



Newsletter for King's Thorn, The Birches & Aconbury

A newsletter for the villages of King's Thorn, Little Birch, Much Birch & Aconbury.

October 2017. First published 1977.. Happy 40!



**Little Birch &
Aconbury**
NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Little Birch & Aconbury Joint Neighbourhood Development Plan

Little Birch Parish Council and Aconbury Parish Meeting have now approved the Draft Plan for Public Consultation.

The development plan has been prepared to deliver the vision for both parishes to 2031 and shows how both local natural and historic environments are protected. There will be a policy on the Rural Economy and the kind of businesses that will be supported. Policies about Community Facilities, Renewable Energy, Communications and Broadband are also included. It also shows the policies that will determine how each parish will meet the required housing targets up to 2031.

The questionnaire, which was completed and returned by well over 70% of all residents, earlier this year, was used as the blueprint for these policies. The public consultation process must be for at least 6 weeks and every household will receive a copy of the Draft Plan. A Comment Form will be included, giving opportunity to offer your views and thoughts on the proposed plan.

Little Birch Village Hall will host a 'Drop-in Event' to give everyone the chance to find out more. Look out for details on Notice Boards and announcements in both the 'Birches' Newsletter and the local 'Parish Mag'.

On 11 October David Nicholson, our consultant and the Steering Group are meeting at Little Birch Parish Hall at 7pm. to agree the format that the Public Consultation should take and to set the date at which it should start. Why not attend and be part of this important decision. Make a note now - all are very welcome.

The Logo and Namestyle at the top of this article were kindly produced by Richard Low, a Graphic Designer living in Little Birch. If you have a business in either Little Birch or Aconbury and are unsure as to whether you will receive the Neighbourhood Development Draft Plan please contact Sophie Glover, Clerk to LB&A NDP Steering Group - littlebirchpcclerk@hotmail.co.uk

For more information and to be kept up to date, or to have notification of future meetings about Little Birch and Aconbury Neighbourhood Development Plan check out the website – www.littlebirchparishcouncil.org.

Diary Dates

October 2017

- 1st Autumn Walk Fownhope
- 5th Coffee Morning LVBH 10.30am
- 8th Wormelow Telephone box opening 3.30pm
- 8th Harvest Service MB Church 11am
- 10th Whist Drive LVBH 7.30pm
- 11th LB Aconbury "drop in" LVBH 7pm
- 13th NMiTE Talk MBCH 7.30pm
- 14th Book Exchange Methodist Hall 10am
- 17th WI MBCH
- 19th History Group LVBH 7.30pm
- 25th Gardening Club LVBH 7.30pm
- 28th Halloween at The Castle from 5pm

November 2017

- 11th Food Fair Hereford Leisure Centre
- 21st WI MBCH

Please send copy for the November Newsletter to editorial@birchesnews.org.uk or written contributions to John Bryant at Bramley Bungalow, Aconbury Close, King's Thorn.

—by 18th October please.

Church Services

October 2017



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| Sun 1st Oct. 3pm | LBirch Harvest Praise |
| Sun 8th Oct 11am | MBirch Harvest Festival Communion |
| Sun 15th Oct 09.15 | MBirch CW Communion |
| 11am | LBirch BCP Communion |
| Sun 22nd Oct 09.15 | MBirch Morning Worship |
| Sun 30th Oct 10.30 | Group Service to Celebrate Bible Sunday at Orcop Village Hall |

The Monastery of Poor Clares at 11am every Sunday.
Holy Communion at Much Birch every Thursday at 9.30am.

Local News for October 17.



Congratulations go to Josh and Sophie Reynolds who were married at the end of July in Burghill Parish Church and we wish them many years of happiness in their new life together.

Congratulations also are proffered to Lucy and Emily Mason who completed the Great North Run last Sunday, Sep. 10th. They were running in support of Cancer Research UK following the Open Day at Merrivale Farm in July. At present, their sponsorship has raised almost £1000 for this very special Charity. Well done!! to Lucy and Emily you should both feel very proud.

