Broadband will make a massive difference to businesses, communities and households in Herefordshire. Many people have no access to broadband or very low speeds which makes accessing services, making the most of business opportunities or simply for entertainment very difficult. There is a risk that more rural areas in the country will lose out on future opportunities as there is more and more reliance on the internet.

To address this in-balance Herefordshire, along with Gloucestershire has been awarded one of the 4 national pilots to deploy better broadband in rural areas. The first phase of the deployment will be in the southern areas of Herefordshire and the Forest of Dean area of Gloucestershire, for then wider delivery to the rest of the counties. More details of the project can be found at the following site:- www.herefordshire.gov.uk/broadband.

As part of the project Faster Broadband for Herefordshire is working with Herefordshire Council, Town and Parish Councils to gather as much local information as possible. The plan is to create a network of local champions that will be able to create a picture of local

DIARY DATES FOR SEPTEMBER

- 2nd Sept - King's Thorn & Little Birch Gardening Club Workshop LBVH
- 3rd Sept - King's Thorn & Little Birch Gardening Club Open Show LBVH
- 7th Sept - Little Birch Parish Council Meeting LBVH
- 11th Sept - Little Birch Village Hall Dog Show
- 13th Sept - Evergreen Club Outing
- 13th Sept - Whist Drive LBVH
- 15th Sept - History Group - Herefordshire Hill Forts LBVH
- 16th Sept - St. Michael's Hospice Midnight Walk
- 20th Sept - Much Birch W.I. MBCH
- 23rd Sept - Much Birch Village Market MBCH
- 24th Sept - Harvest Supper LBVH
- 27th Sept - Little Birch Village Hall First Pantomime Meeting LBVH
- 28th Sept - King's Thorn & Little Birch Gardening Club LBVH
- 29th Sept - Flicks in the Sticks "Never Let Me Go" MBCH

Advance Notices

- 7th Oct - Book Share & Exchange LBVH
- 8th Oct - Much Birch Surgery Flu Clinic MBCH
- 14th Oct - Pamper Chef LBVH
- 22nd Oct - Much Birch Surgery Flu Clinic MBCH

need and shape the project going forward. A questionnaire will also be circulated later in the year with the data used to support the broadband requirements in the county going forward.

SUBSIDISED BUS SERVICE CONSULTATION BY HFDC

The official report into this consultation has now been published and HFDC Cabinet has made its decisions.

Thankfully, 'our' buses, 37, 38, 411 are unaffected in terms of frequency, but there may be some changes to the timetables in the future. This newsletter will publish any changes if notified.

For a summary of the proposed changes across the County, go to muchbirchparish.org.uk and click on Local News.

Herefordshire Carers Support

SECOND HAND DISABILITY EQUIPMENT

Do you want to sell or give away equipment that is no longer used? Are you looking for an item of equipment for yourself or a friend or relative?

Advertise your item with us.

The service is **FREE**, simple to use and does not require access to the internet. All the items advertised are in the Herefordshire area so you can find what you are looking for close to home.

Visit our website www.herefordshirecarerssupport.org

or www.askdes.org.uk and create your own advertisement or, contact us on 01432 356068, ask for Rachel, and **we will do it for you!!**

Also, if you are a Carer, register with us for information about local events, support groups, our Emergency Card Scheme, quarterly Newsletter, etc !



THANK YOU!

Thank you very much to all those who supported The Marie Curie Cancer Care Blooming Great Tea Party in the Much Birch Hall on Sunday 10th July. We raised £ 570.60p which we have passed on to Marie Curie.

Coline Grover

REPORT OF THE LITTLE BIRCH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 6TH JULY 2011

An interest was declared as one of the Planning Applications discussed was a Parish Councillor's residence.

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 11th May 2011 were read and signed as a true record.

Matters Arising

Village Hall – A full report to be given during the next Parish Council Meeting.

