# **The Birches**

Community Matters Newsletter Kingsthorn, Much Birch, Little Birch, Aconbury & Wormelow First published 1977

#### **Jacqueline Morley**

Jackie of Fairhust, Barrack Hill. who lived for many years at Uplands, died peacefully on 15th March. Following her wishes there will not be a funeral.

Jackie had an interesting and eventful life that will be shared in the May newsletter





**Broadband Grants** MB Parish Council meeting p8





# Let's Celebrate

Please join us for refreshments, cake or hot cross buns.



Bring your family and friends including the furry ones. Lots of chat and laughter.





# EASTER PRIZE BINGO

**LITTLE BIRCH VILLAGE HALL FRIDAY 1ST APRIL** EYES DOWN AT 7:30PM

Easter fun for the whole family Refreshments avaliable



Children, bring your adult and have a go at our Easter crafts. Lots to do and plenty of chocolate to take home. (Big kids welcome too)





**Diary Dates and Defibrillator Locations on back page** 

# Coffee Morning with Book Exchange

Thursday 7th April

& special Easter Saturday 16th April

10.00am - 12.00 noon

Little Birch Village Hall



Come and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee, some cake or biscuit. Make new friends or catch up with old friends. Take a book, leave a book, or both. Exchange recommendations for a good read. Families & well behaved dogs welcome.

look forward to seeing you



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## FLICKS IN THE STICKS Community Hall

### Tuesday 26 April - AFTER LOVE (12)

Married young and converted to Islam, Mary Hussain lives quietly in Dover with her husband Ahmed. Following his unexpected death, she suddenly finds herself a widow. After the burial, she discovers that Ahmed had a secret life just 21 miles away, across the Channel in Calais. The shocking discovery compels her to go there to find out more, and as she grapples with her shattered sense of identity, her search for understanding has surprising consequences. **Starring** Joanna Scalan, Nathalie Richard, Talid Ariss, Nasser Memarzia

# Tuesday 24 May—THE DUKE (TBC)

Refreshments including hot dogs available from 7pm Tickets £4.50 (£3.50 under 16s)

Tickets available in advance or on the door - for further info or to book tickets please email **muchbirchflicks@hotmail.com or call** 01981 540097

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#### From the Editor

It's glorious spring at last and the birds are busy, as are many of us. Take a look at all the events listed in the newsletter including a traditional Ukrainian easter egg decorating workshop which is a fundraiser for Ukraine (p8)

The biggest event this year will probably be the Jubilee on 2nd June with the lighting of beacons across the land to celebrate the Queen's seventy years on the throne, making her our longest reigning monarch. May they also be beacons of hope for peace and kindness in our world.

Elisabeth Taylor, Editor

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The kids have been throwing Scrabble tiles at each other again, it's all fun and games until someone loses an I.

#### **Platinum Jubilee Celebrations**



Thursday 2nd June The Glebe Field behind Little Birch Village Hall

Lots of planning is still on going for this wonderful celebration. So far we can confirm that there will be \* Village Dog Show \*Fancy Dress Parade open to ALL

\*Live Music \* Licenced Bar

Lighting of the Beacon at 9.45



Saturday 4th June

Jubilee tea in the hall with activities

Planting of a tree in the parish field to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee

Lots more details next month!



# Parish Dawn Chorus Walk

#### Sunday 10th April at 5.45am

Merrivale Farm, Little Birch HR28BA walking to Athelstan's Wood—about 3 miles. No dogs please.

Afterwards back to the farm for bacon butties/ toast & marmalade and tea/coffee—with thanks to the Masons!

**Donations** at the farm to **Farming Community Network** and **We Are Farming Minds**, a local charity supporting mental health for farmers in Herefordshire. All welcome!

Angela Middleton, Volunteer Footpath Officer ajbmiddleton@hotmail.co.uk 01981 540377

### **Caring for this Green and Pleasant Land**

Revd Mark is a busy man with a parish of several churches. To see him striding out through the lanes and woods you might imagine a country vicar of the past visiting parishioners on foot but that's just his way of keeping fit.

He is passionate about being green. The Church of England is aiming to be carbon neutral by 2030 and Revd Mark is doing his best to make sure that the benefice is in the forefront of this, looking at transport and offsetting carbon as well as exploring with Much Birch School how they can become an ecoschool.

"Many of our congregations are older people who are concerned about the future for their grandchildren."

Revd Mark is also involved with Save the Wye campaign. "We have many parishioners living along the Wye so they can help with citizen science," he explains referring to the water testing that is monitoring levels of pollution in the river in an effort to restore it to health. "This is God's creation and we need to steward it properly, showing the way."



