



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

A newsletter for the villages of King's Thorn, Little Birch, Much Birch & Aconbury March 2013- First published 1977

## John Bryant

John will be presented with his British Empire Medal by Lady Darnley, Lord Lieutenant of Herefordshire on Saturday March 2nd. Because numbers are strictly limited for the actual presentation, John and Betty would like to warmly welcome everyone to celebrate the occasion at Little Birch Village Hall between 4 and 6pm.

### Diary Dates

#### February

23rd Book exchange LBVH

27th Gardening Club LBVH

#### March

2nd John Bryant BEM presentation LBVH

5th Little Birch parish Council LBVH

6th Much Birch Parish Council MBCH

9th An Evening with Dick Brice MDVH

13th Sugar Craft Demonstration MBCH

12th Whist Drive LBVH

12th & 23rd Flicks in the Sticks MBCH

#### March

15th Lent Lunch MBCH

15th Annual Quiz LBVH

19th Much Birch WI MBCH

22nd Lent Lunch LBVH

22nd Village Market MBCH

22nd 'Allo 'Allo play reading LBVH

27th Gardening Club LBVH

#### April

20th Halfway Community Theatre MBCH

27th Rhayader Male Voice Choir MBCH

### LITTLE BIRCH and KING'S THORN GARDENING CLUB

On WED. March 27th. at 7.30pm, the Club AGM will take place in Little Birch Village Hall.

Reports will be given and the Programme for the next 12 months will be outlined. Everyone with an interest in gardening will be most welcome.

There will be a Bring and Buy Plant Stall.

John Bryant 540316.

Victor and Beryl Townsend and daughter, Sue, would like to thank all who came to their Golden Wedding celebration on Feb 2nd. and for the generous donations totaling £325, which was split between the Air Ambulance and St. Michaels Hospice charities.

Join in the Fun  
22 March 7.30pm  
Little Birch Village Hall  
First read through of the script.  
For The Amateur Dramatic  
Production of

## 'Allo 'Allo

Sorry over 16s only please  
Discussion of production dates.  
Auditions early April.  
For more details; Jane 07541347931

A number of generous donations to the Newsletter have also been gratefully received via Miss Rigby and from Alan and Coral of Wrigglebrook.

### April Newsletter

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

## Police Warning After Spate Of Burglaries – Herefordshire

People in Herefordshire are being urged to be vigilant after a number of burglaries across the county. In the space of 48 hours, 5-7th. February, at least nine burglaries were reported to police in Hereford, Clehonger, Weston under Penyard, Llangaarron and Upton Bishop.

“Experience tells us that burglars often live reasonably close to their victims and work a local patch,” says Detective Chief Inspector for Herefordshire, Sean Paley. He adds: “They will return to or near to properties they have already broken into, so please bear this in mind if you live in any of the neighbourhoods where these recent burglaries have taken place.

“We have had as many burglaries reported to us in two days as we typically see over the space of a week. Obviously this increase is a concern to us and officers will leave no stone unturned in finding those responsible for these offences.

“Tackling burglary is a priority for West Mercia Police and under Citadel, a force initiative which aims to drive down burglary rates and catch offenders, we continue to work very hard to beat the burglars.”

Det Ch Insp Paley adds: “In light of this recent spate of burglaries, I would urge people to act on crime prevention advice and help police by ringing 999 if they see anything suspicious in their area.”

People can take the following steps to protect their homes:

- While the dark evenings are still with us, residents are urged to leave a light on to make it look like someone is at home.
- We recommend householders invest in timer switches to turn lights and radios on while they are out.
- Plenty of outside lighting will also deter burglars as well as gates to the rear of properties being secured.
- We advise everyone to property mark their valuables and make the details viewable to the police by registering them on Immobilise - <http://www.immobilise.com/>. It's free to register your belongings and should the worst happen, it will improve the chances of getting them back if they are lost or stolen.

Further home security advice is available on **this** website:

<http://www.westmercia.police.uk/news/campaigns-and-initiatives/lighten-up-don-t-be-in-the-dark-about-home-security.html>

Anyone with information about any of the burglaries mentioned in this release can call police on 0300 333 3000 or call Your Local Police - 101

## Local News

HELEN FOX is leaving this month to take up a teaching appointment in Malaysia. She will be taking youngest daughter, Elizabeth Jane, with her and our best wishes go with them for this new venture. The other members of the family are scattered worldwide except James who will stay in the UK.

