



Newsletter for King's Thorn, The Birches & Aconbury

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

December 2017. First published 1977.. Happy 40!



Little Birch Pantomime Snow White and the 7 Dwarfs

At Little Birch Village Hall

Performances

26th January 2018.7.30pm

27th January 2018 2pm and 7.30pm

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Diary Dates

November 2017

21st WI MBCH

22nd LB Parish Council Meeting LBVH 7pm

29th Gardening Club LBVH

December 2017

6th Gardening Club Social LBVH

7th Coffee Morning LBVH 10.30

7th Much Birch Parish Council MBCH 7.30pm

8th Christmas Bingo LBVH 8pm

8th Flower Decoration MBCH 7.30pm

12th Whist Drive LBVH 7.30pm

12th Flicks in the Sticks MBCH 7.30pm

15th Christmas Village Market MBCH 4.30pm

16th Book Exchange Methodist Hall 10am

18th Flicks in the Sticks MBCH 2.30pm

19th WI Meeting MBCH

January 2018

13th Wassail! LBVH

26th and 27th Panto at LBVH

31st Gardening Club LBVH— Terry Walton will talk on 'The life of a media gardener.'

Church Services November/December 2017

Sunday 26th November:

Much Birch Morning Worship 9.15 a.m.

Sunday 3rd December Advent Sunday:

Little Birch Communion 11.00 a.m.

Much Dewchurch - Group Advent Carol Service 6.30 p.m.

Sunday 10th December 2nd Sunday of Advent:

Much Birch Family Communion Service 9.15 a.m.

Little Birch Morning Worship 11.00 a.m.

Sunday 17th December 3rd Sunday of Advent

Much Birch Communion 9.15 a.m.

Little Birch Carols and Christingle 4.00 p.m.

Much Dewchurch - Much Birch and Much Dewchurch Joint Carol Service 6.30 p.m.

Sunday 24th December 4th Sunday of Advent:

Much Birch Crib Service 3.30 p.m.

Much Birch Midnight Mass 11.30 p.m.

Monday 25th December Christmas Day

Little Birch Communion 11.00 a.m.

Sunday 31st December

Llandinabo Benefice Communion Service 10:30 a.m.

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



Local News for December 17.



We say 'Bon Voyage' to Dr. Vanessa England who will be emigrating to New Zealand to join her husband, Mike, who has taken up a position with the national Rugby team. She will be sadly missed and we say 'Thank you' for 20 years of dedicated service to many patients at Much Birch Surgery.

It is sad to report 3 deaths in the community in October.

Helen Marshall of Much Birch sadly passed away following a long illness on 17th. October aged 69 years

Miles Handley died peacefully at home on October 26th

Rev. John Wilson also passed away recently after months of acute leukemia. He was, amongst other things, Treasurer of the Gardening Club for some 20 years. He will be greatly missed by his wife, Barbara and their 2 married daughters. A full tribute will be given next month.

Helen Marshall

I was thinking about how you would describe Helen in three words – I did think about the word scary! She was not someone to suffer fools gladly, but in

the end I settled for determination, determination, determination!

It might sound a bit over dramatic, but when Helen set her mind on something, it was done. And it was done in her way, at her time and with her mark on it. Take, for example, the rebuilding of the bungalow in Much Birch. Here she was, a widow, she could have settled for the ordinary, just live in the house that she and Eric had shared for the nearly 25 years they were together. No, not Helen, she rebuilt it, from the ground up, with all that she wanted, a large kitchen, good sized rooms, garden that was both practical and with veg areas, etc. She planned and oversaw the re-build and made it hers.

But her determination was also seen in many other ways – the holiday cottage on Garway Hill, she kept that clean and spotless, changing sheets right up to the last despite the development of her illness. She never wanted to give up being churchwarden here. This place was, for Helen, a place of special significance, it was the place she worshipped, Sunday by Sunday, it was the place she got married, it was the place where Eric had his funeral, it was a place where she could be with God. In the plain simplicity of this place, with brick walls and timbered roof, it the quiet of prayer time or in the singing of hymns, here her faith came alive.