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**Duchy Walk** Geraint Richards has kindly agreed to lead another walk in Duchy woodland on Monday May 9th. This time in Timberlake wood near Tybberton starting at 6pm. More details in May newsletter.

#### Letter from Revd Mark

#### Hi Everyone,

Our response to the unfolding disaster that is the war in Ukraine is something to behold. We find that in the middle of a difficult time, when we are trying to get back to normal after COVID-19 and all that that brought, another crisis is unfolding in Europe. But we don't just turn off the news and ignore it! We, along with lots of other people across the UK and Europe are spurred into action. It may be the injustice of what is happening, it may be that war is once again stalking the land. Whatever it is, it has provoked something in us. Here are people just like us forced to flee for their very lives. Here are people in need, people who have lost everything.

Our response is a very human one, to support, to share, to give hope to them. In doing so, even if we don't know names or jobs or where they come from, we are sharing our common humanity.

We humans can be very tribal, we can be very exclusive – you only need to think about football fans or similar to see it in our society. Yet there are times when we push past those boundaries that we make for ourselves, when we see beyond the ends of our own noses and realise that something big is happening and we need to respond.

That common humanity, what I would call our recognition of the infinite worth of each human being made by God, is one way that we can fight back. It is the one of the things that Russia is not counting on, one of the factors it chose to ignore. And by sharing and supporting, we can show that there is another way, a better way, a peaceful way, a more human and humane way to live together.

#### Austin Dodd

Austin was a native of the Wirral and grew up there before entering the Merchant Navy in the early 1950s aged 17. He served two stints in the Merchant Navy and preferred the cruise liners to any other type of ship. His favourite to serve on was RMS Caronia as she plied the north Atlantic routes during the summer and the Med during the winter.

He met Doreen in Wigan in the late 1950s and they married before moving down to Chances Cottage on Upper Wrigglebrook Lane in the early 1960s with Austin's mum and dad.

After coming out of the Merchant Navy Austin worked in a bookies in Hereford, then for Coral's Betting shops where he retired on ill health after a time in hospital. He then helped out at the Axe and Cleaver for a number of years. Austin would often be seen walking his dog around the lanes and up to the iron-age fort for many years.

A few months ago, Austin's health took a turn for the worse and he ended up in hospital for a few weeks. He returned home but wasn't very mobile. He had a stroke at home in February and died peacefully in Hereford Hospital a couple of days later. He leaves a widow, Doreen.



#### **Paschal Dedication**

At our Easter Sunday service at 11a.m in Little Birch we will be dedicating a new wrought iron Paschal candle holder to the memory of our dear friend, John Bryant. After not being able to leave her home for two years, John's wife, Betty, is hoping to attend this special service. Everybody is welcome to join our Easter celebrations.

On Saturday 9th. April starting at 10 a.m. we will be having a clean and tidy up of the Church and Churchyard. There is plenty to be done, so please come along and help if you can. **John Caton** 

#### **Church Services in April**

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Date	Description	Time	Location	Service
3rd April	Fifth Sunday of Lent (Passion Sunday)	11.00 a.m.	Little Birch	Holy Communion
10th April	Palm Sunday	10.00 a.m.	Pencoyd Church	Blessing of Palms with procession to Llanwarne
		11.00 a.m.	Llanwarne Church	Holy Communion and Passion Reading
11th April	Monday in Holy Week	7.00 p.m.	Llandinabo	Compline
12th April	Tuesday in Holy Week	7.00 p.m.	Little Birch	Compline
13th April	Wednesday in Holy Week	7.00 p.m.	Dewsall	Compline
14th April	Maundy Thursday	7.30 p.m.	Much Dewchurch	Holy Communion
15th April	Good Friday	11.00 a.m.	Much Birch Hall	Stations of the Cross –
				Images, Words and Music
				for Good Friday
17th April	Easter Day	9.15 a.m.	Much Birch	Holy Communion
		11.00 a.m.	Little Birch	Holy Communion and dedication
				of candle stand in memory of
				John Bryant
24th April	2nd Sunday of Easter	9.15 a.m.	Llandinabo	Holy Communion in Traditional
				Language
1st May	SS Philip and James	11.00 a.m.	Little Birch	Holy Communion

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting for Much Birch PCC will be held on Tuesday 26th April 2022 at 7.30pm in the church. All are welcome to attend.

Gathering to remember Elizabeth Dinnen,

May 14th

at the Pilgrim Hotel

between 3 and 5pm.

