



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

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

## Diary dates

### May

- 2nd. Little Birch PC and Parish Meeting
- 2nd. MB Church meeting MBCH
- 5th. Book Exchange LBVH
- 8th. Evergreen Club
- 8th. Whist Drive LBVH
- 10th. Much Birch PC and Parish Meeting
- 18th. Monarchy quiz LBVH
- 20th. Jubilee craft session MBCH

22nd. Flicks in the Sticks MBCH

28th. Flicks in the Sticks MBCH

28th. Duchy walk

30th. Gardening Club LBVH.

### June

2nd. Diamond Jubilee celebrations LBVH

3rd. Diamond Jubilee celebrations MBCH

4th. Diamond Jubilee celebrations LBVH

27th. Gardening Club evening visit.

### June Newsletter

Please send copy for May Newsletter to [birchesnews@gmail.com](mailto:birchesnews@gmail.com) or written contributions to John Bryant at Bramley Bungalow Aconbury Close by 18th. May

### 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.

### Castle Inn

Welcome to Richard Taylor and his wife Elly and family who have just moved into the Castle Inn. Richard has taken a 3 year lease on the Castle Inn which is wonderful news for the village especially after all the uncertainty of whether the pub is open or closed.

Those of you who have eaten recently at the Castle will know just how experienced Richard and his staff are, paying great attention to using good quality fresh local produce.

The beer gardens are now open and a great place to bring the family. Muddy wellies and dogs are also most welcome.

We wish Richard and Elly every success. Use it or lose it!!

Richard and Elly welcome you to

### THE CASTLE INN

Opening times:

Tuesday to Sunday lunchtimes – 12.00 till 3.00

Tuesday to Saturday evenings – 6.00 till 11.00

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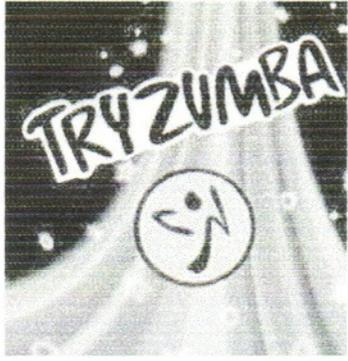
Future events:

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Jubilee Breakfast

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Jubilee Barbecue

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### Much Birch Church

We are holding a general meeting for the community of Much Birch and for those outside the parish who are on the Electoral Roll on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 7pm in Much Birch Community Hall. This is to present and discuss the present financial situation of the church and to decide how we can support the church for the future in general and financial terms. All are invited and we hope that many of you will attend.  
The Churchwardens

### Diamond Jubilee Celebrations in Much Birch

As you know Much Birch Community Hall Management Committee are planning a celebration for the Diamond Jubilee on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June starting with a 'Bring and Share Lunch' at 12.30pm. Many other activities are planned for the afternoon including the planting of a commemorative tree to the front of the hall. The Committee would like to invite anyone who might be celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> birthday on that day to put their name forward to plant the tree at a small ceremony. If more than one name is submitted then a draw from a hat will be made from a hat to choose the one to have the

honour. Please submit names to the Committee Secretary Sylvia Jones on  
Tel 01981 540980 by 24<sup>th</sup> May.

### Local News

We are delighted to announce that **Ruth Sherlock** of Kings Thorn has won the '**Young Journalist of The Year**' at the British Press Awards 2012. Ruth has been offered and accepted a contract with the Daily Telegraph as a Foreign Correspondent. Ruth, currently in Beirut, is soon to spend three months in London training, learning in detail how the newspaper is produced. Following this Ruth will take up postings abroad. Warmest congratulations Ruth from your family, friends and neighbours.

Congratulations to Margaret Blythe of 36 Tump Lane on becoming a Great Grandmother.

George Finley Benny was born on the 13<sup>th</sup> March in North Wales to Margaret's granddaughter Kate and William Benny.

Jenny and John Caton are pleased to announce the safe arrival of a granddaughter, 'Evie', to elder daughter, Becce and her husband, James. Evie weighed in at a healthy 7lb. 6oz. Erin, is delighted to have a sister.