She was a great traditionalist, hence BCP Communion and our reading today taken from the King James Bible. The language spoke to her, from her childhood days and was a vital spring to feed her faith.

Perhaps we can see that determination first in her childhood. Helen was born in 1948 at Old Garden Farm, Garway Hill. It is a wild place, far from the comforts of modern life, yet it was filled with nature but also with the hard daily graft of farming, with seasons coming and going. At the age of 14, tragedy struck when her mum fell ill and died in her early 50's. This set Helen on a course of nursing, something that was to become one of her defining characteristics. And so, aged 16 she left school and took up nursing at Aston, which must have been an eye-opening experience for a country girl. She managed to get back to Hereford and for many years worked in and around this area as a district nurse and as a midwife. Helen was always the practical one, the no-nonsense nurse. It is a little bit of a caricature, but underneath that hard shell was someone who cared, and cared deeply, about the people she looked after.

After a while, she concentrated on the just the everyday nursing. And it was through nursing that she met Eric. His first wife was very ill and Helen cared for her. Some 4 years after she died, Eric and Helen started courting and were married in 1975 – they had almost 25 years together. Eric, as many of you might remember, owned and ran the garage in Much Birch for more years than we care to remember!

They were happy together, though I never got the chance to met Eric as he died in 1999. And because they had married later in life, they chose not to have any children. So it could have been a lonely existence for Helen – but she was determined – there is that word again – to make the most of life and she continued working until 2008. And she had designed

TWIG AND BUD

**Wednesday 13th
December
at 10am**



Meeting at Little Birch Village Hall

A short walk to look at winter identification of trees and shrubs using twigs and buds, given by
Martin Hales

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the bungalow that she would look after older people, giving them the care and attention that she felt was lacking in some of the nursing homes she visited. She never did manage to get that up and running for her health started to deteriorate. At first it was a slight stoop, but then it became clear that it was more and eventually multi system atrophy was diagnosed with the recognition that the illness was terminal. For Helen it was a great blow, she was only in her 60's and there was much she wanted to do, places to go in her little blue VW. In the end, the carer became the cared for and the nurse became one who was nursed in return. MSA, bring progressive but not always linear, would strike and she would sink a little lower, become a little more incapacitated, but then level out until the next time. It is a cruel and heartless disease. Yet, though almost all of her time with it, Helen never let it get the better of her. Yes she was frustrated at the things she could no longer do, and she struggled to make sense of why such a disease would take her, but her faith held true. Thanks to the support from Glenys and her carers, she was able to be at home, with occasional stays for respite care. And home was where she wanted to be. It was her home, it was the place where all that was familiar was around her, where her garden was, where she felt safe. In the end, she went into St. Michael's hospice for some respite care and to sort out her medication, but she was not strong enough, the MSA had been too long in her system and so, just a few days ago, she died. I consider it a blessing to have known Helen and to have ministered to her and, in turn, been ministered to by her. Her no-nonsense approach to life and to faith are an example to us all. Her courage and determination in the face of such an illness were an example to what the human spirit can endure, but not just the human spirit, one illuminated by the love of God and one that was courageous under pressure and filled with grace in the face of pain.

Mark

Revd Mark Johnson
Rector - Wormelow Hundred Benefice
Rural Dean - Ross and Archenfield Deanery
Diocese of Hereford

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Miles Handley

Miles was 26 when he met Jill through Motor Sport and they married after "going out" i.e. building a car together, for 8 weeks.

They could not have children but this meant they spent a lot of time together both in business and socially.

Over the 61 years they had together, Miles worked hard on major improvements to their homes and gardens—fabulous bathrooms, kitchens, ponds and water-features while Jill grew things!

Miles was one of the first people to fly a hang glider in this country. He built it himself to a 'Len Gabriel' design (a birthday present from Jill).

Miles went on to design hang gliders such as the Gryphon (Wasp) and the Gulp (Miles Wings).