If you'd like to pop in for a cup of tea, please email or ring before the end of April

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I don't see the point of a pocket calculator, who doesn't know how many pockets they have?

# **QUIZ NIGHT**

Little Birch Village Hall Friday 22nd April 2022

at 7.30pm

Teams up to max of 4 Prize to winning team, then 'Play Your Cards Right' for the Jackpot raised on the night.

> £5.00 per person Refreshments Included

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#### Little Birch Parish Council Meeting March 2nd

Present CllrP Rees, Cllr K Dillon, Cllr K Robbins, Cllr M Davies, Cllr J Gwinnett, Sophie Glover, Toni Fagan, Angela Middleton

\*New Development: Is a hedge being planted? Kate Dillon will talk to builders.

\*Herefordshire Trail: In good order thanks to Angela Middleton

\*Balfour Beatty: Verge cutting will only be in Summer unless there is a visibility issue.

\*Footpaths Officer: There is no longer a tight deadline to report footpaths. Kate Dillon will make a list of paths that are still of concern and forward to Angela Middleton. Angela asked for lengthsman to replace some footpath signs. She has also made contact with Duchy officer, Ben Anderson.

\***Resignations:** Cllr Janet Gwinnett and Clerk, Sophie Glover, have resigned.

#### Little Birch Parish Councillors

Cllr Peter Rees, Chair, Cllr Janet Gwinnett,V Chair, Cllr Kate Dillon, Cllr Michael Davies, Cllr Kate Robbins, Angela Middleton, Volunteer Footpath Officer, Sophie Glover, Clerk 01432 617306 Ibpcclerk@gmail.com

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#### Much Birch Community Hall Village Markets

The Management Committee has decided to continue holding quarterly Village Markets during 2022. The Committee would welcome any new stallholders and if anyone is interested please contact Sylvia Jones tel: 01981540980. The cost of each table is £5. It is hoped that the community will support the markets to make it worthwhile for the stallholders and to make it an enjoyable afternoon. Refreshments always available.

Markets 2pm until 4.30pm

Summer – 24<sup>th</sup> June Autumn -23<sup>rd</sup> September Christmas - 9<sup>th</sup> December

#### **Great Herefordshire Spring Clean**

This year the Great Herefordshire Spring Clean will be running from 25 March to 10 April alongside the Great British Spring Clean.

If you would like to get involved and need to borrow litter kit book your packs from Balfour Beatty (https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/reportproblem/litter/4). Also, if you need any more purple bags for litter picking there is a supply at Plough Lane reception in Hereford where you can pick bags up as and when required. If you can't get into Hereford we can send bags out to some of our libraries for collection.

We always love to hear about the many litter picks that take place in the county during the Great British Spring Clean so please do let us know via our website or email us.

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### Much Birch Parish Council

Meeting Much Birch Community Hall 3<sup>rd</sup> March

The Parish Council looked at a further planning application for the parish and considered possible comments to contribute in regard to an appeal being made by an applicant against a previous planning decision taken by Herefordshire Council.

**Broadband** Is your broadband speed less than 30Mbps? You can check this online, Google "check my broadband speed".

At the March Parish Council Meeting, Ward Councillor Toni Fagan asked that the PC make everyone aware that a grant is available to properties in the south of Herefordshire that were planned to be reached by Gigaclear as part of the Fastershire programme. More information here:

#### www.fastershire.com/digital-household-grant

The dates for the forthcoming meetings in the year 2022 are: April 7, May 5, June 9, July 7, September 8, October 6, November 10 and December 8. No meeting in August. The next Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council is on Thursday 7th April at 7.30pm in Much Birch Community Hall. All are welcome and will have the opportunity to speak directly to councillors. See notice boards/website for agendas.

#### Your Much Birch Parish Councillors are:-

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#### **Trouble with Footpaths?**

Contacts Aconbury Mike Leigh 01981 540698 Much Birch including Kingsthorne Al Davies 07872 548440 or alanrcd@gmail.com Little Birch Angela Middleton 01981 540377 ajbmiddleton@hotmail.co.uk

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Get your walking boots at the ready... The 2022 Herefordshire Walking Festival is celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> year and is now available to book.

Working in partnership with Visit Herefordshire, this year walkers can take part in experiencing one of county's finest gems, the Herefordshire Trail, as well as a great variety of other walks including: Duchy Woodland, Orchards, Cider, Hops, Wildlife, River walks, Suffragettes, History, City walks, Church visits, WW1 Memorial Walks, dog friendly walks and 20+ mile Challenges ...To name just a few.

