

NEWSLETTER FOR KINGS THORN, THE BIRCHES & ACONBURY

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

HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL & NHS HEREFORDSHIRE NOTICE

A&E: Residents urged to think twice before they use it this winter

Local NHS chiefs are urging local people to think twice before using A&E this winter. If you are injured or feeling unwell there are lots of alternatives to A&E, many of which are also open 24/7 and have shorter waiting times.

A&E is for seriously ill and injured patients – for example anyone with chest pains should go straight to A&E. But, increasingly, many people attend with minor injuries and illnesses.

For coughs, colds, emergency contraception or a tummy bug you should take care of yourself. Visit your local pharmacist who is an expert in medicines.

For cuts, sprains and minor sports injuries visit the GP Walk in Centre at ASDA, Hereford or minor injuries units at community hospitals in Ross, Leominster and Ledbury which are open 24/7. The minor injuries unit at Kington is open 8am-8pm every day.

GP Walk in Centre, ASDA, Hereford 0330 123 9309

Emergency Out-of-hours advice and GP on call 0330 1239309

Ledbury Community Health and Care Centre 01531 632488

Kington Court Health and Social Care 01544 232333

DIARY DATES FOR NOVEMBER

- 8th November – Whist Drive LBVH
13th November - Remembrance Day Service Little Birch Church
14th November – Castle Inn Action Group AGM LBVH
15th November – Much Birch W.I. AGM MBCH
17th November – ‘The City of Hereford Revealed’ LBVH
25th November – Much Birch Village Market MBCH
25th November – ‘Born to Shine’ Concert Birch Hall @ Steiner Academy
26th November – Ceilidh and Supper Ewyas Harold Memorial Hall.
30th November – Gardening Club ‘Propagation’ LBVH

Advance Notices:

- 1st December - Little Birch Village Hall Christmas Bingo LBVH
7th December – Gardening Club Annual Social LBVH
13th December – Whist Drive LBVH
16th December – Much Birch Village Market MBCH
20th December – W.I. Members Christmas Evening MBCH
31st December – New Years Eve Groove Party LBVH

- 10th & 11th February – LBVH Family Pantomime

Leominster Community Hospital, Dishley Street 01568 614211

Ross-on-Wye Community Hospital 01989 562100

NHS Direct 0845 46 47
www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk/checksymptoms
www.herefordshire.nhs.uk/choosewell
Communications Unit
Herefordshire Council & NHS Herefordshire
01432 383404

EXCITING NEW FACILITIES FOR THE DISABLED

Aspire Living, the Herefordshire charity has launched a new facility in sensory environments which can be accessed by people with all types of disability, including those with the most limited of movement. Known as ‘The Music Gym’, it was officially opened last month by Paralympian gold medalist

swimmers Sascha Kindred OBE and his partner Nyree Kindred MBE in front of over 100 guests.

The gym provides facilities which are not generally available to people with profound disabilities and uses state of the art electronics to produce music, lights, pictures and sounds which can be controlled by the service user with the slightest of movement.

It includes a musical inflatable castle, a wheelchair friendly maze, dance squares, vibrating seats and much more. It is the only one of its type in the UK and covers an area of some 5,000 square feet in a sports hall at **The Point 4**, Hereford which is part of the **Royal National College for the Blind campus** in the City.

For more information please contact: Richard Dudley, **Aspire Living Ltd, Suite 4, Penn House, 9/10 Broad Street, Hereford, HR4 9AP, Tel. 01432-269406**
Find us on Facebook, search Aspire Living Ltd.

CHANGES TO BUS TIMETABLES

Following the recent consultation on our bus services, some changes have been made. For example, our no.38 bus has been re-numbered 32 & 33. Changes come into effect from 23rd October 2011. Current timetables are available at the following link:
www.herefordshire.gov.uk/transport/public_transport/3194.asp

do please check before you make your journeys!

