



# Newsletter for King's Thorn, The Birches & Aconbury

A newsletter for the villages of King's Thorn, Little Birch, Much Birch & Aconbury April 2012- First published 1977

## Diary dates

### March

28th. Gardening Club AGM LBVH

29th. Easter Bingo LBVH

30th. Lent Lunch LBVH

31st. Social evening LBVH

17th. Much Birch WI MBCH

21st. Ceilidh LBVH

21st. & 22nd. Dawn chorus walk & breakfast  
Merrivale farm & LBVH

26th. Parish Plan Evening LBVH

27th. Village Market MBCH

### April

5th. Much Birch PC MBCH

7th. Book Exchange LBVH

10th. Evergreen Club Trip to Bridgenorth

10th. Whist Drive LBVH

### May

28th. Duchy Walk- Wallbrook Wood

### May Newsletter

Please send copy for May Newsletter to  
birchesnews@gmail.com or written contributions  
to John Bryant at Bramley Bungalow Aconbury  
Close by 18th. March

### Pantomime Video

A DVD of the 2012 pantomime Aladdin is now  
available. If you would like a copy call Jackie on  
541027. A contribution of £5 to Hall/Pantomime  
funds would be appreciated.

*LITTLE BIRCH VILLAGE HALL*



## Social Evening



*SATURDAY 31ST MARCH 7.30 P.M. 'TIL LATE*

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- Or you could try our new book of walks, Top Ten Herefordshire Walks @ £3.95. This includes walks based on Kilpeck, Clodock and Coppett Hill with full details of points of interest and local pubs and cafes

We hope to see you on one of our walks. For more information on anything to do with the Ramblers, ring Tom on 01886 821544 or visit our website.

[www.herefordshireramblers.org.uk](http://www.herefordshireramblers.org.uk)

## Little Birch Book Exchange

The book exchange continues to do well. Many more people from Much Birch and Little Birch came in March which encouraged us to increase the stock of books. We were glad to welcome some children this month. The selection of books for teenagers is not very good so if anyone has some to donate we would be grateful to receive them.

There is a cost of £1 per adult to cover costs. We look forward to seeing even more of you on our next session on;

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April between 10 – 12am**

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John Bryant 01981 540316  
John Caton 01981 540267**

Any food contributions for a bring and share supper are most welcome.

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This will be a fantastic night for the whole family. Those who came last year will remember what a great evening we enjoyed raising the grand total of £600 for St Marys.

Come and join us, enjoy yourselves and support YOUR local church.

## Little Birch and King's Thorn Gardening Club

On Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March the AGM will take place at 7.30pm, in Little Birch Village Hall.

The meeting will include the programme of Speakers and proposed summer visits to gardens and will finish with a fun quiz.

New members are always warmly welcomed  
Please contact John Bryant on 540316

## The Evergreen Club

Our first trip this year, on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April**, is to the old town of Bridgnorth on the River Severn. The Severn Valley Railway Trains will be running.

**The cost is £9 (£11 for non members)**

The number to ring is **01981 540932**

***Please note the pick up times are Route B:***

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The Park, Wormelow	9.30
Poor Clares Convent	9.40
Kings Thorn bus shelter	9.45
Coach Depot Brandon	9.50

## Pancake Evening

What a lovely social evening this turned out to be! Mandy Williams was kept busy with her frying pan for several hours helped by people who had prepared pancakes and batter in advance. Thanks are due to those who prepared the delicious fillings and provided the raffle prizes.

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## Advance notice – May Duchy Walk

There will be another Duchy Walk led by Geraint Richards and Graham Taylor on

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May starting from the village hall, meeting there at 5.30pm. It will probably involve walking through Wallbrook Wood, adjacent to Aconbury. If necessary cars will be parked in appropriate places to reduce walking distance. Returning to the hall, we will be served with refreshments for which there will be a small charge. More details in the May newsletter.