We congratulate James Hoare of the Axe and Cleaver as he takes up a place at the University of Cheltenham and to all students who are off to University or College this next week and to all who have changed to 'senior schools.

Apologies go to Mrs. Jenny Williams and the families of the late Roger Williams who were described as living in Australia. This was a mistake on my part (JHB) as Roger's great grandmother lived for many years at 'Upper House' at the top of the Barrack Hill. Apologies are tendered for any 'hurt' caused.

The death of Mrs. Margaret Blythe of Tump Lane , Much Birch has just been announced, her funeral takes place on Friday, 29th Sep at Much Dewchurch. A full tribute will be printed in the November Newsletter. Sincere condolences are sent to the family

We are pleased to say that Mr Maldwyn Wylor-Owen of King's Thorn has had a successful heart operation by ' key hole surgery and is now back playing the organ again for church services.

The funeral of Robyn Hodges' father, John George, took place on Sat. 26th Aug. at St. David's Church , Much Dewchurch. The church was full on this occasion showing how respected he was in the farming world. Moving tributes were made on behalf of the family by grand daughters Kate, who composed a poem and Jessica, who gave an account of his history and personal anecdotes. John was buried in the churchyard with his late wife.

He had farmed one of the Mynde estate farms and the new owners of the Estate offered to host refreshments after the internment in the main hall of the newly refurbished Mynde.

We are also sad to report that Mrs. Edna Thomas has been taken ill whilst on holiday in Gozo, her two daughters, Margaret and Sian are with her. We offer our hopes for a speedy recovery.

The WORMELOW Telephone Box

The Grand Opening is to be on Sunday, the 8th. Oct. 2017 at 3.30pm when Ruby Ann of Birmingham has accepted to be present to sing several songs, cut the ribbon and declare the new Lending Library Open!!

So many kind people under the leadership of Mr. Keith James have gladly given their precious time to bring the Box back to its former glory. One extremely good person from Hereford even sand blasted it, so taking it back to its original skeleton. To all who so generously donated panes of glass, a heartfelt 'Thank you'. May I also say how delightful we will be to receive nice interesting hard back books which you no longer require to place in our new Wormelow lending Library!!

On behalf of Violette Szabo G.C. and myself , I am donating her story ' Carve Her Name with Pride' by RJ Minney. in which Wormelow is mentioned several times!

Please try to be with us on Sunday 8th. October to welcome Ruby Ann, who has felt most passionately about Red Telephone Boxes!!

Thanking you all, very sincerely, Rosemary E. Rigby MBE and holder of the Points of Light Award. Tel. 540477

The Hereford Times have recently announced that a new speed and weight limit will be imposed in Tump Lane this Autumn.

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Join us Friday 20th October for Live Music



Celebrate Halloween with us! Saturday 28th October from 5pm onwards. Fun activities for the young'uns and a few spooky surprises for the adults. A night out to be enjoyed by all. Optional Fancy dress, but don't forget there will be prizes to be won for those that get into the Halloween spirit.

Pub New Number: 01981 540 943. Don't hesitate to call us for any information or for bookings. We can cater for day time lunches for large bookings.

Much Birch Church Fundraising

A very enjoyable evening was had on 8th September at which Dr. Martin Connop-Price gave an interesting and informative talk and slide show on 'Railways Around Monmouth'. This was followed by 'all you can eat' Delicious Puddings. The proceeds were a very welcome £539 which will go towards the East Window appeal. Thank you to everyone for their support.

Much Birch Community Hall 100 Club

The June draw took place on 10th September 2017 in Much Birch Community Hall at 10.30am and the results were as follows:

1st prize - 9

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Grateful thanks are extended to the LBVH committee members who stood down at the AGM in June. Sue Jones, Roisin Burge and Robyn Hodges have all done sterling work for the Committee over many years.

Sue represented the Youth Club on the committee when the Hall reopened in 1977 and has been booking officer for the last 10 years or so, having kept the Hall in very good order for ages. We can't thank her enough for all the hours she has put in to keep the Hall clean, tidy and attractive.