Last month, Constance 'Fluff' Thomas sadly passed away at the age of 81 years. Fluff was born in Wormelow in 1932 but the family moved to Little Birch, where she attended the school until the age of 14. She was married to Peter Thomas, who lived at 'Wallspool', after he had finished his service in the Royal Navy in WW2. They first lived in Eden Lane, off the Barrack Hill, where son Peter was born. In the 1950's, the family moved to Tump Lane, where 3 daughters were born, Veronica, Diane, Elaine and sadly another baby son who died at birth. Besides being a good homemaker and mother, Fluff took the children as she picked fruit throughout the summer months, mainly at the Snell's farm. Later, she worked for many years at the mushroom farm in Much Birch, at the Tump Inn and other factories in Hereford.

Unfortunately, her health deteriorated some 15 years ago but husband, Peter and Veronica, and others in the family gave her the utmost care. Some 4 years ago, she had to go into full time care in a residential home in Hereford but was constantly visited by the family and fortunately, son Peter, who has lived in New Guinea for some 40 years, came home to visit. Fluff's funeral service took place at Hereford Crematorium and was conducted by the Rev Mark

Johnson. We send to Peter, her husband for 66 years, and the family including Fluff's sisters and brother, our sincere condolences.

On March 31<sup>st</sup>, Mr Norman Hartley also sadly passed away at Charnwood, where he had been cared for over the last 2 years or so. Norman was born in Birkenhead but moved with his mother to Leominster in his early teens. At the outbreak of WW2, he joined the RAF and became a rear gunner in Lancaster bombers. He was based mainly at UK aerodromes but did have one spell in India, a country he would have liked to revisit but never had the opportunity to do so. He met his wife to be, Gwendoline, whilst on leave in 1944 and was demobbed in 1946 but still maintained his interest in aircraft by joining the Royal Auxillary Air Force. He worked maintaining machinery at coal pits in the Forest of Dean and later for Alexander and Duncan, the agricultural machinery firm. Gwen and Norman were among the first to take up residence when the council houses in Tump Lane were built in the mid 1950's. Five children were born to complete the family, Trevor, Susan, Stephen, Elaine and Leslie. Norman worked at the Mushroom Farm, Much Birch, for many years and Gwen was also there after the family grew up. Sadly, Gwen passed away some 6 years ago but Norman strived, with the help of the family, to continue living independently. It was a very familiar scene to see a pair of legs sticking out from beneath his maroon Renault car as he kept it so well maintained. In fact, his neighbour Mr. Hill also kept his Austin A50 in tip top condition and so on many days, 2 pairs of legs were often seen as they worked underneath their cars in Tump Lane. When Norman's health deteriorated, he had Meals on Wheels and was always very grateful for the help he received from the family and neighbours. He died at the age of 92 years and was buried with Gwen at Llanwarne, where the funeral service was conducted by Rev. Elaine Goddard. We extend our sincere sympathy to all the family.

It is very sad to report the passing of Stephen Holly, the elder son of Eileen and the late Brian Holly and brother of Andrew. He was 39 years of age. The family lived at the 'Old Shop', opposite the Monastery, for many years before moving to Much Dewchurch. Both Stephen and Andrew attended Much Birch School and both were members of the Scout Troop based at King's Thorn. Further details will be given next month but in the meantime we extend to Eileen, the family and to grandparents, George and Hilda Holly our deepest sympathies.

It is also most sad to say that Mary Enoch formerly of this parish passed away on 21<sup>st</sup> April. A tribute to her will be given next month but in the meantime we send our sincere condolences to Huw and Anne and their families.

**FLICKS IN THE STICKS**  
**at Much Birch Community Hall**

**Tuesday 22nd May 7.30pm –**  
**WAR HORSE** 12A  
From director *Steven Spielberg* comes *War Horse*, an epic adventure for audiences of all ages. Set against a sweeping canvas of rural England and Europe during the First World War, *War Horse* begins with the remarkable friendship between a horse named *Joey* and a young man called *Albert*, who tames and trains him.