Kevin and Chris MURRAY have also moved house recently and we hope they will soon settle in their new home.

Our Congratulations are extended to BEN ROBERTS and his partner, ANNA, of Poets Cottage, L. Birch, on the arrival of a son, OSCAR JOHN, who was born 4 weeks or so early, but is doing extremely well. Grandparents, Lynette and John Roberts, are delighted with their new grandson.

Not being ‘in the know’, it was a pleasant surprise to switch on the TV on Fri., 8th. Feb. and see father and son, Peter and Andrew Watts of Little Birch Road as they appeared on ‘Bargain Hunt’. Apparently, this was recorded back last June/July. Sadly, they were not the winning team but bought some more unusual items and enjoyed the experience immensely.

Older residents may remember Mr. Jack Walker, erstwhile of ‘Green Acre’, Hollybush Lane, Much Birch, who has died aged 100 years. Jack was well known in farming circles having worked for many years at Passey Nott, the agricultural merchants in Hereford. He also served on Much Birch Parish Council for a very long time. He died in South Wales near to his daughter’s home and a short service was held at Hereford Crematorium on the 25th. January and the Service Sheet has a good photograph of Jack reading HM the Queen’s Congratulations card.

It is very sad to record the passing of DAVID BRINLEY PRICE of Much Birch after a long illness so bravely borne. Such was the high esteem in which David was held that over 350 gathered at

Hereford Crematorium on Sat. 16th. Feb, to commemorate his life and support his family. The Service was conducted by Rev. Mark Johnson, poems were read by NATALEIGH and BETHANNIE (granddaughters) and a tribute to David was given by a friend, John Williams. The Welsh National Anthem was played on entry by Andy Hoare (trumpet) of the AXE and CLEAVER. David was born in South Wales where his parents ran a small farm in a mining village. He attended local schools and said his one claim to fame was that 'he went to school with Tom Jones'. He was obviously accomplished at school and attended Pontypridd Grammar School and later gained a place at Aberystwyth University. It is not certain what his studies were but Chemistry and agricultural related subjects were his main focus. He later moved to Herefordshire and worked on many farms but came to live locally to work for Mr. Geoff. Snell at Treberva farm. He married Angela and they had 3 children, Chris, Brinley and Annette, who in turn had 6 grandchildren and these were the light of David's life. He was an avid follower of cricket and played for Harewood End and served on the committee for many years. He always listened to the radio to keep up to date with the Test Match commentaries.

The family moved to the Old Forge in Hollybush Lane where David ran a one man haulage business and at one time was also a Lime Spreading Contractor, transporting the lime from the quarry and applying it with his own machinery. He was go-ahead and a very hard working contractor. He also ran a small herd of sheep. David was a long serving member of the Llanwarne Ploughing Society and was Steward of the Horse Ploughing Section on Show Days. He was very interested in ploughing and accompanied his good friend, Keith Williams, wherever the National Championships were taking place in Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Keith is a well known Champion and David helped out wherever he could.

Sadly, David and Angela separated some 20 years ago and he later became partner to Lin Bridges and helped and guided her 3 boys through their teenage years. He gave great support to Lin especially following the loss of her son, David, in a tragic motorcycle accident with his own father. David was never without work and more recently built up a business as a constructor of agricultural buildings and domestic garages and extensions.

David was a true countryman, he loved all animals, especially his dogs and cats and could cast an expert eye over sheep.

His illness started some 7 years ago and David was stoical and always optimistic about the outcome. Lin nursed him with great fortitude over the course of his illness. David passed away peacefully on his 72nd. birthday and donations in memory of David were given to the Charles Renton Unit at the County Hospital.

He will be sadly missed by a very wide circle of friends and we send our deepest sympathies to Angela and her family and to Lin and her family. It is also sad to note the death of Sirrell Jones erstwhile of Wormelow. Sirrell was married to Pat (nee Bishop), who was brought up at 'The Gospel Hall on the Barrack Hill, where her father Horace Bishop had a scrap car and motor cycle business. We offer Pat our sincere sympathy.

Lent Lunches are being held each Friday in the parishes making up the Wormelow Hundred Group and for Much Birch this will be on March 15th. and for Little Birch on March 22nd. at L.Birch Village Hall from 12.30 to 2pm.