**Festival Co-ordinator Liz Hill said:** "The festival is a fantastic opportunity to showcase our wonderful county each year and to share experiences with visitors to the area as well as local residents."

She continued.... "Our sincere thanks go to all who lead, back-up and work together voluntarily to enable Herefordshire Walking Festival to carry on successfully (as it has done since its inception in 2002) and to Hereford City Council, Hereford Tourist Information and the Golden Valley Walking Group for their support this year."

If you would like to join us and would like to find out more, please visit the Herefordshire Walking Festival website –

www.herefordshirewalkingfestival.co.uk

#### Tickets are now available online

<u>www.herefordshirewalkingfestival.co.uk</u>or pop into Hereford Tourist Information at the Town Hall, St Owens Street, Hereford.

For further information please contact:

Liz Hill 01432 370514

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Items for May newsletter to editorial@birchesnews.org.uk or paper copy to Elisabeth Taylor 07854 629193 by **14th April** 

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LITTLE BIRCH VILLAGE HALL DRAMA GROUP



Now that the

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We are looking for ALL disciplines – Actors, behind the scenes personnel, technical assistants, set builders, front of house, wardrobe, prompts, Directors and writers.

If you would like further information please contact either Jane Bolam (07508 345879), Bob Barnett (07890 206201) or David Baldwin (07768 150150)



When:

### Sunday 5th June 2022 12:30 - 4.30 p.m.

**Much Birch Community Hall** Where:

'Bring and Share' lunch and bar - more details to follow



A community event for everyone just bring a plate of food to share!

#### Kingsthorn and Little Birch Gardening Club

7.30pm at Little Birch Village hall.

April 27th Chris Small from the guild of judges will talk to us about preparing for the show. Lots to think about to help us all get ready for our annual show.

May 25th Evening visit to Garden of the Wind, Walterstone.

June 29th Evening visit to two gardens in Goodrich

Contact Janet Gwinnett for more information 01981 540651



#### **Talking Rubbish**

Llanwarne Village Hall Tuesday 12th April 7pm

#### Does rubbish really exist or is everything capable of being reused in some way?

Clifford Johnson will talk about creating objects from repurposed, upcycled and recycled materials. Talk and slideshow - entertaining and also enlightening.

Hosted by the Ladies of Llanwarne WI who will provide tea, coffee and cakes.

Entry £2.50 includes refreshments.

To book call Margaret 07521 050637

## **Sunday Roast** LLanwarne Village Hall

10th April at 12.30

Spring lamb Complimentary glass of wine

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### **Arts and Crafts Space**

Alternate Thursdays 2-4.30pm Little Birch Village Hall

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# SPRING HERB WALK WITH ROWAN MCONEGAL

MUCH BIRCH SUNDAY 24TH APRIL, 2022

#### ABOUT THE WALK AND ROWAN MCONEGAL:

The walk is approximately two hours. It starts from The Hive in Much Birch, through the Herefordshire Trail footpath, into Little Birch and onward to Athelstan wood. Medical Herbalist Rowan Mconegal will use her expert knowledge and experience to point out and discuss the medicinal herbs along the walk route. There will be ample opportunities to ask her questions about what is medicinal &what is not.

MORE INFO ABOUT THE SPRING HERB WALK: Start and finish: The Hive, Much Birch. Herefordshire HR2 8HS Booking information: https://www.the-hive.uk/springherbwalk Fee: £25 per person

Questions? 🐵 temi@temi.co.uk 🌭 Call Temi on: 07939 276451



# Alison Allan is back!

I have been Zooming away in the summer but am now back at Little Dewchurch

Social distancing is a must and we can do this with 10 people per class – which means I can keep my eye on everyone!

Rollers, soft balls and circles makes for a varied and fun workout whatever our ability.

After our Lockdown Blues we all need to get moving with Pilates for our physical well-being and our mental health - and while we do this, we will improve our posture, balance, strength and general fitness.

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#### Jobs for the garden in April Derek Scrivens

Since I sat down to write the March notes the country was ravaged by three gales in a week. Whilst sitting indoors hoping that no slates would be lost off the house roof and no glass would be blown out of the greenhouses Eunice uprooted our old Worcester Pearmain apple tree. This was an already well established tree in 1953 when Margaret moved here with her family. In addition to bearing fruit every other year and supplying seasonal Mistletoe, it had supported the washing line, been one of the goal posts for three generations of young footballers, a climbing frame, a swing hanger as well as providing shade during the day for lunches outside and the occasional BBQ. Sad, but we move on, and now a start has been made on preparing the garden for this year's fruit and vegetables. Here are a few ideas for April

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Stephen Turner. The Underhills, Hollybush Lane, Much Birch, Herefordshire. HR2 8HX. \*Prune hardy fuchsias.