**Saturday 26th May 2.30pm –**  
**THE MUPPETS** U  
It's time to play the music, it's time to light the lights, it's time for the best non Pixar movie to come out of Disney in years! The phrase 'fun for all the family' can be a cliché, but it is hard to think of a film where the phrase is more apt than *The Muppets*. Every member of your family will enjoy it.

**Refreshments including hotdogs available from 7pm**  
**(2pm for matinée)**

**For further information about films and screenings visit [www.artsalive.co.uk](http://www.artsalive.co.uk)**

**Tickets £4 (£3 under 16s)**

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A brown Labrador dog was recently 'kidnapped' from the front garden of a house in Little Birch and then abandoned in the car park of the Castle Inn a few minutes later. Fortunately, the dog had been micro-chipped and the kidnappers must have been equipped to detect the chip and realised this would be detected if it was sold on. It is believed that 2 young men driving an old Audi saloon, registration no. R 9\*3 EHK were possibly involved as it was seen touring the area. It was also possibly involved in a similar incident in the Garway area. Please be vigilant in observing any 'strange' cars touring the area and report anything unusual to the police. Dog owners may also seriously consider having their dogs microchipped to avoid any similar misfortune and possible heartache.

Mrs. Ros Preece of 'Corner House', King's Thorn, has written to say a big 'Thank You' to John Jones, Ray Ingram, Bekki Cameron and the Compost Heap

for an enjoyable evening of mixed music and song on March 31<sup>st</sup> at Little Birch Village Hall. She hopes that a good amount was raised for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Fund. Thank you Ros for your appreciation. A fuller report is given elsewhere in this issue.

Little Birch church PCC would also like to thank everyone who attended and supplied items for the Lent Lunch. This was well attended and generous donations amounting to £190 have been sent to Sight Savers International.

### **Much Birch Parish Council**

#### **Parish Clerk (Administration & Finance Officer) Vacancy-6 hours per week**

Salary – negotiable (dependant upon previous experience)

We are looking for a motivated and experienced administrator to fill the role of Parish Clerk. Previous of parish council administration is essential.

If not already held, the successful candidate will be expected to study for the Certificate in Local Council Administration (CilCa), and funding may be available for this.

A full driving license is necessary as is the use of a vehicle.

Please apply in writing, enclosing your CV and address to Chairman Cllr. Dave Davies, Damson Croft, Parish Lane, King's Thorn, Herefordshire, HR2 8AU, or by email to:

[Davedavies@kingsthorn4042.freemove.co.uk](mailto:Davedavies@kingsthorn4042.freemove.co.uk)

### **Much Birch Parish Council**

Temporary Address: c/o Melanie Preedy  
Herefordshire Association of Local Councils  
Berrows Business Centre  
Bath Street  
Heredord  
HR12HE

Tel. 01432 353492

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All six councillors attended the parish meeting held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April. The planning application for Birch House to demolish an existing greenhouse and erect a new garden house was discussed and supported. Councillors agreed to adopt a new policy for dealing with planning applications which allows the planning group to make comments between parish council meetings. Please find under documents on the website:

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

Several potholes and drains were raised for reporting to Amey. If you spot any highway problems please let the clerk know or contact [streets@herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:streets@herefordshire.gov.uk) or telephone 01432 261800. New work was put forward for the lengthsman which included clearing out the strikes and creating new ones along Dillons Hill, Wrigglebrook Road and Tickety Withy. Arrangements are being made for joint working between Much Birch Parish Council and Little Birch Parish Council for winter gritting.

The Parish Council is seeking a Parish Clerk to administer the work of the Parish Council for 6 hours per week. Salary is negotiable on experience. For further details please see [www.muchbirchparish.org.uk/MBPC%20Clerk.pdf](http://www.muchbirchparish.org.uk/MBPC%20Clerk.pdf)

The next meeting will be the Annual Parish Meeting; this is your opportunity to hear an overview of the Parish Council activities and raise any issues for consideration. Following the Annual Parish Meeting will be the Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council.

These will take place on **Thursday 10th. May At 7.00pm, Much Birch Community Hall.** Please see notice boards and website for agendas.