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## Much Birch Jubilee Celebrations

We thought readers and celebration organisers might like an insight into the plans that are evolving to celebrate this Diamond Anniversary.

On Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June we extend to everyone the Queen's wish that we join together for The Big Lunch, at Much Birch Hall from 12.30pm.

This will be a 'Bring and Share' event With an alcoholic and quality soft drinks bar with Pimms for the fun loving.

We are hoping to show the Royal Pageant on the River Thames during the afternoon on our state of the art equipment with its large screen for those who wish to watch it.

Other events will take place during the afternoon. All children dressed up as Kings and Queens will receive a small gift and the optional theme for the day is to dress in red, white and blue or those wonderful fashions of the 1950's for the adults. There will be tombola, roll-a-penny and such sideshows and fun and games for the children outside. (weather permitting)

We are creating a Diamond Jubilee Garden in the front of the hall, and during the afternoon time capsules will be buried and the commemorative tree and shrubs will be planted.

The national celebration will finish in style with tea and celebration cake.

This is a free event and any profit made from the bar, raffle etc. will be used to offset the garden costs.

Questions or suggestions? Then let us know but put the date in your diary now!

Let's have fun and celebrate together.

Leslie Lowe Tel 01981 540366

MB Village Hall Management Committee

## Little Birch and King's Thorn Jubilee Celebrations

Little Birch and King's Thorn are in the process of planning events to help celebrate this momentous occasion.

There are to be events both on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June and Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June.

On Saturday we are planning a procession, a Jubilee Tea with entertainment and a Jubilee Disco in the village hall. On Monday there will be a picnic followed by children's fun and games, possibly a tug

of war, then a barbeque with musical entertainment finishing with the lighting of a beacon. There celebrations will take place in the field behind the village hall by kind permission of the Dillons. Glenn Sims will take charge of the beacon. **Please contact him on 540052 if you have suitable materials for burning such as old pallets or packing cases.**

To help finance this occasion we have a couple of other events coming up;

On **Saturday March 31<sup>st</sup>** there will be a **Social Evening** in Little Birch Village Hall. Entertaining us will be John Jones and Ray Ingram playing us many familiar songs which they will insist we sing along to (words to be provided). Bekki Cameron will also entertain us with her own songs. Entry will be £3.00 per person and nibbles will be provided. Come along and have fun.

On **Friday May 18<sup>th</sup>** there will be a special **Monarchy Quiz**. Teams up to 6, £2.00 each. Start revising you history now for this fun quiz. More details in the May newsletter.

Does anyone have photographs of the village celebrations for the Silver Jubilee? If so we would like to make copies for showing in the Village Hall. **Please contact Alison Clarke on 540791**

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## **MUCH BIRCH WI**

Much Birch WI takes place in Much Birch Community Hall, signed just off the A49, on the third Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm.

**On April 17<sup>th</sup> our speaker is Mr Richard Jordan, whose subject will be 'Life in Wartime London'.**

Visitors and potential new members are always welcome.

Please ring Kath on 01981 540382, if you would like to know more about Much Birch WI.

## **MUCH BIRCH VILLAGE MARKET**

The village market takes place on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of every month in MB Community Hall, signed just off the A49, between 2.30pm and 4.30pm.

On Friday April 27<sup>th</sup> we hope to be welcoming our local suppliers: the award winning Squeaky Pig, producers of rare breed pork and delicious sausages (including gluten free, made to order): the award winning Moor Meals, producers of Dexter Beef, ready meals and pies: Jane Symonds represents Llandinabo Farm Shop, bringing among other things, chicken, duck and lamb: Castle Cheese, Mr G's chutneys, jams and pickles: Anthea brings filled pancakes and pate. There is a Fair Trade stand and a craft stand, mostly, at the present time, cards. Dan comes along to sharpen knives and garden tools. Much Birch WI had a book stall, raising money for the Cobalt Trust, its Charity of the Year. Refreshments are made and sold by Chris and Peter, all the proceeds of which go to McMillan Cancer Support.