FASTER BROADBAND FOR HEREFORDSHIRE - UPDATE

We do not have a broadband champion in our area, but a parishioner who went to one of the meetings about this issue receives updates, and thought everyone should have a chance to see what is going on, and how to participate in trying to improve broadband speeds in the County. Here is the update: "Further to my September email I can confirm that the residential questionnaire will be posted to Hereford city households during the week of 31st October and to most other households during the week of 7th November 2011, a little later than planned. We now understand from Royal Mail that the survey will not be delivered in non-HR post code areas and we will need to resolve that. The results of the questionnaire will be used to demonstrate to any potential supplier that there is the demand for Broadband within the

county with the opportunity to have a return on their investment.

How can you help?

We would very much like you to continue to support the project, working within your local communities to:

- highlight the benefits that fast broadband can bring to families and businesses
- make residents aware that the questionnaire is on its way and encourage them, as well as businesses to complete it
- arrange a central collection point for the completed questionnaires and where possible return them to us
- encourage residents where possible to complete the survey online (see below for details)
- hold a stock of questionnaires and information leaflets which you could take to events or local gatherings to ensure everyone is able to feed into the project.

If you have been able to arrange a local collection point for the questionnaire, can you please make this information as widely available as possible to your respective parishes. This can be done through small posters in prominent places and articles in parish magazines and similar newsletters or on your local websites. I would be most grateful if you could also let me know the location so that we can signpost residents to their closest drop off point.

We realise that the responses will 'dribble' in, however we intend to take the first snapshot analysis on 17th November so where possible can you return any batches back to us by then (address on the back of the questionnaire). However, if you don't have the capacity to do this we can make arrangements to collect them if necessary.

Online versions of both the residential and business survey questionnaire are also available at
www.fastbroadband4herefords

hire.org.uk, where possible please encourage residents to use this method to complete the questionnaire.

I am also pleased to let you know that we are using a virtual site called 'Basecamp' to allow Champions to have access to the most up to date news and publicly available information on the Broadband Project. Basecamp will allow you to view files that have been posted on the site as well as communicate with other Broadband Champions in the Borders Broadband Project area. If you give permission, I can, using your email address, invite you onto the site. It is envisaged that we post a list of parishes with the relevant Champion and email address next to each one. Hopefully, we can work together to try to fill any gaps. Before inviting you onto the site I need to know that you are happy to have your name and email address shared with the other Broadband Champions and key stakeholders in the project. Your information will only be used for this purpose. Please advise of your preferences either way."

If you need any further information about the Borders Broadband project, please visit
www.herefordshire.gov.uk/broadband

Best wishes,

Nadine Kinsey

Borders Broadband Team

Tel: 01432 260706

Mobile: 07792 880355

IBERIAN EXTRAVAGANZA

Very many thanks to all who were involved with the organisation of the recent 'Iberian Extravaganza' held in Much Birch Community Hall, to Lesley Gare, whose idea it was, for organising it, to the small committee who helped and supported Lesley, to all those who cooked for the meal and helped on the day,

including those who decorated the room, served at the bar and sold raffle tickets, and to everyone who provided desserts, prizes, etc.. The hall was full for the very enjoyable evening and our thanks go to Shirley Coates, Peter Garlick, and Bryony Connolly who entertained us before we welcomed the Ellos y Ellas Group who demonstrated Salsa dancing before persuading brave 'guys and dolls' from the audience to join them on the dance floor. The final sum raised, including donations, was a marvellous £800 for Church funds. We thank all who supported us and all and all it was a very enjoyable and successful evening.

REMINDER!

MUCH BIRCH PCC TABLE TOP SALE will be held on **Saturday 29th October** starting at **10.a.m.** in Much Birch Community Hall. Tables £ 10, refreshments available. To book a table phone 01981 - 540980. Proceeds to Much Birch Church

LIGHT UP A LIFE IN 2011

'Light up a Life' services are held worldwide at Christmas time to remember and celebrate life. Each light is dedicated to a loved one, whether in memoriam, to celebrate the gift of friendship or to mark a special occasion. The lights lit by St Michael's Hospice are also beacons for everything that St Michael's stands for: giving care and support to local people with life-limiting illnesses and to their families and friends, in Herefordshire and the surrounding counties.

This year services are being held at 27 locations around the county, which we hope will allow people to remember their loved ones at a venue closer to home. The Hospice website has full details of all **Light up a Life** services taking place between **Saturday 19th November and Monday 19th December**: www.st-michaels-hospice.org.uk. Dedication forms can be obtained from any St Michael's Hospice charity shop, the venues hosting a service and the Hospice itself. For further information contact the Fundraising Team on 01432 851000

LOCAL RESIDENTS MADE A WISH COME TRUE!