Parish Lengthsman Scheme & Parish Initiative – Waiting for the results of a walk around the Parish.

Community Led Plan – Representatives from the Steering Group informed the Parish Council that the Questionnaire is currently being developed and agreed with Herefordshire Council. Other concerned parties to be notified before issuing in September.

Parish Field – A further day's clearance work has been organised for Friday 29th July.

Localism Bill – The Chairman voiced his concerns that the Parish Council had not been consulted on the creation of localities and he was assured by both Cllr. Hamilton and Cllr. Powell that localities are not linked to the Localism Bill. Cllr. Hamilton voiced that he was not happy that his Ward had been divided into three localities and would encourage any feedback on the proposals for localities to Herefordshire Council.

Participatory Budgeting – Mr. M. Morley informed the Parish Council of this subject after attending a HALC meeting.

Community Transport and Public Transport Consultation – Clerk to send agreed comments to Herefordshire Council voicing its concerns about the removal of subsidies for the 411 and 38 routes.

County Councillors Update – After being welcomed by the Chairman Cllr. Hamilton gave an outline of his duties especially to promote good communications between himself and the Parish Councils in his Ward. He voiced that he can be contacted at any time and gave details of surgeries to enable issues to be tackled early. Cllr. Hamilton informed the Parish Council that he is especially concerned with Highways issues and requested a briefing on the Parish Plan. The Mobile Library service was discussed and other current responsibilities that include being a cabinet support member. Mr. M. Morley asked a question on the status of the Local Development Plan (Ldf) and Cllr. Hamilton responded that there was a paper going to

cabinet at the end of July which will lead to a public document.

Broadband Presentation by Councillor Graham Powell

Cllr. Powell handed out an information pack on this issue which he also summarised. Cllr. Powell talked about the scope of coverage and timescales with an education program to monitor the need for broadband which will culminate in surveys to demonstrate to suppliers, the demand. A local champion would be advantageous to promote this topic and the Chairman was to contact a local resident to see if they would adopt this role. As broadband is discussed in the Parish Plan Questionnaire, any responses that could support this issue to be forwarded to Cllr. Powell.

Ordnance Cottage – After a discussion Cllr. Hamilton offered to talk to the resident. The Parish Council stressed that it wanted assurance that the Highway was safe even if the wall collapsed.

Planning

DMS/111279/F – Oakfields, Hoarwithy – Installation of solar photovoltaic panels on an agricultural building returned with no objections

DMS/111189/F – Shirley Cottage, Little Birch – Proposed two storey extension and change of use of land – Returned with comments that change of use of land should only relate to the land used for the extension.

DMS/111150/F – Bromley Court – Hoarwithy – Construction of one new poultry unit to house broilers – returned with

comments querying the run off.

Any Other Business

CSO. F. Witcher reported no crime for the area and recalled a local good result incident where a scrap metal merchant was stopped after a call and hopefully deterred with an 'on the spot' fine for not having a Waste Carriers License.

Date of Next Meeting – **Wednesday 7th September 2011**

Please contact the Parish Clerk with any issues concerning Little Birch Parish. Contact details are: Liz Callwood 01981 - 540081 or by e.mail to lizcallwood@googlemail.com

CATHEDRAL CHORISTERS

Do you know of a boy, aged 6–8 years of age, who might be interested in joining the internationally-renowned Hereford Cathedral Choir? As well as singing in the cathedral, the choir regularly tours (South Africa last October), broadcasts on TV & radio (BBC Radio 3 in November), performs in London (Guards' Chapel in November) and takes part in the world-famous Three Choirs Festival.

It may be your son, or equally it may be a grandson, nephew or the son of friends – sometimes a gentle nudge of the parents might be needed! If a parent or guardian would like an informal discussion about the opportunities, Geraint Bowen, the director of music, would be delighted to hear from you (01432 374238), organist@herefordcathedral.org or visit www.herefordcathedral.org.