He bought out a safety standard with Jill's help and spent time travelling round the country testing and certifying and for the first time, manufacturers were able to buy Product Liability Insurance.

When the sport became money-orientated, Miles moved on and designed a high speed sailing boat. He had photos of the prototype on Llangorse lake showing clean air under the hull as it flew on its foils. He was, however, let down by a partner and stopped the project after selling 2 prototypes.

Miles was a brilliant design engineer making several prototype machines for United Biscuits, a camera which sold in the USA, gun sights for tanks and, to atone for that, he ended up designing aids for disabled people

He was still being head-hunted at the age of 77 but retired as he was aware that there was a problem, which turned out, several years later, to be Alzheimers.

He was a kind and gentle man. He took up walking when he stopped driving and was always very grateful to the good Samaritans who brought him home when they found him lost or asleep by the roadside, and also to the ambulance men and the police who also rescued him.

In his last months he was given loving and very professional care by Maria, Susan and Sue and he loved them too.

Post Office Ltd are proposing to re-open the Post Office at: Carrot and Wine Stores Ltd, 1 Queens Close, Wormelow.

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Much Birch Village Market

will be held on Friday 15th December 2017 in the
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 items, quality hand-made cards and Christmas
 decorations and items. Refreshments will be
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Refusing to ignore people in crisis

Little Birch Village Hall Committee

Newsletter notices for December 2017

Coffee Morning

The next coffee morning will be on **Thursday 7th December 10:30am - 12:30pm at Little Birch Village Hall.**

The coffee mornings have been taking place since March and have been very well attended. We would like to thank our old and many new friends and helpers for making these events so successful. We will be continuing our coffee mornings in the new year and we hope to greet our old friends and make some new ones. Everyone is welcome.

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

Christmas Prize Bingo

Eyes down at 8pm on Friday 8th December at Little Birch Village Hall for our annual Christmas Prize Bingo. This is always a thoroughly enjoyable evening and has become a firm Christmas tradition. Great prizes and refreshments are available. We look forward to seeing you.

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 12th December** at Little Birch Village Hall. We start at **7.30 pm** and the entrance fee is just £2.00.

Community Book Exchange/Lending Library

Owing to the success of the coffee morning at the village hall held on the first Thursday of each month, the book exchange will now be held on the third Saturday of each month in order to give a reasonable space between these 2 events.

The next Book Exchange will be on the morning of **Saturday 16th December** at the former Methodist Chapel opposite the Village Hall **10am – 12pm.**

This will be our Christmas meeting and there will be mince pies, chocolate cakes and a glass of mulled wine or sherry available (coffee for those who prefer)

We would like to thank all of our friends and neighbours for continuing to support the book exchange.

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

Tuesday 12th December, 7.30pm - LOVE IS THICKER THAN WATER 15

Taking its cue from Romeo and Juliet, **LOVE IS THICKER THAN WATER** is a tale of lovers from different sides of the tracks. Vida comes from a well heeled London family, whereas Arthur is a bike messenger from a working-class Welsh mining town. Utterly in love, their relationship is nevertheless tested when their wildly different worlds collide. Sensitive, quirky, always uncompromisingly truthful and interspersed with surprising animation, **LOVE IS THICKER THAN WATER** is a touching take on whether love trumps familial bonds. "A joyful, funny, rich, rewarding and utterly compelling picture." - Stephen Fry.

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Coming up in January — Lion PG Starring Dev Patel, Nicole Kidman, Rooney Mara

Provisional date: Thursday 26th January 2018
(Please keep an eye out for confirmation of this date or contact us on the number or email below)

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Hereford before the 'selfie' - talk on October 19th

This talk, organised by the History Group, proved to be very popular with over 30 people attending. Keith James from Much Birch treated us to a very interesting and amusing account of life working in the Broad Street and Edgar Street studios of Derek Evans during the 1960 – 80s. He illustrated his talk with numerous examples of Derek Evans. There were also aerial shots taken by others. Keith explained how Derek's idea of photographing an event was not to point the camera at the event itself but at the people watching, producing many an interesting portrait – a lesson to remember. Many of the portraits were of people known to members of the audience and scenic and aerial shots brought back memories of how things used to be.