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## Whist Drive

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## Special Easter Bingo

### Little Birch Village Hall

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March

8pm start

Everyone is warmly invited to join us for this special Bingo evening at LBVH. There will be very good prizes and refreshments will be available.

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## April Dawn Chorus Walk?

(please note new date)

SATURDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> AND/OR SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup>

The Mason family and LBVH Committee would like to invite all those interested in bird song and the arrival of Spring to join the LBVH Annual 'Dawn Chorus Walk'. Again the leaders will be the well known local "twitchers" Adrian Hodges and John Penrice.

**Start 6a.m. from Merrivale Farm** followed by Traditional English Breakfast (vegetarian option available) served in the Village Hall from 8.30am. **To book please Tel Robyn Hodges 540264**  
**Guided Walk £3 Walk plus Breakfast £6**

## Report from the meeting of Much Birch Parish Council held on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2012

During public participation time a parishioner asked if there had been any further developments regarding the bus stop opposite

King's Thorn Common. The Parish Council had no further information at this time. The Chairman asked the Clerk if she would contact HFDC Public Transport Section for an update.

Apologies were received from Cllr. Mike Smith who is unwell and from Ward Councillor Hamilton who had a prior engagement. A prejudicial interest was declared by Cllr. Sims on Planning item in respect of Whitacre, Wormelow.

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2012 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman. CSO Kate Middleton informed the Parish Council that she had nothing to add to the electronic briefing already sent out. She asked if there were any matters that the Parish Council knew of that the Police should be aware of. A query was raised about parking near the junction of The Thorn and C1263. CSO Hamilton will check with CSO Fiona Witcher to see if there is any further information.

The Clerk's written update on all action items to date was received. Cllr. Glen Sims gave an update on his meeting with the members of Little Birch Village Hall Committee involved with The Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations. Parish Councillors were given the minutes of the meeting. Cllr. Sims will build the Beacon and it will be registered by the Chairman of Little Birch Parish Council, Cllr. Mike Morley. Cllr. Sims will organise the collection of suitable materials for burning. Chairman Dave Davies volunteered to help Cllr. Sims.

The Financial report was noted and all payments listed were approved. Cllr. Alison Cook gave her report regarding internet and telephone banking. Cllr. Cook is to set up internet and telephone banking facilities on behalf of Much Birch Parish Council. The Parish Council are considering a request by Much Birch Parochial Church Council for a donation to help with maintenance of the Memorial Clock at Much Birch Church. The Clerk reported back to the Parish Council on the information given her by the Clerk in Worcestershire whose Council gives financial support for the Memorial Clock in its Parish Church. Councillors were reminded of the Risk Assessment given to them previously, and the Council's Donations Policy. It was decided that a review of the Donations Policy be carried out, and this should be an Agenda item for the

next Ordinary Meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> April. It was decided that a Working Group be formed to customise the revised Standing Orders issued by NALC for use by Much Birch Parish Council. Cllr. Stephen Turner and Chairman Dave Davies volunteered to be members of the group. Planning applications were considered at Whitacre, Wormelow, Herefordshire, HR2 8EJ for a rear two storey extension and at Chelston Grange, Much Birch, HR2 8HR to: Re-pollard 1 x Willow tree near gateway. Crown reduce 1 x American Oak to clear property at Chelston Grange. Both applications were supported by the Parish Council.

A copy of the suggested Policy document from HALC regarding dealing with Planning Applications between Parish Council Meetings had been received by each Parish Councillor. Initial discussion raised issues of timing during the processing of applications, and what would be regarded as a contentious. It was decided to raise this item on the Agenda of the next Parish Council Meeting.