All choristers receive generous scholarships to the cathedral

school, in some cases, **fully-funded places can be made available.**

YOU ARE WANTED!

The Halfway Community Theatre Group is in need of singers of the male variety. The ability to read music is not essential but having fun and a good sense of humour is.

If interested, please ring 01981 - 540502 Sally or 01981 - 541202 Shirley for more information.

KING'S THORN & LITTLE BIRCH GARDENING CLUB

The Annual Open Show takes place on **Saturday 3rd Sept.** in Little Birch Village. There are classes for Children, vegetables, flowers, fruit, cakes and preserves and floral decoration. A Childrens' Workshop will be held on **Friday, 2nd Sept. at 4.30pm.**

Copies of the Show Schedule were attached to the last Newsletter but further copies can be obtained from Committee members, the Surgery, the Castle Inn, The Axe and Cleaver or Pengethley garden Centre.

The speaker for the next meeting on Wed. 28th Sept. will be Mrs. V. Brooks with a talk entitled 'Colour in the Garden in Winter'. Meetings always start at 7.30pm. in Little Birch Village Hall.

New members are always welcome. John Bryant 01981 540316.

LITTLE BIRCH VILLAGE HALL DOG SHOW

The wonderful Annual Dog show. **Sunday, September 11th** starting at **1.p.m.**

Please see the advert in this newsletter for full details.

EVERGREEN CLUB

On **Tuesday 13th September**, we are going via a scenic route to Brecon. In the afternoon we will ride on the Mountain Railway.

The cost will be £9 (£11 for visitors)

The number to ring is **01981 540932.**

The pick-up times are:

Brandon Coach Depot	8.45
The Park, Wormelow	8.55
Tump Lane (bungalows)	9.00
Poor Clares Convent	9.10
Kings Thorn bus shelter	9.15
M. B. Church bus stop	9.20
Axe & Cleaver bus stop	9.25
Peterstow (Broome Farm lay-by)	9.35
Fonteine Court	9.45

WHIST DRIVE

Our next Whist Drive is on **Tuesday 13th September** in Little Birch Village Hall. We shall start at **7.30.p.m.** The entrance fee is £1.50. Excellent prizes and refreshments will be available. New players are always welcome.

HEREFORDSHIRE HILL FORTS

Little Birch and King's Thorn History Group have arranged a talk on Herefordshire Hill Forts on **Thursday September 15th** in Little Birch Village Hall at **7.30pm.**

This should be a fascinating talk helping us to appreciate life in the Iron Age in this area and in particular in Aconbury fort.

We are fortunate in having Ruth Richardson to talk to us. Ruth was formerly archaeology lecturer at the Sixth Form College and regularly brought her students to Aconbury.

Entry will be £2.50 which will include light refreshments.

**ST. MICHAEL'S HOSPICE
FABULOUS 5TH BIRTHDAY FOR
MIDNIGHT WALK!**

Ladies, join in the St Michael's Hospice Venus Challenge and help raise vital funds for patients with life-limiting illnesses. This is the biggest and most fun event of the year, so grab your girlfriends, raid your fancy dress box and don't miss out!

Entry is £17 per person if you register in advance or £20 on the night; there are team prices available and you can enter securely online, just visit www.bit.ly/Venus2011.

So, keep **Friday 16th September 2011** free. **Registration starts at 9:30pm and the walk begins at midnight following a warm up.** Men can take part by marshalling the route. Contact the Events Team for further details on 01432 851000 or email events@st-michaels-hospice.org.uk.

MUCH BIRCH W.I.

Much Birch WI meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 7.30 pm in Much Birch Community Hall.

On 20th September Alison Clarke will be telling us about The History of Kings Thorn.

Potential new members and visitors are always welcome.

May I take this opportunity to thank all the people who support us by buying books at the Village Market. All the money from these sales goes towards our 2011 charities, The Herefordshire Eye Scanner Appeal and Talking Newspapers.