Please support this very worthy cause and enjoy a varied selection of soups, rolls and cheese and the company of those you may not have seen for some while.

**Coffee Morning at Counties View.** Les, Pat and Shirley would like to thank all those who came on Sat. 16th. February, making it such an enjoyable and successful occasion. £229.50p was raised for the Much Birch Flower Fund.

### **Much Birch WI**

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

March 19th is the Open Meeting, when we are pleased to welcome non members, both ladies and gentlemen, to join us for a talk entitled 'Whirly Bird – How to fly a Helicopter', given by Carole Dowling. Visitors and potential new members are always welcome.

For more information regarding Much Birch WI please contact Gillian, 01981 540080

### **Much Birch Village Market**

Please support our producers who bring local food almost 'to our door'.

MBVM takes place on the 4th Friday of the month (except December), in Much Birch Community Hall, between 2.30pm and 4.30pm The March market takes place on the 22nd.

Regular stall holders include the following; The Squeaky Pig, award winning suppliers of locally reared rare breed pork, sausage, including Gluten free (to order) and bacon. Moor Meals, award winning, local suppliers of Dexter beef, ready meals and pies. Llandinabo Farm shop, Castle Cheese, Mr.G's chutney and preserves and vegetables. There is a Fair Trade stand and a craft stand, selling cards, aprons, shopping bags, children's T-shirts and sleep suits. Dan is there to sharpen knives and garden tools. Refreshments and 'take home cakes', the proceeds of which go to MacMillan Cancer Support, are supplied by Chris and Peter. As far as I know at this time, all the usual suppliers will be with us, with the exception of Kath. If you would like to place an order for cards or gifts required before the April market please telephone Kath, on 01981 540382. If you would like to have a stall, or to find out more about the market, please contact Mark on 01432 278026

**Little Birch Church  
New fundraising opportunity**

Do you shop online? Do you want to support Little Birch Church? If the answer to the above is 'Yes', then read on!

Little Birch church has teamed up with 'The Giving Machine.' The Giving Machine is a not for profit organization who pay local charities like ours commissions for shopping online via the 'Giving machine' site. The best news of all is that it doesn't cost you a single penny. This facility is absolutely free. Please help us by registering as a 'giver' today by following the following very simple procedure:

- 1) Visit [www.thegivingmachine.co.uk](http://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk)
- 2) Click on 'Givers Join' button at top of page.
- 3) Click on 'Find beneficiaries'
- 4) Type in / search for 'Little Birch Church'
- 5) Click 'save' and follow the simple procedure.

The Little Birch PCC would like to thank you in advance for your participation in this new scheme.

**Much Birch Parish Council**

Parish Clerk Mrs Alison Wright Longfield House  
Gooses Foot, Kingstone Herefordshire HR2 9NE  
Tel. 01981 250860  
Email: [muchbirchclerk@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:muchbirchclerk@hotmail.co.uk)

PARISH MEETING – at the Parish Meeting held on the 7th February, at the Much Birch Community Hall, Councillors were addressed by members of the public about a further possible affordable housing venture to be built within the Parish. It was reiterated that a Parish Council meeting would be held once planning proposals had been submitted to discuss the application(s).\* CSO Witcher gave an update on crime trends and said that thefts from outbuildings, of tools and power tools, had been an issue recently. Cllr Russell Hamilton gave an overview of the budget position facing Herefordshire Council and explained some of the implications. Council tax would rise by 1.9% for the year. Work was in progress to try to address some of the issues with deteriorating roads and potholes in the County. The self help gritting that had been carried out, over the snowy period, had been hailed as a success and grateful thanks to all who had made this possible were recorded.

Another reminder, to everyone, is that we are still looking for willing volunteers to join the Parish Council. Come along to a meeting, and find out how you can join in, or contact the Clerk, or any of the other councillors, for details of how you can make a difference to the community by being part of the Parish Council.

Your Much Birch Parish Councillors are:-

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**Cllr Jon Norris** Whitewells, Laskett Lane, Much Birch, Hereford, HR2 8HZ, e mail jon@jonnorris.co.uk Tel. 07944 301250

Full minutes of the meetings and information etc. can be found on the Parish Council website following the link found in this summary. [www.muchbirchparish.org.uk](http://www.muchbirchparish.org.uk). The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Thursday 6th March 2013 at 7.30pm at Much Birch Community Hall. Please see notice boards and website for agendas. As always the public and press are more than welcome to attend and will have the opportunity to speak directly to their representatives. We hope to be finding out more about the "Smart Water" marking and identification system at this meeting.