### **Ongoing House de-clutter**

As we gradually have a sort out we have varied items for sale, including Black & Decker electric tools, lawn mowers, electric ceramic hob, double oven Canon Cooker, furniture, stone pots, kitchen items, above ground swimming pool accessories, etc.

Undercover viewing without obligation welcome. Andy and Lesley Lowe, Chevin House, Barrack Hill, Little Birch.

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## Much Birch 100 Club Draw

The March draw took place on 11<sup>th</sup> March in MB Community Hall at 11am.

The winners were;

1. No 104 – Mrs C. Chichester, Kivernoll
2. No 47 – Mrs C. Powell, Much Birch

The April draw took place 8<sup>th</sup> April in MB Community Hall at 11am.

The winners were;

1. No 80 – Mr D. Pennington, Much Birch
2. No 70 - Miss J. Angel, Hereford

The next draw will take place on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30am in MB Community Hall.

John Jones – Chairman

### Forthcoming Arts Alive Events At the Steiner Academy Much Dewchurch

A taste of Glyndebourne – Pop-up Opera.  
A professional touring company are performing Donizetti's comic opera

‘L’Elixir d’Amore’ on **22<sup>nd</sup> May at 7.30pm.**

As well as wonderful singing there will be delicious nibbles and wine available. Come dressed to impress for a find night out – there will be a prize for the best effort.

Tickets Adults £15 (includes glass of fizz)

Under 18's £10

Also the Watermill Theatre will be performing Love on The Tracks by Anton Chekhov on

**May 30<sup>th</sup>**, featuring Kenton Archer from that well known radio serial.

For enquiries and bookings Tel 01981 540221 and follow the instructions to the Arts Alive Line.

### Crime update from Police Briefings

Recent police briefings unfortunately list a catalogue of crimes against property and theft of items and farm animals. For full details of all the crime across South Herefordshire & Golden Valley please visit

[www.muchbirchparish.org.uk](http://www.muchbirchparish.org.uk) where full details of police briefings are stored in full for everyone to view.

### Suspicious Vehicle

A green Ford Transit pick up L25\*MVJ called at a farm and two males got out and were looking around. However when the owner appeared they made a hasty getaway. This vehicle is clearly of interest to the police so please report any sightings. Incident number 326-s-100412



*Come and get creative in preparation for the Diamond Jubilee 'Big Lunch' on 3rd June.*

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2.30pm - 4.00pm**  
**Much Birch Community Hall**

Children and families are invited to come and make bunting, flags and more so that we can decorate the Hall fit for a Queen on 3rd June! Join us for a fun afternoon of creativity - snack provided!

We're also looking for red, white and blue scrap material - please look out your odds and ends and bring them along on the day.

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

### Bike Fest 2012

Bike Fest 2012 is a series of bike safety events taking part across West Mercia in 2012 supported by the Safer Roads Partnership. The events were aimed at moped, scooter and motorcycle riders. Events vary in terms of what's on offer but all events are aimed at helping riders to improve their skills and be more confident on the roads – whatever bike they have or how much experience they have.

So if you are interested in developing your biking skills come along to one of the Bike Fest events!

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April – Hereford Rider Skills Day 10 – 4pm, Sutton St Nicholas Village Hall, Bayley Way, HR1 3SZ**

- Observed ride outs (for full licence holders only) by Worcester and Hereford Advanced Motorcyclists.
- Bike simulator
- Police bike
- Blood bike
- Free entry
- Refreshments

**For more information visit:**

[www.wham-motorcycling.org](http://www.wham-motorcycling.org)



*A one-day get-together for neighbours across the UK*

**Much Birch Community Hall**  
**Sunday 3rd June 2012**  
**From 12.30pm**

**BRING AND SHARE LUNCH**  
 No entry charge - just bring a plate of food to share for lunch  
*(not too much Coronation Chicken please!)*

 **Children's Royal Parade - a prize for all taking part** 

**1950s or Red, White & Blue fancy dress!**

**Games - Raffle - Time Capsule burying - Bar - Tombola - Quiz**

**Afternoon tea and celebration cake**

**Screening of the Royal Pageant on the Thames**



### Meet the Police team

Below are the dates and venues where we will be over the next few weeks, please come and say hello if you are coming to one of these events.