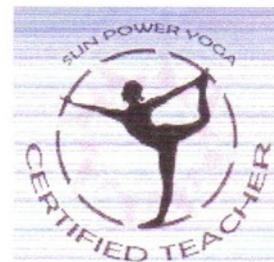
With regards to Parish Roads and Footpaths: The following defects are to be reported to AMEY:- A 'ditch' has been created by a lorry going off the tarmac opposite The Kennels on the B4348. A large deep pothole on Ticklewithy Pitch. It was noted that the Lengthsman's Grant for 2011/12 is now fully spent. A parishioner has request some works to be added to the Lengthsman's Schedule and Cllr. Crum will visit the parishioner who is known to him, and make a list of her suggestions to bring back to the Parish Council.

It was noted that all of the Parish Footpaths have been walked and surveyed by Herefordshire Ramblers, and that electronic copies of those surveys have been sent to the Clerk. The Chairman expressed his thanks to The Ramblers. Prior to the meeting the Clerk had distributed information sheets on higher-end specification towed gritting machines. It was decided that before considering the possible purchase of such a machine, the Parish Council ask AMEY if the scheme is to continue over the next 5 years. It was also decided that a further meeting should take place between the Working Groups of both Parish Councils. It was decided that the Scheme be a 'rolling' Agenda item. The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2012

at 7.30p.m. at Much Birch Community Hall. **All are most welcome.**

A resolution was passed to exclude members of the press and public due to the confidential nature of the matters that were about to be discussed. The resignation of the Clerk was noted and accepted. The Clerk will continue in post until 31<sup>st</sup> March. The meeting was closed by the Chairman at 9.27p.m.

***Please note that this is not the official record of the meeting. The minutes of a Parish Council meeting are the official record, and these only, once signed at the next meeting as a true record.***



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### **Report of the Little Birch Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 7th March 2012**

No interests were declared.

Minutes of the meeting held on 11th January 2012 were read and signed as a true record.

Matters Arising

Police Update – CSO. F. Witcher reported that Sgt. D. Boote was departing due to restructuring, leaving one Police Officer (PC Wendy Powell) and 3 CSOs for this Local Policing Area. No crimes for this area

although a news bulletin will be issued shortly reporting neighbouring area crime.

County Councillor's Update - Cllr. R. Hamilton was unable to attend.

Village Hall –The Pancake Evening was successful with various new activities planned including Quiz, Lent Lunch, Whist Evening etc. Details of the Newsletter staff were discussed.

Parish Lengthsman Scheme – After a walk around the Parish, a new list of works has been sent to the Lengthsman.

Winter Gritting – The towable spreader purchased by Much Birch Parish Council has been returned to the supplier as it was unfit for purpose.

Parish Initiative (PC-Iris) – After a walk around the Parish, further defects reported, a list of which has been emailed to each Parish Councillor.

Community Led Plan – Summary documents have been received from the Research Department at Herefordshire Council. The Steering Group is currently organising an evening in April to inform local residents of the results.

Neighbourhood Planning – A Neighbourhood Planning Meeting was attended and the Parish Council informed of its contents.

Parish Field – Tugwell Trees have cleared the ground but there are still protruding stumps and roots which could prove hazardous.

Parish Precept – Confirmation of the 2012/13 precept of £2700 has been received from Herefordshire Council. Estimate received from Herefordshire Council for 6 fingerposts to highlight the way to the Hill Fort, Clerk to write a letter to the original requester.

The Castle Inn – The pub has reopened with the existing owner after a short time with a temporary alternative landlord.

Methodist Chapel – Representatives of the trustees informed the Parish Council that they are not obliged to discuss the future of the building.

Queens Jubilee – A meeting was arranged on 15th February with an outcome of 2 days of events to take place with prior fund raising events organised.

Training Courses – No training courses booked.

Japanese Knotweed – Site visit with landowner arranged with former agreeing to spray the infected land in the Summer.

Holy Thorn Lane ( Blackheart Lane ) – Postponed for discussion to the next Parish Council Meeting.

Clerk Vacancy – 3 potential candidates have contacted the Parish Council. Clerk to contact each one for potential Interviews week beginning 9th April.