- \*Basal cuttings of herbaceous perennials such as delphiniums and stocks can be taken this month.
- \*Plant out Autumn and Winter sown sweet peas. \*Seed can be sown direct into the border now.
- \*Mulch as much of the borders as possible with manure, compost or woodchips to a depth of 5 – 10cms 2 – 4 inches in 'old money').
- \*It is not too late to repot pot bound houseplants moving them on to a pot one size larger than the one they are leaving.
- \*Protect fruit blossom from frost with fleece if practical.
- \*Plant early seed potatoes at the beginning of the month and main crop at the end, or beginning of May. If they pop their heads up and a frost is forecast draw soil over the leaves or cover with fleece.
- \*In a prepared seed bed sow, beet, carrots, leeks, parsnips, spinach, salad crops including spring onions and peas.
- \*Plant onion sets and seed grown onions.
- \*Sow Brussels sprouts early in the month, and also small quantities of brassicas for successional crops through the Summer.
- \*Pot up tomato and pepper seedlings.
- \*Sow squashes, courgettes, cucumber and sweet corn on a bright window ledge or in the greenhouse.
- \*Keep listening/watching the weather forecast so that tender plants can be protected if a frost is imminent .
- \*Nesting is under way so keep feeding the birds and provide fresh water.
- \*Sow a small patch of wild flowers if you have a bit of space.
- \*Leave a little area of lawn uncut if practical.

#### Little Birch Parish Facebook Group



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# England in 1819 Percy Bysshe Shelley

An old, mad, blind, despised and dying king,-Princes, the dregs of their dull race, who flow Through public scorn, - mud from a muddy spring,-Rulers who neither see, nor feel, nor know, But leech-like to their fainting country cling, Till they drop, blind in blood, without a blow, A people starved and stabbed in the untilled field, An army, which liberticide and prey Makes as a two-edged sword to all who wield, Golden and sanguine laws which tempt and slay; Religion Christless, Godless- a book sealed; A Senate, - •Time's worst statute unrepealed, Are graves, from which a glorious Phantom may Burst, to illumine our tempestuous day.

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Shelley's sonnet criticising Britain but with sentiments relevant to European invasion today. Nick Daly

#### **Diary Dates**

Easter Prize Bingo Friday 1st April 7.30pm LBVH p1 Coffee& Books Thursday 7th April 10-12 LBVH MBPC Meeting Thurs 7th April 7.30pm MBCH Community Café Saturday 9th April 10-12.30 MBCH Parish Dawn Chorus Walk Sunday 10th April 5.45am Merrivale Farm p3 Llanwarne Sunday Roast 10th April p10 Pysanky Egg Decoration Mon 11th April p5 Talking Rubbish Tuesday 12th April 7.30 llanwarne VH Our Easter Coffee Morning Sat 16th April 10-12 LBVH p1 Paschal Dedication Sun 17th April LB church p4 Quiz Night Friday 22nd April p6 Herb Walk Sunday 24th April p11 Parochial Church Meeting Tues 26 April 7.30 MB church p5 Flicks in the Sticks After Love Tuesday 26 April 7.30 MBCH Gardening Club Wed 27th April 7.30pm MBVH The Big Jubilee Lunch Sunday 5th June 12.30-4.30 MBCH p10

#### Weekly Events

Parent and Toddlers Fridays 9.30-11.30 MBCH

Table Tennis Tuesdays 7-9pm LBVH

**MBCH** Much Birch Community Hall

LBVH Little Birch Village Hall

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Allensmore Locks Garage

Backney on the garage wall at Market Gardens Cottage

**Bridstow** on the outside of the village hall Garway on the wall outside the Garway Moon pub Harewood End at Harewood End Inn on outside of the pub at the back in the beer garden. Little Birch on the outside of the village hall

Llanwarne on the wall by steps leading up to the village hall

Much Birch on the outside of the church hall Much Dewchurch outside Steiner School, first building after the church Peterstow at the Yew Tree pub

**Sellack** on the outside of the parish hall (key code needed)

St Weonards old BT phone box off the A466 between the church and Forge Cottage Wormelow at the Cricket Club AND Carrot and Wine shop

Wilton on wall at the BP garage on the roundabout