### **True Grit (?)**

On behalf of the residents (or should it be denizens) of Pendant Pitch-and further afield I wish to congratulate our parish council and all concerned with the organisation and implementation of the recent road gritting operation. Following the snowfall it was a great relief to have the road surface in a usable condition without the hassle of shovelling and spreading grit manually.

Many thanks John Penrice

### **Little Birch Village Hall Pantomime**

This year's traditional Little Birch pantomime, Jack and the Beanstalk had an extraordinary 450 strong audience over the 4 performances. The audiences on each performance were marvellous entering into the spirit of the pantomime reacting to the characters such as the villainous Mr Catchit skilfully played by Richard Green and of course cheering on Jack (Rosie Harris) in her endeavours of fighting the mighty giant played by Geoff Nichol. I don't believe anyone in audience can possibly forget the hilarious performance from the Dame Trot (Bob Mason), Silly Billy (Dave Williams) and Daisy the cow (Sally and Meg) dancing the Egyptian Reggae.

Geoff, as well as playing the giant found time to skilfully put the all the sound effects together, which with the lighting expertly done by Liz Hall and the wonderfully created set by Bob Chance and David England. A tremendous amount of hours were dedicated to constructing the set.

Working alongside Bob were Selby Lloyd, Derek Scrivens, Rob Gould, Alan Barker and the wonderful snow effect done in the last week by Chris Atkinson. All this dedicated work added a truly professional feel to what is after all just a village pantomime

What I believe makes our village pantomime so special is how it brings together the generations of the community in a common bond. The children of the cast were amazing working so hard but having fun too, a side reward is to witness their confidence grow as their unique talents shine out. The pantomime had three generations of one family, which is spectacular in this day and age, Josh backstage, mum and dad, Mandy and Dave and grandparents of course the marvellous Iris and Selby. Iris's performance was legendary and attracted a few comments from her family that shall remain unsaid but taken with great humour by Iris.

During the show the vegetable fairy who was very funny, played by Derek Scrivens and Margaret who was the prompt became grandparents. In true professional style despite the their grandson arriving at 5.30 in the morning did not distract from their valued performance. Congratulations to them.

This year an extra performance was done for charity. This was organised by Rotary Club of Hereford Marches who raised a considerable amount of money that will go to help young adults with mental health difficulties. Cast and crew all thought this was a very positive experience and one we would hope to repeat in future years to benefit other charities.

In closing I would just like to say just a huge thank you to everyone who either watched or took part. I enjoyed every moment and have some very special memories. I would totally recommend it to anyone wondering what to do a winters evening. Come and join in the fun.

Jane Bolam

The Much Dewchurch Society Presents  
An Evening with

## Mr. Dick Brice

Supported by Compost Heap

**Saturday 9th March, 7.30 p.m.**

### Much Dewchurch Village Hall

Dick Brice has, for many years, been a popular entertainer in the Forest of Dean and Gloucester area. He will no doubt be his usual irrepressible self as he regales us with songs, jokes, stories and asides, all related to Forest life.

Dick was born and brought up in the Forest and he looks at the Forest with both humour and affection.

He has written some lovely songs about the area and along the way he does have something to say.

It will be a great night!

Come and enjoy yourselves.

Tickets: £8 (£5 for U 14s) to include supper.

From: Bob & Sue Chance—01981 540725

There will not be a bar, so please bring your own drink and glasses. Proceeds will be used for the benefit of the village.

### HALFWAY COMMUNITY THEATRE

We are pleased to announce that our next show: "BROADWAY MELODIES" Will take place on Friday 19th and Saturday 20th April at 7.30pm in Much Birch Community Centre.

Book early to enjoy with us those wonderful songs from the Broadway musicals!

Tickets £10 to include a light supper are available from: Audrey Crowte – Phone 01981 540432 (but please bring your own drink and glasses)

### 100 Club Draw

The February draw took place on 10th February 2013 in Much Birch Community Hall at 10.30am. The winners were:

1. No 78 - Mrs. C. Barnes, Hereford
2. No 7- Mrs. J. Hounsell, Much Birch

The next draw will take place 10th March 2013 at 10.30am in Much Birch Community Hall.