For more details about MBWI please contact either Kath,

01981 - 540382 or Caroline,
01981 - 540422.

MUCH BIRCH VILLAGE MARKET

The market is held in Much Birch Community Hall on the 4th Friday of each month between 2.30 pm and 4.30 pm.

The September market is on 23rd.

Hopefully, all the usual producers will be there: Moor Meals, the Squeaky Pig, Llandinabo Farm Shop, Mr. G's Jams and Preserves, My Cocoa, Fair Trade, Julie with bread etc. and Castle Cheese.

There should be a good variety of Crafts and, of course, Much Birch WI will have their book stall, raising money for their 2011 charities, The Hereford Eye Scanner Appeal and Talking Newspapers.

Over the years we have had various vegetable producers attending. However, as is to be expected in a rural area, many people grow their own vegetables. Once again we have had calls for a vegetable producer and, at the time of going to press, Caplor Farm, Fownhope, have agreed to come. However, if we don't buy from them they will cease to attend and we will, once again, be without a veg producer, so **IT'S UP TO US!**

Hopefully Dan will be back from his summer work and will be ready to sharpen tools etc. ready for those late summer/autumn jobs in the garden.

As usual refreshments can be bought in aid of McMillan Cancer Support.

For further details please contact Kath on 01981 540382

A HARVEST SUPPER

will take place on **Saturday 24th September** at 7.30pm in Little Birch Village Hall. Everyone will be most welcome. Watch out for notice boards!!

**LITTLE BIRCH VILLAGE HALL
PANTOMIME 2012**

This year Jane Balen will be producing our "Family 'Panto' Aladdin" which will take place early in 2012.

Jane is seeking players and helpers of all ages to take part in this enjoyable event and **an invitation to attend the first meeting on Tuesday 27 September at 7.30pm at Little Birch Village Hall** is extended to all. Newcomers to the area and children will be warmly welcomed.

Note. Pantomime preparation and rehearsal meetings will be held on Friday evenings at 7.30 pm. through to December (except Friday 14th October...moved to Thursday 13th)

**LITTLE BIRCH VILLAGE HALL
COMMITTEE ADVANCE NOTICES:**

LBVH BOOK SHARE AND EXCHANGE Friday 7th October 2.p.m. to 4.p.m. An opportunity to meet up with other book lovers and exchange recommendations and books. Tea/Refreshments. Further details in October newsletter.

PAMPER CHEF DEMONSTRATION

A date for all keen and aspiring cooks! **Friday 14th October at 7.30p.m.** and in aid of the Charles Renton Unit. Refreshments and draw. Further details from Robyn

Hodges 01981 - 540264 after 6.p.m.

LBVH CHRISTMAS FAIR

Sunday 27th November.

Including Christmas gifts, crafts, cakes etc.

£5 per table (booked in advance).

For bookings tel: Sue Jones 01981 -540682 (after 6pm)

Robyn Hodges 01981 - 540264 (after 6pm)

LETTER

We are very proud to celebrate another year of excellence of our daughter, **LUCY GODDING** who has once again received the highest of honours at St. Andrews University by being congratulated by the Dean of the Faculty of Arts, professor Roy Dilley. Lucy will be listed on the Deans' list of excellence for her hard work as an honour to high intellectual achievement across the entire spread of a student's modules in a given year. Lucy has spent the summer working in Corfu as a travel rep enjoying the sun and using her languages, French, German and Russian.

Lucy will return home in August with enough time to arrange her trip to Russia to study next year. I have just spent a week of special girlie time with her in Corfu as I can't keep up with her schedule these days and time is precious for me and the family. We are very lucky in this village to have such talented youngsters as John Gwinnett who has achieved accolades, and we have an enormous wealth of talent in this village.

We should celebrate this!