HALC Southern Area Meeting – Mr. M. Morley informed the Parish Council of the contents after attending.

Planning- Planning Application for Castle Cottage, for the installation of ground mounted solar PV panels comprising 16 PV modules on ground bed of 54m2 area, S120303/FH, returned with no objections.

Planning Application for Highland Cottage for the Erection of Detached double garage – S120186/FH, comments made online and returned comments.

Clerk to contact Herefordshire Council requesting information on why the last 2 planning applications were retrospective. After a late written request was received, correspondence to be written to a local resident concerning tree removal.

Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday 2nd May 2012@7:30pm

Please contact the Parish Clerk with any issues concerning Little Birch Parish. Contact details are: Liz Callwood 540081 or [lizcallwood@googlemail.com](mailto:lizcallwood@googlemail.com)



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## Parish Plan Evening

Little Birch Community Led Plan Steering Group is hosting an evening to inform local residents of the findings, now the questionnaires have been analysed. These results will form the basis of the Parish Plan. Free refreshments including CAKE, will be available with a start time of the presentation at 7:30pm in Little Birch Village Hall on Thursday 26th April. Please feel free to browse the findings beforehand and also please take some time to examine the Parish Field now it has been cleared. Any recommendations for the future of the Parish Field will also be welcomed on the night. Please note the Parish Field is the small piece of land adjacent to the footpath to Aconbury Woods, just below and opposite the Village Hall.



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## Local News

From time to time, it is good to report news and adventures of some of our young people in the community. It was recently learned that Rhys Atkinson of the Old Rectory is now studying Art and Graphic Design at university in London and that his older brother, Luke, is spending some months in Bangladesh, helping his girlfriend in her charity work helping poorer families there. Meanwhile, older sister, Melanie, opened a café in France near

one of the ski resorts and finds that it is rewarding but very hard work. We wish them all well in their various projects and it would be good to hear of other good news especially about young people's progress.

It is sad to record the death of Mrs. Audrey Williams, erstwhile of Much Birch, who will be remembered by many for her hard work and helpfulness to the community as Ward Councillor for over 20 years on the erstwhile South Herefordshire District Council.

Audrey was born at the Minster Farm in 1918, the daughter of Mr & Mrs. Harry Manning and was educated at the old Ross Grammar School. At the opening of the King's Thorn Memorial Hall in 1927 (erected in memory of those who served in the 1<sup>st</sup>. World War), she presented a bouquet of flowers to Mrs. Parrish, whose husband performed the ceremonial cutting of the ribbon.

Audrey married Thomas Gordon Williams of Tretire and they farmed there for some years. They then moved to the Ash Farm at the top of Tump Lane and animals figured prominently in their lives. There were ponies, horses, dogs and cats as family pets and the family of Dennis, Valerie and Jenny with Audrey and Gordon were all members of the South Hereford Hunt, based at Wormelow. They remained at Ash Farm until Gordon retired from farming and then lived at 2 addresses in Much Birch until Gordon died in the early 90's. Audrey and Gordon were very proud of their 10 grandchildren and to these have been added 10 great grandchildren and more recently, one great, great grandchild. Audrey subsequently moved to Grafton to be near Jenny and Bill Layton and continued her District Council work for several years.

She went into Charnwood retirement home some 2 years ago, then as she became more frail, she moved to the Oaklands Nursing Home in Hereford.

A Service to Celebrate her Life took place at Much Birch Church, which had played an important part in her life, on 28<sup>th</sup> February, conducted by Rev. Mark Johnson. A very typical photograph of Audrey was printed on the front of the Order of Service. Her body was laid to rest with that of Gordon in the churchyard. Donations were given in aid of the Martha Trust Hereford and Much Birch Church. We extend to Jenny and Valerie and their families our deepest sympathy.

The final service of Thanksgiving for the Life and Witness of the Methodist Chapel to be held on

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 3pm.** As this will be a sad occasion it would be good to have support for this service.