- Longtown** Village Hall – Library Session, from 2.30pm on Wed 25<sup>th</sup> April
- Dorstone** Front Room, Dorstone from 10 – 11am on Fri 27<sup>th</sup> April
- Much Birch** Village Hall – Village Market, From 2.30 Fri 27<sup>th</sup> April
- Garway** Village Hall – Village Market, from 3pm on Fri 4<sup>th</sup> May
- Madley** – Brightwells, Stoney Street, Plant and Machinery Sale, from 10am on Fri 11<sup>th</sup> May

### Appeal from Paul Loepold of the West Mercia Watch forum – can you help?

The West Mercia Neighbourhood Watch Forum seeks to act as a collective voice for Neighbourhood Watch (NW) in West Mercia. On the committee there are representatives of most of Shropshire and Worcestershire but nobody from Herefordshire. This is an omission that I would dearly like to put right. Whilst it is recognised that there are no Council

Districts as exist in Worcestershire for example is there a Herefordshire NW Association or are there any smaller NW associations. If there are we would be delighted if representatives could join us on the West Mercia Forum thereby making the Forum genuinely Force wide. In the absence of any knowledge of an individual in Herefordshire to speak to I make this plea to all NW members in the County in the hope that someone can help. I can be contacted on Tel 01886 821688 and; [pleopold@toucansurf.com](mailto:pleopold@toucansurf.com)

Most burglaries are opportunistic thieves who are looking for easier ways of getting into a house without being seen or disturbed. If leaving your home overnight or on a longer holiday taking the following simple measures make you property less vulnerable to burglars.

- Let a neighbour or friend know you are going away
- Arrange for them to check on your house, collect mail, open/close curtains
- Use timer switches/sensors to turn lights on in the evenings while you are out
- Invest in external lighting
- Mark your belongings with your postcode and house number
- If you have an alarm set it when you leave the house.

For more information about home and garden security, visit the force website [www.westmercia.police.uk/](http://www.westmercia.police.uk/)

A restructuring of Local Policing in Herefordshire is being carried out over the next few weeks and the outcome will be revealed towards the end of May - watch this space. Non emergency number 101 or 0300 333 3000

That's it for now CSO Fiona Witcher – 07779 141232

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## Little Birch celebrations of the Diamond Jubilee

Many thanks to all those who came to the Social in the village hall on March 31<sup>st</sup> but **especially** to John Jones and Ray Ingram, Bekki Cameron and also The Compost Heap. Their music was greatly enjoyed and a good time was had by all. Thanks also to Jackie for her sterling efforts behind the bar. The money raised amounted to well over £400 which should set us well on the way towards our Jubilee celebrations. Thanks to all again.

The next money raising event is

### **The Monarchy Quiz**

This is on **Friday May 18<sup>th</sup>** at 7.30 in Little Birch Village Hall. Please be there ready to start at 7.45. Please come along and see what you remember in this not-too-serious quiz. It will cover only English/British kings and queens.

Your teams can be anything up to 6 people so, between you, you will remember a lot!

The cost is £2.00 each and this includes light refreshments

There will also be a bar and draw

Come and help make lots more of money for the Jubilee and have fun.

**The more of you who come, the more money we make and the more we can spend on the jubilee celebrations.**

## Events on Jubilee Celebration Days

### **Saturday June 2<sup>nd</sup>**

1.30 – The Jubilee Queen will leave the village hall on a tour round the village, going down Barrack Hill, along Little Birch Road to Sunnybank corner then along to Pendant Pitch, up past the pub and Castle Nibole then back to the hall. We hope you will come out and cheer as she goes past!

2.00 – The Jubilee Queen will plant a tree on parish field and christen the jubilee seat.

2.30 – There will be a Jubilee tea, 1950s style in the village hall (no charge).

**Any offers of 50s style food welcomed.**

Adults are invited to come dressed in 1950s outfits and children dressed as kings or queens. Prizes will be awarded to the best outfits, judged by the Jubilee Queen. Tea will finish soon after 4.00.