John Jones Chairman

### Little Birch Village Hall Committee

### Community Book Exchange/Lending Library

The next meetings for the "Book Exchange" will be on Saturday 23 February and Saturday 23 March at Little Birch Village Hall. A large selection of books to suit all ages and interests are available and for 2013 we have some new books and a small and growing collection of DVDs.

All members of the community are invited to join us for this pleasant social event. There is a charge of £1 per adult towards the cost of hall hire, and refreshments. We look forward to seeing you

### Whist Drive

Our next Whist Drive is on Tuesday 12 March 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.

### Annual Quiz.

Friday 15 March. Book in 7.15 for 7.30 start. £2 each member of team of 4 per table  
Tea and Light refreshments  
To book your table please contact Robyn (01981) 540264

### Easter Bingo

You are warmly invited to join us for this Special Easter Bingo at Little Birch Village Hall on Thursday 21 March. 8.p.m . There will be very good prizes and refreshments.

### Something for birdwatchers

If you go to Youtube and type in cuckoo Herefordshire you will hopefully see a video of a cuckoo being fed by a pair of Dunnocks here in the village at Belleview. This is particularly special footage as whatever we might think of cuckoos taking over the nests of other birds they are a special sound of spring and it always an event to hear the first cuckoo call of the year. Their numbers are down by 40% and they need all the help we can give them to understand their migratory journey and the threats to their survival.

An old wives tale well worth a try in these austere times is that when you hear the first cuckoo in the spring you shake the coins in your purse and there will be money in it all year.

### **Whats on at the Hereford Cathedral**

Sunday 10 March The Evening Hour. A service of prayer for healing and wholeness, with words and music from Iona and Taizé and time for quiet reflection; all are welcome. The service is held on the second Sunday of each month. 5.30 pm

Tuesday 12 March Same Sex marriage: a seminar led by Very Revd Dr Jeffrey John, Dean of St Alban's. College Hall. Booking required (01432 374225 Free entry, though donations invited. 7 pm  
Saturday 16 March Hereford Choral Society's performance of Mozart's Solemn Vespers and Mass in C minor Ticket information 0845 46 33 124 tickets@herefordchoralsociety.org 7.30 pm

Tuesday 19 March Choral Scholar Eucharist sung by the music scholars of Hereford Cathedral. Followed by a Lent lunch for those interested in financially supporting the choral and organ scholarships. To reserve a space please contact the Trust office (01432 374261 12 noon

Saturday 23 March – Sunday 21 April Risen Art of the Crucifixion and Eastertide  
An exhibition of works from the Methodist Church Collection of Modern Christian Art complemented by the work of Contemporary Artists. In partnership with Monnow Valley Arts and a number of venues including the cathedral.  
www.monnowvalleyarts.org

Sunday 24 March Palm Sunday service Gathering in the forecourt of the Bishop's Palace, along with the congregation from St Francis Xavier. 10 am

Tuesday 26 March Bach's St Matthew Passion Sung by the cathedral choir, with Marches Baroque and international soloists. Tickets available from the Perpetual Trust Office 01432 374261 Supported by the Alan Cadbury Charitable Trust. 7 pm

Thursday 28 March Maundy Thursday Chrism Eucharist 10.30 am Eucharist of the Last Supper, with washing of feet and Watch at the Altar of

Repose. 7.30 pm

Friday 29 March Good Friday Service for children and families. 10 am, preaching of the Passion. 12 noon – 1.30 pm, Liturgy of the Passion. 1.30–3 pm  
Saturday 30 March Easter Eve Evensong and blessing of the Easter garden. 5.30 pm, Paschal Vigil and first Eucharist of Easter. 8 pm

Sunday 31 March Easter Day Cathedral Eucharist 10 am, Matins 11.30 am, Evensong and procession including the blessing of the lilies 3.30 pm.

### **Police Briefing Sunday 10th February 2013 South Herefordshire & Golden Valley**

A slight change to the norm this week as your briefing comes from another member of the Local Policing Team based at Peterchurch, Kate Middleton as Fiona is on holiday.

#### **Clehonger**

Between 01:00 and 09:30 on Sunday 3rd February somebody has broken the locks to some units. The person has had a good look around the units before taking some power tools from within. Incident number 237S030213.