Having a conversation with your neighbours' can inspire you to do many things! I had just a conversation with one of mine and it really inspired me to help. Lavinia Birch who lives in Little Birch at Wythcombe expressed a wish to have a ride on a horse and trap as she had a distant memory of when she was five of her first ride on one. Lavinia had admired from afar Mr Colin Quinsey's horse and trap.

This made me think I could make this happen with Colin's help. I rang Mr Colin Quinsey and explained what Lavinia's wish was and could he help and without hesitation Colin said yes and then it was only a matter of a date and the weather.

On hearing this news Lavinia was so overwhelmed and the joy on her face was a sheer delight. She was so excited she wanted to sit the wrong way

round.

This ride took place on 15th October, 2011 and the sun did shine.

Mr Colin Quinsey, Tim the horse and Colins' wife and myself met at 2.30 outside Wythcombe to meet a delighted Lavinia who almost ran down the road to jump on the trap. The ride took about an hour and the tour of the village, woods, and chapel filled Lavinia with joy as she had not seen the whole area before as she is now housebound.

Photographs were taken by myself and Mrs Quinsey. I hope to display them in the Castle Inn with permission. I would sincerely like to thank Colin and his wife for giving up their time to make this wish come true. A very happy afternoon was had by all, good community spirit thank you so much.

Elaine Godding

LITTLE BIRCH VILLAGE HALL DOG SHOW

What a delight to see so many young people enter their dogs this year.

It was a very windy and wet day and we had thought that not many people would attend, so were surprised when more than usual arrived.

John and Kate Dillon saved the day by offering us their new barn (finished only that week). This proved to be a great venue, offering very adequate shelter from the squalls.

Maggie Mullins had done us proud and found a very nice Kennel Club judge who thought we had put on a great show. The village hall team worked hard all day and

enjoyed an extremely good roast dinner cooked for us by The Castle Inn that evening. Thanks to all those who made this a special day.
Jackie Morley.

MUCH BIRCH 100 CLUB DRAW

The October draw took place on 8th October 2011 at 7pm in Much Birch Community Hall. The winners were:

1. No 41 - Mr. & Mrs. H. Potts, Monmouth
2. No 61 - Mrs. B. Jellard, Much Birch

The next draw will take place on **Tuesday, 8th November 2011 at 7pm** in Much Birch Community Hall

John Jones - Chairman

WHIST DRIVE

Our next Whist Drive is on **Tuesday 8th November** 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.

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

The Service will take place on **Sunday 13th November** at Little Birch Church, commencing around the War Memorial at **10.55 am.**

CASTLE INN ACTION GROUP

The Castle Inn Action Group is holding its AGM in Little Birch Village Hall on **Monday November 14th** at **8pm.** All are welcome

The group is still active though its main purpose at present is to support and encourage those running the Castle Inn. The group obviously also encourages as many other people as possible to support

the pub as regularly as they can.

CASTLE INN FOOD

Katie, the new Head Chef at the Castle Inn is serving Thai as well as English food !

MUCH BIRCH W.I.

Much Birch WI meetings take place on the third Tuesday of the month at **7.30 pm** in Much Birch Community Hall.

November 15th AGM

Advance notice for December 20th Members Christmas Evening. Further details of Much Birch WI please contact Caroline, 01981 - 540422 or Kath, 01981 -540382

HISTORY GROUP

Little Birch and King's Thorn History Group have arranged another **talk by Penny Platts** who came to talk to us last year about Hereford Cathedral, a talk greatly enjoyed by everyone. This time she will be giving a talk on '**The City of Hereford Revealed**' which will, no doubt, reveal all sorts of intriguing features we were previously unaware of and should be of great interest to all. The talk will be on **Thursday November 17th** at **7.30** in Little Birch Village Hall. Entrance will be £2.50 to include light refreshments

MUCH BIRCH VILLAGE MARKET

Much Birch Village Market takes place on the 4th Friday of the month in Much Birch Community Hall between **2.30 pm and 4.30 pm.**

The November market is on 25th. Most of the usual suppliers will be there. I would like to wish Julie, our breadmaker, all the best in her new venture. I am looking to

find another bread baker as soon as possible.