Elaine Godding

Why did the poor dog keep chasing his own tail? He was trying to make ends meet! Anon

LOCAL NEWS

A very warm welcome is given to **CHARLES** and **PATRICIA HOLMAN**, who have moved into 'Tremezzo', near Much Birch School and to **LUCINDA THOMAS** and **GEORGE WEBB** and dog.'Chunk', who have moved to the new house, 'Badgers Sett', near the bottom of Barrack Hill. We hope that they will quickly settle in this community and be very happy in their new homes.

Congratulations are extended to **LISA** and **JAMES GOULD** on the birth of their second child, **ELLA JANE**, who weighed in at 9lb 2oz. Needless to say, **RONAN** was very excited to have a baby sister and had been saying Ella, Ella weeks before the arrival and so he has got his wish. Mother and daughter are doing fine.

On 6th. August, **ANNA PUGH**, daughter of Janet and Alan of Parish Lane, was married to **SHAYNE WILLIAMS** at Little Birch Church. We wish them a very happy future together.

WILLIAM WHITE, son of Deidre and Michael of 'Brookhurst', Lower Wrigglebrook, has been awarded a bursary towards his music studies at Monmouth. William is an outstanding clarinetist and as previously reported has played with well known orchestras in Birmingham. Congratulations William!!

A few weeks before her 96th birthday, **JOSEFINA JONES** of Sunnybank, Little Birch passed away peacefully at 'Westbank', Ross on Wye, where she has been cared for over the last 5 years or so. A Celebration Service for her life took place at Little Birch Church on

Thursday, 14th July and was conducted by Rev. Mark Johnson.

There were many musical items during the Service as many of the family are accomplished musicians. At the beginning, grandson, Sebastian Power, played the Prelude to Suite No.1 by JS Bach on the Cello, and Ella Phillips sang 'Amazing Grace', unaccompanied, most beautifully. The eulogy was given by son in law, Murat Basaran. Josefina was born of Spanish parents and came to Hereford to look after a colony of refugee children brought here during the Spanish Civil War. She met her late husband, Jack, and shortly after, they were married. Soon after, they were off to Marseille, in the south of France, where Jack set up a small factory producing insecticides. The factory was destroyed at the beginning of World War 2 and Jack was imprisoned by the German Army. Josefina made her way to Bilbao, in Spain, where her first daughter, Josefina, always known as Fini, was born. Jack forged new identity papers and managed to escape to the Loire region. Although hunted by the Gestapo, he managed to live and work as a wood cutter and charcoal burner. After the war, The family was reunited in Marseille and a year later, they moved to Hereford. where Richard was born. London was their next home for a few years where Carmen and Lita were born. They were soon on their travels again to Spain, where Rose was born in Miranda del Ebro and John in Bilbao. The family were taken all over the continent by motor bike and

side car and many stories of their adventures of camping in the mountains have been told. When the children reached school age, the family decided to move back to England, finally settling in Little Birch. The story of their staggered return would fill a book. They set up a smallholding with chickens, and geese and garden produce. They sold eggs and produce, making them just about self sufficient. Richard was chief 'egg laying charmer' having been banished from the house to practise on the violin with the hens. Increased egg production paid for his lessons. Husband Jack was away working for Cooks Travel and Josefina worked extremely hard to look after her large family. At the age of 50, Jack decided to study for a degree and finally obtained a 1st. Class BA in Spanish and Portuguese at Leeds University and became a lecturer in languages at Leeds Polytechnic. Again Josefina looked after the family and continued working their smallholding. She could often be heard singing opera to herself and so it is not surprising that all the family are blessed with musical talents. Locally, we know that John had a band for many years and set up a recording studio. John and Toni's children travel the world playing in concert, but they all came home for Josefina's funeral. So we say farewell to a very hard working mother who always put the family first and courageously came through many adversities. Her body was laid to rest in the churchyard near to that of her husband, Jack. We send our sincere

sympathies to all the children and grandchildren. Donations were given to Christian Aid for the East Africa Food Crisis.