Between the early hours of Sunday 3rd February and the early hours of Monday 4th February suspects appear to have driven at least one vehicle up a drive and into a courtyard area, where there are a number of brick outbuildings, a coach house, stable block, and a metal barn are located. They broke the lock off the metal shutter doors and they took a number of power tools from the shed and made an attempt to take a small tractor which was inside the shed. Incident number 22N040213  
An Ifor Williams trailer parked on a residential driveway was stolen overnight on the 4th/5th February. It was secured by two chains. It appears that the suspects entered the driveway and cut the chains and moved the trailer to the main road. No other vehicle was seen or heard, but due to the location it is believed that the trailer would have been hitched away. Incident number 27n050213

#### **Ewyas Harold**

On Saturday 02-02-2013 at about 1800 hours a resident has left his vehicle parked near to his property. He has then returned to his vehicle on Monday 04-02-2013 at around 0725 hours and on starting the vehicle he has realised the exhaust on the vehicle has been tampered with and the catalytic converter has been stolen. It appears that

the vehicle has been jacked up by some type of jacking system, the vehicle has sustained damage from the jack whilst it was jacked up. A silver BMW and a red pick up were seen in the area at the time of the incident but no further details were obtained, and it is not known if the vehicles were involved in this incident. Incident number 72s040213.

### **Hoarwithy**

In the early hours of Sunday 3rd February a window was forced and entry gained to a commercial premise in the area. Edible items and cutlery were taken from within. Incident number 364s030213.

### **Longtown**

Between 20:15 on Thursday 7th Feb and 22:30 on Thursday 07 Feb persons unknown have approached metal storage container located next to house approx 100 yards off road. They have cut/forced four padlocks from doors to enter the container. They have then removed items from within including a quad bike and power tools. A vehicle was seen on the previous evening and again the evening of the theft by a witness. The witness reported that the quad was being followed by this vehicle. The registration number for the suspicious vehicle was WV6\*X\*C. If anyone has seen this vehicle please make contact with us as we are actively following leads up at the moment. Incident number 197N070213.

A resident of Longtown has been away from their property for a few weeks and during this time someone has broken the lock of the metal container which he uses as a shed and gained entry. A hedge cutter and a grass strimmer were stolen from within. Incident number 261s020213.

### **Madley**

On 04 February between 00:00 and 03:00 several parked lorries in an industrial estate were targeted for their fuel. The thieves got away with 500 litres of fuel. Incident number 09N040213.

### **Allensmore**

Between 08:40 and 14:00 on Thursday 7th Feb a residential property was broken into. Person's smashed through a UPVC window and searched the house. They stole items including jewellery and watches. Incident Number 86n070213.

### **Bullinghope**

In the afternoon of the 27th January an ipad was stolen from an insecure vehicle parked on a driveway in the area. Incident number 98n310113.

A reminder about Potholes:

There have been numerous reports regarding

large potholes in and around the local area. Please drive with caution and report where possible, to prevent any further incidents. Many vehicles have had wheels ruined (tyres sheared in two/ blow outs, wheels damaged, and flat spots). All have been created as a result of driving through them. Please report via Hereford Council on 01432 260000 so that Highways/Amey can deal with the problem as soon as possible.

Golden Valley & Hereford Rural South Local Policing Teams

PC 2176 Wendy Powell 07811 131525 PCSO 6173 Fiona Witcher 07779 141232 PCSO 6482

Katie Middleton 07779 141223 E-mail -

goldenvalley.lpt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

Non emergency number 101

## **Church Services in March**

### **Little Birch**

Sun 3rd. 11am. Holy Communion  
Sun 10th. 11am. Morning Worship  
Sun 31st. Easter Day 11am Holy Communion

### **Much Birch**

Sun 3rd. 3.30pm. Evensong  
Sun 10th. 9.15am Family Communion  
Sun 31st. Easter Day 9.15 Holy Communion

Sun 17th. 10.00am Benefice Service at  
**Much Dewchurch**

Sun 24th Palm Sunday 9.30 am **Kings Caple**  
walk to **Sellack** for 10am service

## **And finally-submitted by a reader.**

A sceptical anthropologist was cataloguing South American folk remedies with a tribal elder who indicated that the leaves of a particular fern were a cure for constipation. When the anthropologist expressed his doubts, the elder looked him in the eye and said, "Let me tell you, with fronds like these, you don't need enemas."