Please note the December market will be on Friday, 16th December.

LITTLE BIRCH PARISHIONER SANDIE IN CONCERT FOR CHARITY

Sandie, who is studying music at Cardiff University, is playing in 'BORN TO SHINE' - This will be one of the first major fund-raising events to be run in association with the recently-formed South Herefordshire group for **SAVE THE CHILDREN**. Please support and enjoy this inspiring evening and hear classical and folk music by talented young musicians.

Delicious refreshments available. **Friday 25th November 7pm.** Tickets £5 adult/£3 child/£12 family(2+2). Call 07717- 471862 or email ajbmiddleton@hotmail.co.uk Venue - Birch Hall, Steiner Academy Hereford, Much Dewchurch, Hereford. HR2 8DL

SOUTH HEREFORDSHIRE SAVE THE CHILDREN

Invite you to an **Autumn Ceilidh and Supper**

With the "Much Ado Band". **Saturday 26th November**

Ewyas Harold Memorial Hall **7:30pm - midnight**

First dance 8pm. Tickets £12 each or "Gang of four" for £40 Includes first glass of mulled cider and hot pork roll with salad

Local cider and beer, wine and soft drinks available

Booking essential Helen Johnson: 01432 -378425 or helenjohnson@btinternet.com Claire Bowen: 07980- 315 776.

Huge thanks to all those who supported our Car Treasure Hunt back in July - our first event in support of Save the Children. We raised over £520, had HUGE amounts of fun all round and look forward to organising lots more events in the future. To keep up with our latest news, please join our supporter list by emailing Helen above. Thank you!

CANCELLATION!

LBVH CHRISTMAS FAIR

This event, that was supposed to take place on **Sunday 27th November** has sadly been cancelled.

KING'S THORN AND LITTLE BIRCH GARDENING CLUB

The Speaker for the next meeting on **November 30th** will be Mr. Paul Green from Newent, whose subject will be 'Propagation'. Those who have heard Paul before will know that his talks are very practical events and it should be another excellent evening. Meetings start at **7.30pm** in Little Birch Village Hall.

The Annual Social will take place on **Wednesday 7th December** in Little Birch Village Hall, commencing at **7.30pm**. The cost will be £6 per person. The usual menu with a vegetarian option. Please bring plate, pudding dish and cutlery. Those intending to attend are asked to put in their names by **30th November**. Visitors are welcome.

John Bryant 540316.

QUOTES

"The best way to garden is to put on a wide-brimmed straw hat and some old clothes. And with a hoe in one hand and a cold drink in the other, tell

somebody else where to dig."

- Texas Bix Bender, *Don't Throw in the Trowel*

"I do not like broccoli. And I haven't liked it since I was a little kid and my mother made me eat it. And I'm President of the United States and I'm not going to eat any more broccoli."

- George Bush, U.S. President, 1990

"I have no plants in my house. They won't live for me. Some of them don't even wait to die, they commit suicide."

- Jerry Seinfeld

LITTLE BIRCH VILLAGE HALL ADVANCE NOTICES

CHRISTMAS BINGO

You are invited to join us for a **Special Christmas Bingo** at Little Birch Village Hall on **Thursday 1st December**. "Eyes down" at 8.p.m. There will be very good prizes and refreshments will be available.

Whist Drive 13th December.

NEW YEARS EVE

Advance Notice - **New Years Eve Groove Party**, at Little Birch Village Hall.

Live music, disco, and guest performance. Tickets available soon.

LBVH FAMILY PANTOMIME

"Aladdin" Performances at Little Birch Village Hall **February 10th and 11th 2012**.

Note. Pantomime preparation and rehearsal meetings will be held on Friday evenings at 7.30 pm. through to December

LOCAL NEWS

The Horticultural Show in September was a great success with an increase in the number of entries, a few short of 400. The winners of the trophies were as follows ;-

The Llewellyn Sutton Cup - for the family with most points in all sections -

IRIS and SELBY LLOYD.