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### **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April Maundy Thursday**

Chrism Eucharist 10.30am

Eucharist of the Last Supper, with washing  
of the feet 7.30pm

### **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April Easter Eve**

Evensong and blessing of the Easter Garden 5.30pm

Paschal Vigil and first Eucharist of Easter 8pm

### **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April Easter Sunday**

Cathedral Eucharist 10am

Matins 11.30am

Evensong 3.30pm

### **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April Easter Monday**

Free lunch time organ concert 1.15-2pm

Do you know of a boy aged 6-8 who might be interested in joining the internationally renowned Hereford Cathedral Choir? If you would like an informal discussion about the opportunities Geraint Bowen, the director of music would be delighted to hear from you.

(Tel 01432 374238)

### **Two “Gripes” from Newsletter Readers**

#### **1. Bonfires**

In the fine sunny weather at the end of Feb and early March, some residents have lit bonfires during the day when neighbouring properties have many windows fully open or washing hanging out to dry. This unsociable behaviour has caused a lot of resentment and is totally unnecessary.

PLEASE LIGHT BONFIRES AFTER DARK,  
HAVING CHECKED NO WINDOWS ARE OPEN.

#### **2. Walker Safety**

Walkers, often with dogs, walk at twilight or in the dark with no reflective jacket or belt so that they can't be seen and accuse drivers of inconsiderate behaviour. EVERYONE HAS A RIGHT TO USE OUR HIGHWAYS BUT PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU CAN BE SEEN!

**Herefordshire Cathedral Perpetual Trust**  
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#### **April Dates**

#### **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April**

Palm Sunday Service gathering in the forecourt of the Bishops Palace at 10am

#### **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**

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**South Herefordshire & Golden Valley**

**Crime Trends**

Between **2am** and **7:45am** on **THURSDAY 16-FEB-2012** Several small bales of hay were stolen from near a property in the Wormelow area, an unknown flatbed type vehicle was used to steal it. Incident number 112-S-160212 refers.

On **TUESDAY 21-FEB-2012** near Harewood End, several chainsaws and a quad bike were nearly taken. The offender(s) were disturbed and made off on foot to an unknown vehicle which was parked a short distance away from the area. Incident number 044-S-210212 refers.

About 650 litres of diesel was stolen from a tank on a farm in **St Weonards**. The theft was discovered on Tuesday 21st February and it is believed it happened the evening before. Incident no **412-s0-210212**

A quantity of scaffolding poles were stolen from outside a property in **Harewood End** overnight on Thursday 23rd/Friday 24th February. Incident number **102-s-240212**.

**Warning - Jequirity bean bracelets important information has been circulated by the NHS We have received an alert regarding bracelets that have been on sale at Eden Project in Cornwall and another 36 retailers across the UK; urging customers to return the red and black bracelets made from the Jequirity bean, the deadly seed of the plant *abrus precatorious*. It contains the toxin abrin, a controlled substance under the Terrorism Act that if swallowed can kill in doses of just 3 micrograms. Abrin is chemically similar to ricin, a chemical warfare agent. People who have bought the bracelets are being urged to bag them and then wash their hands and avoid touching their eyes.**

**Good News**

A male has been arrested and charged with several offences of burglary after extensive enquiries by officers and Scenes of Crime officers, three of these burglaries were reported in the briefing last year - one in Vowchurch, one in Grafton and one in Allensmore.

**Computer Security**

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**Meet the Team**

We regularly attend local events such as Village Markets, Parish Council Meetings etc, so we thought it might be a good idea to circulate the details of where we will be and when (call outs permitting!)

If you would like to speak to us in person, take some crime prevention or legal advice leaflets, purchase SmartWater etc, please come and see us.

If anyone is connected with running a similar club/event where we might have a regular slot, or even a one off visit - we give talks too! - please get in touch.

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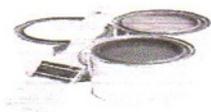
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