We were shown just a small selection of the many photos which are now stored in the archive centre and which are available for anyone to look at.

We are very grateful to Keith for treating us to a most enjoyable evening.

The next History Group talk will be sometime in late February/ early March and will be a talk on the siege of Hereford during the Civil War, given by Adrian Harvey. Full details later.

Much Birch WI

Much Birch WI meets on the third Tuesday of each month in Much Birch Community Hall, just off the A49. The Hall is next door to the surgery and both are signed from the road.

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ROSS LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT GROUP:

All are welcome to join us in the Library on Tuesday 12th December for our Christmas Cheer Evening with popular, local entertainer **DICK BRICE**. Doors open 7.00 p.m. for 7.30 start. Entry for Members £4.00 Non-Members £5.00. Refreshments available for donations. All funds raised go towards providing facilities for the Library. For details see the website: www.rldg.org.uk

ROSS SCIENCE SOCIETY: The December Meeting will be held on Wednesday evening 6th December 7.00 for 7.30 p.m. at the Castle Lodge Hotel, Wilton, Ross (just off the Wilton roundabout) with the much respected Speaker David Fletcher on **ANTARCTICA**. Mulled wine and mince pies provided.

In January we will meet on the 10th of the month, the **second Wednesday**, same time, same place with the Speaker Peter King on our **Local Geology** especially in Worcestershire. All are welcome. Entry £4 for visitors, £16.00 annual subscription. Students free. There is additional parking opposite the Hotel. For details see the website: www.rosssciencesociety.org.uk or ring the Secretary on 01989 720539

ROSS CIVIC SOCIETY: There is no Talk in December nor in January 2018 but all are welcome to attend the illustrated Talk on Wednesday 14th February, 7.00 for 7.30 p.m. at the Larruperz Centre, Ross. The Speaker will be DAVID WHITEHEAD and the topic '**The Building of Eastnor Castle 1812 – 1824**'. Entry for visitors £5.00 p.p. Subscriptions: Individual £15.00, Joint £25.00.

ROSS ARTS APPRECIATION SOCIETY (RAAS): There is no Talk in January but all are welcome to attend an Afternoon Talk on Saturday 3rd February 2018 by the RAAS President, Prof. Allen Fisher, on **VERMEER AND OTHER DUTCH PAINTERS**, 2.00 at Bridstow Village Hall. This will be followed by a delicious NEW YEARS TEA then a Talk by Heather Hurley on the **GREEN LANES OF HEREFORDSHIRE**. We will finish at 5.30 p.m. Cost: £7.50 p.p. but booking beforehand is required. Please ring 01989 562424 or 720539 to arrange this.

CHRISTMAS BINGO

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We hope to welcome you back and have put together a series of offers (some especially for returning guests) to tempt you back very soon.

Best wishes
Steve, Pat, Deepak & the Team

ps We still have a few rooms left for both the Christmas and New Year packages.
Give reception a call for more information.

Murder Mystery Nights 2017/18

Tickets sales are well ahead of last year and we advise early booking to make sure you don't miss these great value weekends. Those of you who have enjoyed them before will know how much fun they are.
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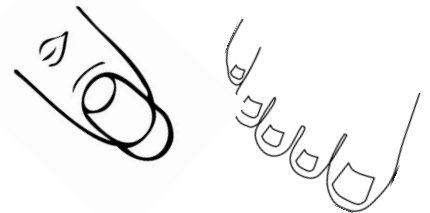
All pre-Xmas events are pretty much sold out and the January evenings are starting to sell well, so get in early to join in the fun.

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Little Birch & Aconbury
Joint Neighbourhood Development Plan

The next meeting of the LB&A Steering Group will decide the start of the Public Consultation period for the Draft Plan.