The David Enoch Cup - for the 'Best Exhibit in Show'-

BARBARA WILSON. The **Horticultural Shield** - for the entrant with most points in the Vegetable and Fruit sections - **SELBY LLOYD**.

The Harold Salisbury Shield

- for the Winning entry of the Collection of Vegetables-

DES WATHEN.

The Rose Bowl for the entrant with most points in the Flower Section- **DES WATHEN**.

The Floral Art Shield - **IRIS LLOYD**.

The Domestic Cup -

IRIS LLOYD

The Children's Shield -

ELIZABETH HOWARD

Under 8 years of age cup- ELIZABETH HOWARD

Over 8 years of age cup- SAM JOHNSON.

Congratulations are extended to all the winners and especially **IRIS** and **SELBY LLOYD** for their high class entries. The Children's Section was again well supported with a good number of exciting and creative entries. WELL DONE to all!!

GILLIAN CLOUDER Show Secretary, is now home from hospital having had a kidney transplant, generously donated by her son, Scott. Both Gillian and Scott are doing well and we send our very best wishes for a full recovery.

The WI Quiz Night on 7th. October was also very enjoyable and as usual, ran very smoothly and was followed by excellent refreshments. Our thanks to all concerned!! Congratulations go to the winning team, Little Birch PCC.

A warm welcome is given to **MRS DI HADLEY**, who has moved into the bungalow previously occupied by Margaret and John Pearl. We trust that she will be very happy in her new home and will quickly make new friends. Residents of Little Birch will be sad to hear of the death of **CHRIS STARTIN**, after a long illness. Chris was the eldest son of Brenda and John Startin, formerly of 'Conifers', near to the Castle Inn. Chris and his younger brother, Nick, were educated locally and both had embarked on their chosen careers. Chris leaves a wife and young family and to them and Brenda and John, we send our sincere sympathy. The last few years have been very distressing for them.

Much Birch Brownies have new leaders in **KATE HODGES** with **JAN BAILEY** and **TONYA BARNETT**, ably assisted by **EMMA REYNOLDS**. Warm thanks are extended to **TONIA PETERS** and **VICTORIA BERRY-JONES**, who have been the leaders for the last 4 years. A smooth handover was assured as Kate and Emma have been assisting Tonia over the last 18 months or so.

A number of friends have been in hospital recently, among them **ANDY LOWE** of Little Birch and **JANE JOHNSON** of Wormelow, after a fall on those so-called pedestrian

improvements in Hereford. Both are now at home but Andy has to return for more operations as soon as an infection has cleared up but he keeps in a positive frame of mind, which is great. Several others are suffering long term illnesses and we send our best wishes to them and their carers. They are not forgotten!

CRIME TRENDS

Overnight on Monday 17th/Tuesday 18th, a blue Landrover Defender **VK56KUC** was stolen from a garage premises in Peterchurch. The vehicle was in a locked compound, the gates were padlocked but the lock had been cut through.

Rogue Traders

Two males called at a property in **Pontrilas** on Tuesday 17th and offered to cut a hedge for the elderly occupant. They quoted £300 which the lady agreed to, she didn't have the cash so went to the Post Office to draw some out. Fortunately, the lady's daughter arrived and sent the men away - the hedge was only a small one and the amount quoted was far too much. The males were both white, thick set with brown hair, and spoke with Welsh accents - they told the lady they were from Pontypool. They left a card giving a business name of 'Woodland Tree Services' H Johnson, local family business. It stated that they

offered a 7 day cooling off period, however, on this occasion they told the lady they had to complete the job that day. Unfortunately we have no details of a registration number for the van they were in, it was a white van with green writing on. Trading Standards are aware.

Suspicious Vehicles

Yet again, the white Ford transit van **EN07VF*** has been out and about on our area, the two male occupants asking, or should I say demanding, scrap metal. They were in Little Birch last Wednesday (12th) where a householder was subjected to a torrent of questions from a very pushy male with regards to who owned property in the road and was there any scrap etc. He was very intimidating, and only left when told the police were being called. Several units did attend the area, but they had disappeared.

We are looking into various offences in respect of the occupants of this vehicle, and ask that you let us know if you are visited by them.