Roisin has been Minute Secretary for the Committee for at least 6 years and has kept us all "on our toes" in so many ways. She has been very efficient and an excellent keeper of the facts and figures, so many, many thanks go to Roisin.

Robyn Hodges has been Treasurer of the Hall Committee for the last 16 years and the measure of her work over that time has been inestimable. She has served very diligently and has also run the Whist and Bingo sessions as well as the Annual Dog Show which has been so successful. Her talents for joining others in providing refreshments are a shining light and she has saved the Hall thousands of pounds in purchasing timber and other building materials. She will be sorely missed on the Committee as will her husband, Adrian, who could always be relied upon for a bit of "muscle power". We thank them both for their outstanding works over so many years.



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This role of a Hospice Neighbour would suit anyone with a few spare hours each week or fortnight.

Having previous experience of care is not essential, and you are not required to provide personal care. Hospice Neighbours need access to their own transport (mileage paid by St Michael's Hospice) and undertake an enhanced DBS check.

Training will be provided on the following dates between 6.00pm and 8.30pm: 3rd, 10th, 17th and 31st October.

For more information, please contact the Hospice Coordination Hub on 01432 852 080

or email hhub@smhospicehereford.org

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ROSS LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT GROUP: All are welcome to attend the illustrated Talk on Tuesday evening 17th October when Andrew Anderson will tell us about his career in WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHY. The Meeting will be held in the Dennis Potter Room at Ross Library, doors open 7.00 p.m. and the Talk begins at 7.30 to approx. 9.00 p.m. Refreshments are available for a donation. Entry £5.00 for non-Members, £4.00 for members Students Free. For further details see the website: www.rldg.org.uk or ring 01989 562424 or 720539

ROSS SCIENCE SOCIETY: The next illustrated Talk will be held on Wednesday 4th October at the Castle Lodge Hotel, Wilton, beginning at 7.30 p.m. The Speaker will be Dr. Tony Rees talking on the 'Geology of the Karakoram Mountains in Pakistan'. All interested are welcome; entry fee £4.00 p.p. or £16. for an annual subscription. Enquiries to the Hon. Secretary on 01989 720539 or see the website www.rosssciencesociety.org.uk

ROSS CIVIC SOCIETY: An illustrated Talk will be held at the Larruperz Centre on Wednesday evening 11th October at 7.00 p.m. for 7.30 start. The speaker will be Andrew Nixon of the Herefordshire Wildlife Trust on THE LUGG MEADOWS. All are welcome. Entry £5.00, Free for Members (Annual Subscription is £15.00 individual and £25 joint). For further enquiries ring 01989 562424.

ROSS ARTS APPRECIATION SOCIETY: All interested are welcome to attend the illustrated Talk on her imaginative painting by SILVIA PASTORE. This will start at 7.30 p.m. on Friday 6th October and will be held in the Watkins Room at the Larruperz Centre, Ross. Entry for Members £2.50 or for guests £4.50. The annual subscription is £10. For further details ring the Chair on 01989 720539 or the Programme Secretary on 01432 840670

Little Birch and King's Thorn Gardening Club.

The next meeting will be held on Wed. 27th. Sep. when an illustrated talk will be given by Mr. David Lloyd , Garden photographer of the Year, entitled Spirit of the Rose. On October 25th, We welcome Mrs. Wendy Innes who will give an insight into the development of her garden at Coppett Hill, near Ross on Wye. Her talk will also include facts about the 'Coppett Hill Trust'. On Wed. Nov. 29th our speaker will be Mr. Bill Laws on the 'Curious History of Vegetables'

All meetings are held at 7.30pm in Little Birch Village Hall. John Bryant 01981 540316.

King's Thorn and Little Birch Gardening Club

Annual Horticultural Show Report for newsletter

The Annual Horticultural Show was held on Saturday 2nd September in LBVH. As the day dawned the sun shone and there was not a cloud in sight! A perfect day to display the many flowers, plants, vegetables and various other entries that were to appear through the Village Hall door between 9.00 am and 10.45am on Saturday morning.