This period is to be a minimum of 6 weeks and is expected to begin in early 2018. Printed copies of the Draft Plan will be delivered to all the households in both parishes of Aconbury and Little Birch. It will also be sent to businesses in the area.

Many national organisations, as well as local ones, will be sent an email directing them to Little Birch Parish Council's website, where a copy of the Draft Plan will be shown.

Where possible, posters will display information in the two parishes. It is planned to have a 'drop-in' session for the benefit of all the residents in the area and anyone else who is interested.

The policies described in the Draft Plan are based on the questionnaires returned. These were delivered to all residents and collected by volunteers - and we shall need volunteers again to distribute the printed copies of the Draft Plan. If you are able to help please contact Sophie Glover, Clerk to LB&A NDP Steering Group - littlebirchpcclerk@hotmail.co.uk

The Steering Group's next meeting is expected to be on Thursday 30 November at Little Birch Village Hall at 7pm. But keep an eye on Little Birch's Village Hall notice board where the meeting will be advertised, as well as on the parish website, As always, everyone is very welcome.

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.

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Plant Fair**



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We are looking for green-fingered supporters to help make our 2018 Plant Fair a blooming success by growing and donating plants.

All the springtime greenery will be sold to help us raise the vital funds needed to continue providing the best possible care for patients and their families.

How You Can Help

If you can grow six or more plants (either from seeds or plug plants) and would like to donate them to St Michael's, please contact Gaynor using the details below.

You won't need to deliver your plants to the Hospice until a few days before the Fair in May 2018, and we may even be able to arrange for your donated plants to be collected by one of our Hospice driving volunteers.

If you know your onions, we are also looking for volunteers who could give a few hours of their time during the Fair to help sell and answer questions about the plants on sale.

To start growing your support for St Michael's, call **Gaynor** on **01432 851 000** or email her at gwarren@smhospicehereford.org
www.st-michaels-hospice.org.uk

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Our 2017 Christmas cards are available in all our Hospice Shops or at our Online Shop: take a look at all 22 varieties and order them soon before stocks run out. Order now to avoid disappointment.

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Many thanks, as always, for your continued support!

Best wishes,

Rachel Entwisle

Communications Assistant

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

—by **18th December** please.

The Singing Tree is an informal fun singing group that started its life in Much Dewchurch, moved with us to Garway and we are now meeting in Kingsthorne since our move here in July last year. No auditions, no need to read music, just come along and enjoy yourself. We meet on Wednesdays at 7.30 pm at Wynds Poynt. For more information please contact Hilary on 01981 540022 the turning@phonecoop.coop



Welsh Water have warned of extensive works to take place in Hereford this Autumn which will result in traffic disruption and delays.

For further information visit Welsh Water online dwrcymru.com/media-centre or contact Sheena.Howells@dwrcymru.com

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

For further information see Hereford Times online or contact keithjamesphotos@btinternet.com

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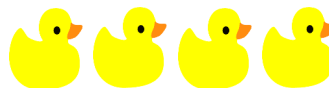
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Parish Council meetings happen at 7.30pm on the first Wednesday in December and all parishoners are very welcome to attend. Agendas are posted on the Parish notice board at least three days in advance and are also on our web site www.littlebirchparishcouncil.org

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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14th November 2017

PARISH MEETING - at the Parish Council Meeting held on the 2nd November 2017 at the Much Birch Community Hall.

Those present heard about the fantastically high number of completed Neighbourhood Plan questionnaires that had been collected in by the Steering Group volunteers. A huge vote of thanks is recorded to all those who took the time and completed their questionnaires and also to those volunteers who helped with the distribution and collection of them. **Thank you all very much indeed.** The return rate was very high and this will really help with making sure that the views of parish residents are represented. The prize draw for the winning ticket will take place at the next Steering Group Meeting.

Future Dates for Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meetings are: 30 November 2017. New dates for 2018 will be advised soon.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Thursday 7th December 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:

December 7th

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