A white Ford transit flatbed **R211AO*** was in the Kilpeck area touting for scrap last Friday 14th October around lunchtime.

A green Ford transit dropside lorry was seen at the rear of a commercial premises in Allensmore on Tuesday 17th October.

When challenged, the males in the vehicle were asking what was in the buildings. The registration number was P703PA*.

Results

Over the weekend, a male was seen by a local resident to steal lead from the roof of a property undergoing renovation work in Bolstone.

As a result of enquiries after the resident called police, a male was arrested for the theft and enquiries are ongoing. Another good result thanks to a call from a vigilant recipient of our briefings!

Other News

Call Your Local Police - 101

A new national non-emergency phone number for the police is being rolled out across England and Wales during the next few months.

The 101 number launches in your local force area – West Mercia – on Tuesday 8th November 2011.

From 8th November, 101 will be the number to call when you want to contact the police – when it's less urgent than 999.

When to use which number:

101 should be used to report less urgent crime or disorder and for general police enquiries. For example:

- if your car has been stolen;
- if your property has been damaged;
- when you suspect drug use or dealing;

- to report a minor traffic collision;
- to give the police information about crime in your area.

999 should still be used in an emergency, where:

- there is danger to life or risk of injury;
- a crime is in progress and the offender is still at the scene or has only just left;
- immediate police attendance is necessary such as when a crime is obviously about to be committed.

To speak to a specific person or department within West Mercia Police, please call the general switchboard **0300 333 3000**.

Useful information:

- The 101 service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Your call will be answered by a police operator.
- Calls to 101 from landlines and mobile networks cost 15 pence per call, no matter what time of day and how long you are on the phone.
- If you are deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired, you can textphone 18001 101.
- For more information about 101, visit www.police.uk/101

Herefordshire Rural Business Advice Day

This event is being held at the Three Counties Hotel in

Hereford on Wednesday 23rd November 2011 from 12 noon to 8pm, and is free to attend. There will be stands representing many aspects of rural businesses, including NFU, CLA, HMRC, the Environment Agency, Animal Health and Trading Standards and your Local Policing Team.

Golden Valley & Hereford Rural South Local Policing Teams

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

PC 2368 Chris Lea
07855 785080

PC 2176 Wendy Powell
07811 131525

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

FLICKS IN THE STICKS

at Much Birch Community Hall

**Wednesday 16 November at 7.30pm –
BRIDESMAIDS 15**

Not your typical romantic comedy - this is definitely one for a great 'Girls Night Out'! - why not bring a bottle and some friends!

Hotdogs served from 7pm

**Saturday 19 November at 2.30pm –
CARS 2**

Come along for lots of family fun with one of Disney's latest blockbusters.

Hotdogs served from 2pm

**Thursday 15 December at 6.30pm –
IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE**

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

Tickets £4 (£3 under 16s)

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

Autumn Poem

*Season of lullabies, stir of breezes
Lapsed to stillness: the thinning willows
Ready to yield, if not the rugged oaks.*

*Mist drifts in to wrap away the fields,
Seal in mud the sodden leaves.
Footprints, wheel tracks remain all day
impressed*

*On the silver beaded grass like memories
In suspense. The air's a long-held
Diminuendo inviting sleep: it's not for us.*

*We shatter it with our fireworks,
Or the sudden snarl of a chain-saw sinking
Sleepless, petrol-driven teeth into logs*

*From: The Gift of Frankincense
By
David Donaldson*

Bonfires

We are soon coming to that tricky time of year when the disposal of a lot of garden rubbish becomes a sore point with neighbours. Please may we remind everybody to be careful when lighting bonfires.

Bonfires are an integral part of country life, but do check to see whether your neighbour has their washing on the line or even have an agreement with them as to when would be a suitable time to get one going. Evening time and weekends are a good time to be relaxing in the garden, but not if the prevailing wind is in your direction and you are smothered in bonfire smoke!

COPY DEADLINE

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

18th November

Please send your copy to birchesnews@btinternet.com in WORD format please or Post Box at 'Bramleys' Aconbury Close

Thanks also to those who have expressed interest in helping with the newsletter - discussions and training will take place during the coming month.

HELP STILL NEEDED

Someone to help with printing