7.30 – There will be a Disco in the village hall. Unless we raise loads of money before then, there will probably have to be a charge (tbc). There will be a bar and crisps etc for sale behind it. This Disco will play music covering **all the decades** from 1950s to now, so something for everyone. Come along and have fun!

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### Monday June 4<sup>th</sup>

Thanks to the Dillons for their generous offer and weather permitting, all the events on this day will take place in the field behind the village hall, opposite Castle Nibole – The Glebe.

From 12.30ish – Bring your own picnic lunch and enjoy the best view in Little Birch. The bar will be open selling alcoholic and soft drinks, and tea and coffee will also be available. These will continue all day till midnight if needed!

A display of vintage agricultural vehicles will be on show during the afternoon

2.30 – There will be children's fun activities and sports

Late afternoon – Children's Tug-o-War followed by a Much Birch vs Little Birch Tug-o-War followed by a rounders game.

7.30 – A barbecue will begin. Details to be confirmed.

During the evening The Compost Heap will sing and hope they will be joined by many others who would like to sing and/or play. **If you would like to join in, please bring along your instruments.** Maybe an ad hoc ceilidh??

10.30 – We will light the beacon and, hopefully from our elevated position, see several others being lit. Please note – some of these details may be altered. Final details will be in the June newsletter.

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.**

**Please come and help make this a celebration to remember**

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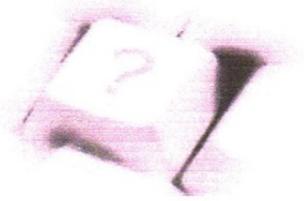
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### Little Birch Village Hall Committee Dawn Chorus Walk

The pessimists amongst us thought we should cancel the walk owing to the cold wet weather during the past couple of weeks. However the optimists won us over and the two walks from Merrivale farm went ahead-and they were fantastic! The early mornings were sunny if a bit cool. New leaf was out on many of the trees and many of the woodland plants including bluebells were in bloom. The birds were in full voice but unfortunately the cuckoo was not.. (Amazingly Bob Mason heard and photographed one later in the day on the 21st.) Afterwards a full breakfast was cooked by Robyn Hodges and other members of the village hall committee. Thanks to all involved and especially to Bob and Sue Mason and to our "twitchers"

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will be on **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May meeting at the village hall at 5.30pm.**

The route has yet to be confirmed but may involve arranging parking in suitable places to reduce walking distance. When we return to the hall there will be refreshments waiting for us, for which there will be a small charge. Come along and find out the Duchy's current management plans for the woodland.

### The Evergreen Club

On **Tuesday 8 May** we are going to the Museum of Welsh Life at St. Fagans. As well as the open-air collection of buildings through the ages, the "Castle" has now been restored to its full Edwardian glory and is surrounded by Italian gardens.

**The cost is £9 for members; £11 for non-members.** (Entrance is free)

For enquiries or to book, please ring Bridget on **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
Fontaine Court	9.45

### Community book exchange and lending library

The next meeting for the 'Book Exchange' will be on **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May 10 – 12am at LBVH.**

The April exchange was again enjoyable occasion made more so by a visit from a representative of World Books who distributed free a new publication to anyone who wanted a copy. She will no doubt be interested to hear our views on it. Being a holiday weekend not so many people attended but contributions still paid for use of the hall.

### Whist Drive

Our next Whist Drive is on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm in LBVH. Entrance Fee £1.50**

Excellent prizes and refreshments will be available. New players are always welcome.

### Duchy Walk

Geraint Richards and Graham Taylor have, once again, kindly agreed to lead us on a walk in Aconbury and adjacent Wallbrook woods. The walk

### Little Birch and King's Thorn Gardening Club

On 30<sup>th</sup> May, Kate Williams will entertain us with a light-hearted evening of punchy poetry and music on a gardening and wildlife theme. She is the new 'Pam Ayres'.

Wed. 30<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm in Little Birch Village Hall.

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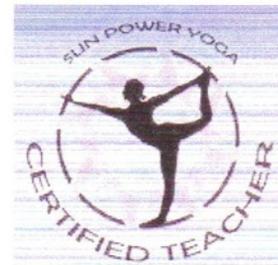
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