There were 35 Entrants who proudly exhibited 281 entries between them, from a small Curly Wurly Chilli in the "Any Vegetable with an Interesting or Unusual Shape" category – won by Wendy Innes - to the Winner of the Best Exhibit in Show – a collection of 6 Vegetables – won by Des Wathen.

The array of flowers was a sight to behold – The Rose Bowl being won by Janet Gwinnett - with the Floral Art entitled a "Royal Anniversary" -certainly showing how flowers and foliage can be combined to perfection - also won by Janet Gwinnett.

Once again the Vegetable Class drew out the best in the entrants with 106 entries showing the largest marrow (which was huge!), a vast variety of Runner beans, Onions, Carrots, plus other vegetables and salad all displayed to perfection.

The Fruit Section proudly displayed a variety of excellent produce, from the juiciest Raspberries to the long and tantalizing Rhubarb!

The Horticultural Shield for both the classes was ably won by Derek Scrivens, who also walked away with the well deserved Llewellyn Sutton Cup for the person with the most points overall.

The Judge of the Domestic Class had a great time cutting and tasting the huge amount of entries from a Jar of Jam and a Jar of Chutney to a rather delicious deep apple pie; scones, sausage rolls, bread rolls to a Fruit cake made to a local recipe. The Cup was awarded to Kate Yeates for the most points overall in this section.

The Photographic Award, donated by the London Camera Exchange in Hereford and voted for by the public, was awarded to Janet Gwinnett, with the new Painting Class award being given to Helen Horne.

The new Handicraft Class produced some excellent entries with the Best Entry award going to Barbara Wilson for her Cushion.

Although the entries for the Children's Section were very low, pride of place went to Oscar John Roberts (4 yrs old) who ably walked away with the Children's Shield, a small cup, the Ann Thomas Trophy (Best Entry) and some money to spend!

At the end of the day raffle prizes were issued, and the Sale of Produce brought the day to a close.

A truly memorable event with the best displays one could only imagine. Some people went home with 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prize certificates, and a few Highly Commended certificates too. Even those who didn't win have the honour of knowing that they contributed to a good Show. Already they are planning how they can contribute to next years show!

Well done everyone and see you next year!

Lesley Chapman

Show Secretary

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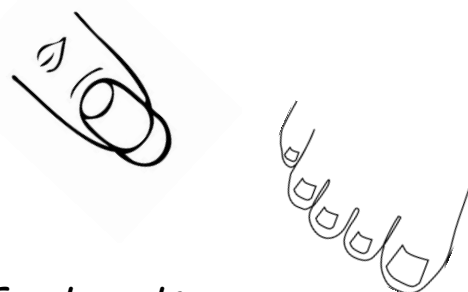
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Little Birch Village Hall Committee

Newsletter notices for October 2017

Coffee Morning

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If you need help with transport please contact Margaret: 01981 540374

Whist Drive

We guarantee a warm welcome and a fun evening with good company at our monthly whist drive whatever your ability. Excellent prizes and refreshments too. Our next **Whist Drive** is on **Tuesday 10th October** at Little Birch Village Hall. We start at **7.30 pm** and the entrance fee is just £2.00.

Little Birch Pantomime Rehearsals

Rehearsals for the 2018 panto start on **Friday 22nd September and every subsequent Friday** at Little Birch Village Hall. **6:30pm** for children and **7:30pm** for adults. For enquiries, please contact **Jane** on **01981 540615**

Community Book Exchange/Lending Library

The Book Exchange will be on the morning of **Saturday 14th October** at the former Methodist Chapel opposite the Village Hall **10am – 12pm**.

All members of the community are invited to join us for this enjoyable monthly event which offers not only a wide range of books and DVDs (to suit all ages and interests) but also an opportunity to meet others and exchange recommendations for a good read.