We are also sad to hear of the death of **JEAN LATHAM**, erstwhile of 'Capricorn', Wrigglebrook. Unfortunately, her husband, James, has also been in hospital but hopes to attend her funeral service at the Crematorium. A Service of Thanksgiving for Jean's Life will be held at Commercial Road Baptist Church on Tuesday, 30th August and a tribute will be given next month. Also the death has been announced of **JOHN WAINWRIGHT** of Hereford who was brought up in Little Birch and lived in Tump Lane for many years. We send to Florence and the family our deepest sympathy.

A number of friends have been in hospital recently but are now back at home and we wish them well in their recovery.

'A' level results will be known soon but not in time for this publication. Please let the Newsletter know when places at University and Further Education Colleges have been secured.

WEST MERCIA POLICE NOTICES

101 is coming!

101, is a new national non-emergency phone number for the police. It will be rolled out in England and Wales between July 2011 and January 2012. **101 is planned to go live in West Mercia on Monday 3 October.** The intention is to:

- Provide the public with a memorable number where

they can report crime and anti-social behaviour that does **not** require an emergency response.

- Reduce pressure on the 999 system, allowing us to prioritise the most urgent calls for help. Calls will be managed by West Mercia's call handlers in our Force Control Room. Look out for more information coming soon!

CRIME TRENDS

Between 7pm last Monday evening (8th August) and 10.00 the following morning, a compound was broken into at **Howton, Pontrilas**, and an orange Kaboota RTV off road vehicle was stolen, along with a Husqvana petrol strimmer and other tools.

A workshop behind a house in **St Owens Cross** was broken into between 6am on Tuesday 9th August and 10am on Wednesday 10th August, and items including an 'Oxford' welder and helmet, Stihl power saw with booster charger, socket sets and an air compressor were taken.

A garden shed was broken into in **Kingsthorne** sometime between Sunday 7th and Tuesday 9th August, and two Husqvana chainsaws and a Stihl brush cutter were stolen.

Overnight on Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th August a shed was broken into at a property in

Peterchurch, and a number of Makita and Hitachi power tools were stolen.

Overnight on Thursday 11th and Friday 12th August a house under construction in **Clehonger** was entered, and four Makita cordless drills were stolen.

At around 10pm on Friday 12th August, the occupants of a white camper type van were caught stealing wood from a farm in **Craswall**. Only part of the registration number was taken - N952***.

A premises in **Fir Tree Lane, Rotherwas** was broken into overnight on Friday 12th/Saturday 13th August, and three valuable diagnostic laptop computers were taken, but later found dumped near the perimeter fence to the building.

Suspicious Vehicles

A white Ford Fiesta VK51HM* was seen twice in **Kentchurch** acting suspiciously. It was seen on Thursday 11th August by a householder, and then at about 4.30pm the following day, the driver of this vehicle was caught snooping around in the gent's car port. When challenged the male said he was looking for a scrap car. The male is described as in his 50's, scruffy looking, with a Welsh accent. We'll be in touch!

At around noon on Sunday 14th, two males were found

poking around at the rear of a commercial garage premises in **Allensmore**. The two were described as very dirty, under 30, with southern Irish accents.

They were in a white Ford transit tipper with a cage, with Irish plates similar to 07D13894.

Suspicious Calls, Scams etc

A lady in St Weonards had a call earlier today from a male purporting to be from 'Hereford Police' offering a service relating to gas boilers (?), demanding a fee to come 'on board'. The lady terminated the call, we have made enquiries but the number given is not traceable.

Tax refund - the below e-mail was received by one of our readers in Madley who forwarded it to us - I am sure you don't need me to tell you that it is a scam!

Tax Refund Notification
Date 16/08/2011

A tax refund of **980.00 GBP** .(Still **Pending**) Due to invalid account record we were unable to credit your account Please submit a verified tax refund request.