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MUCH BIRCH PCC APPEAL

Following the work undertaken to repair and refurbish the 4 windows on the south wall of St. Mary and St. Thomas a Becket Church in Much Birch, we are now in the process of contracting stonemasons to repair essential stonework surrounding those windows. Funds have been raised to cover the cost of both these works at £18,657.36.

THE PCC now needs to raise funds to undertake the essential repairs and refurbishment of the beautiful East Stained Glass window of the Church in order to preserve it, so we are setting up a general appeal to acquire the necessary £16,423.20 to undertake this work. So far we have raised £5,520.10 towards the cost through some kind donations, grants, and our own fundraising, but we are now appealing to the community to support us in any way they can to achieve the final sum required i.e. another £11,000.

The East window is an important treasure of the church and comprises of 9 roundels depicting scenes from the Mystery of the Rosary including The Crucifixion and the Last Supper. The whole window is fixed into surrounding stonework which is sited behind the Altar. Colours of the window are rich royal blues and reds in the borders, with tinted antique greens in the backgrounds and a mixture of antique colours in the roundels. We believe the window was installed in the 1850s when the Sanctuary was extended and no work has been carried out on it since then.

The PCC would welcome any help such as a donation (cheques made payable to Much Birch PCC) or by organising a fundraising event and if you can help please contact Sylvia Jones, Churchwarden, Chelston Grange, Much Birch HR2 8HR. Tel: 01981 540980

Harvest Service

The Harvest Service for Much Birch will be held at 11am on 8th October 2017 and members of the community are very welcome to join us. The service will be followed by a Bring and Share lunch in the Community Hall afterwards.

The Church will be decorated for Harvest on Saturday 7th October at 9.30am. and again everyone is invited to help. Please bring flowers the 'colours of harvest' if possible and we will also need greenery items from the garden. Instead of perishable fruits and vegetables we shall once again collect packet and tinned food for the Food Bank.

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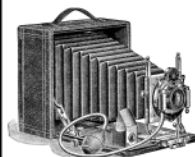
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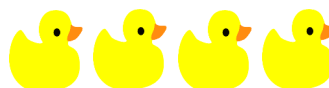
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Parish Council meetings happen at 7.30pm on the first Wednesday of September, October, November and December and all parishioners are very welcome to attend. Agendas are posted on the Parish notice board at least three days in advance and are also on our web site www.littlebirchparishcouncil.org

Every one is welcome to attend, and if you have a particular question that you would like to put to him, please can you let the clerk know before the meeting? Mrs Sophie Glover, Little Birch Parish Clerk, The Orchard, Ridgehill, Hereford HR2 8AG

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13th September 2017

PARISH MEETING - at the Parish Council Meeting held on the 7th September 2017 at the Much Birch Community Hall.

Those present heard about an update on the Neighbourhood Plan and the Questionnaires would be distributed very shortly. Please help make your views known by filling in and returning your Questionnaire.

Future Dates for Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meetings are: 26 October; 30 November.

A seasonal reminder about bonfire party/firework safety, ten tips to help you enjoy your celebrations (source: RoSPA, safer fireworks)

- Plan your firework display to make it safe and enjoyable.
- Keep fireworks in a closed box and use them one at a time.
- Read and follow the instructions on each firework using a torch if necessary.
- Light the firework at arm's length with a taper and stand well back.
- Keep naked flames, including cigarettes, away from fireworks.
- Never return to a firework once it has been lit.
- Don't put fireworks in pockets and never throw them.
- Direct any rocket fireworks well away from spectators.
- Never use paraffin or petrol on a bonfire.
- Make sure that the fire is out and surroundings are made safe before leaving.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Thursday 5th October 2017 from 7.30pm** - at The 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.

A reminder that:-

Your Much Birch Parish Councillors are:-

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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.

You can also find us on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/MuchBirchPC> and Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Much.Birch.Parish>

Much Birch PC Meeting Dates for 2017

The 2017 dates for Much Birch Parish Council Meetings, all on Thursdays from 7.30 to 9.30pm in the Community Hall:

October 5th, November 2nd and December 7th

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