A refund can be delayed for a variety of reasons. For example submitting invalid records or applying after the deadline.

Click the "Refund Me Now" link below and follow the on screen step in order to have us process your request.

Refund Me Now **Note:** For security reasons, we will record your ip-address, the date and time. ,Deliberate wrong inputs are criminally pursued and indicated.

Best Regards,
HM Revenue & Customs

Golden Valley & Hereford Rural South Local Policing Teams

PS 3113 Robin Davies
robin.davies@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

PC 2368 Chris Lea 07855 785080

CSO 6173 Fiona Witcher 07779 141232

CSO 6993 Kevin Powell 07779 141232

CSO 6366 James Cooke 07779 141223

CSO 6482 Katie Middleton 07779 141223

E-mail -
goldenvalley.lpt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk or

E-mail -
herefordruralsouth.lpt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

Non - emergency number
0300 333 3000 - please use this number to report incidents

Back From a Dream

Back from a dream,
I hear no human voices.
The tall trees
whisper sadly;
it seems there is a breeze.
Arising alone,
I circle the pond
over and over again.
The myriad mountains
lift up the snow
into the light of the moon.

From:- 'Sleepless Nights: Verses for the Wakeful'
Translated by Thomas Cleary

DRS DAVIES, JOHNSON, ENGLAND AND SEFTEL

MUCH BIRCH SURGERY - 2011 FLU CLINICS

WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT OUR FLU CLINICS WILL BE HELD ON:

**SATURDAY 8TH OCTOBER
and
SATURDAY 22ND OCTOBER**

From 08.15 until 11.30 in the morning

Please collect your PERSONAL invitation from Reception (after 20th September) and bring it with you on the Saturday of your choice

Coffee and cakes will be available in the Hall afterwards, kindly provided by Mr and Mrs Dowsett in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support



“Calling all dog lovers”

Sunday September 11th

Once again, and by popular request, LBVH Committee are holding a

**Companion Dog Show
(Held under Kennel club rules)**

Judge : Keith Masson

**Pedigree and Novelty classes
(Entry fees: All classes £1)**

**Venue: Field adjacent to Village hall
(In Village Hall if wet)**

Entries from 1.p.m. Judging from 2 p.m.

Enquiries Robyn Hodges Tel. 01981 540264 (after 6p.m)



FLICKS IN THE STICKS at Much Birch Community Hall



New Season:

Thursday 29 September at 7.30pm — NEVER LET ME GO ¹²

Based on the Best Selling novel by Kazuo Ishiguro. As children, Ruth, Kathy and Tommy, spend their childhood at a seemingly idyllic English boarding school. As they grow into young adults, they find that they have to come to terms with the strength of the love they feel for each other, while preparing themselves for the haunting reality that awaits them. Starring Keira Knightley, Carey Mulligan and Andrew Garfield.

Tuesday 25 October at 7.30pm - WATER FOR ELEPHANTS ^{12A}

Wednesday 16 November at 7.30pm - BRIDESMAIDS ¹⁵

Saturday 19 November at 2.30pm - CARS 2 ^{U7}

Thursday 15 December at 7.30pm - CHRISTMAS FILM TBC

For further information about films and screenings visit www.artsalive.co.uk

Tickets £4 (£3 under 16s)

Refreshments including hotdogs served from 7pm (2pm for matinee)

Tickets available in advance or on the door - for further info or to book tickets please call Bryony Connolly 01981 580298

COPY DEADLINE

Thank you to all of you who have sent copy for this month's newsletter. The copy deadline for the October issue is:-

18th September

Please send your copy to
birchesnews@btinternet.com

HELP NEEDED!

We are looking for someone to help 'edit' and typeset the newsletter. We feel it is important that there should be at least two people in the community who know how it is done, rather than relying on just one.

We are also looking for people to help with the printing of the newsletter. Full training given. Interested? Please contact John Bryant on 01981 - 540316.