



Newsletter for King's Thorn, The Birches & Aconbury

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

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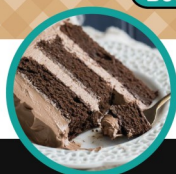
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Church Services April/May 2018

Sunday 29th April (5th Sunday of Easter)

Much Birch said Communion 9.15 a.m.

Sunday 6th May (6th Sunday of Easter)

Holy Communion at St. Mary's, Little Birch at 11.00 a.m.

Sunday 13th May (7th Sunday of Easter)

Family Communion at St. Mary and St. Thomas a Becket,
Much Birch at 9.15 a.m.

Morning Worship at St. Mary's, Little Birch at 11.00 a.m.

Sunday 20th May (Pentecost)

Holy Communion at St. Mary and St Thomas a Becket, Much
Birch at 9.15 a.m.



Diary Dates

April 2018

25th

Gardening Club LBVH

27th

Village Market MBCH

May 2018

2nd

Parish Council Meeting LBVH

3rd

Coffee Morning LBVH

3rd

Parish Council Meeting MBCH

4th-5th

Plant Fair St Michaels Hospice

8th

Whist Drive LBVH

8th

Ward Councillor Surgery MBCH

12th

Coffee Morning MBCH

12th

Silver Branch Ceilidh Band.LBVH

15th

WI Meeting MBCH

17th

History Group LBVH

18th

Talk on Cider and Tasting MBCH

19th

Book Exchange Methodist Chapel

20th

Open Garden at Treberva

22nd

Flicks in the Sticks MBCH

25th

Village Market MBCH

30th

Gardening Club LBVH

June 2018

7th

Coffee Morning LBVH

12th

Whist Drive LBVH

16th

Book Exchange Methodist Chapel

28th-30th

Summer Show LBVH

Traditional Communion at St. Mary's, Little Birch 11.00 a.m.

Pentecost Family Celebration at Hereford Cathedral with workshops from 2.00 p.m. and a service at 3.30 p.m.

Sunday 27th May (Trinity Sunday)

Morning Worship at St. Mary and St. Thomas a Becket,
Much Birch at 9.15 a.m.

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

—by 18th May please.



Congratulations are extended to John Gwinnett on the occasion of his wedding to Miss Aneesa Parry of Anglesey on 7th April. John is currently a Hawk Instructor at RAF Valley. The day was a success.

Congratulations also go to Lucy and Pete Hall on the birth of their second son, Jack Thomas, a brother for Henry. Another grandson for Lynnette Roberts.

A very warm welcome is given to the Hawkins family who have moved into 'Daneswood', the erstwhile home of the Palfreyman family. The family consists of parents Amelia and Nick with children Nathaniel, Ava and Joseph. We trust they will all be happy in their new home and will soon make lots of new friends.

arts alive FLICKS IN THE STICKS at Much Birch Community Hall

Tuesday 22nd May, 7.30 pm -

GOODBYE CHRISTOPHER ROBIN PG

After leaving London for the English countryside, writer A.A. Milne starts to spin fanciful yarns about his son's growing collection of stuffed animals. These stories form the basis for "Winnie-the-Pooh" and "The House at Pooh Corner," published respectively in 1926 and 1928. Milne and his family soon become swept up in the instant success of the books, while the enchanting tales bring hope and comfort to the rest of postwar England.

Tickets £4.50 (£3.50 under 16s)

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

For further information about films and screenings visit www.artsalive.co.uk (online booking available!)

SUMMER SCREENING...

We have a special Summer film screening on

Saturday 14th July (Bastille Day) of LES MISERABLES 12A.

French cheese and wine during the interval is included in the ticket price (£10, £5 children).

This will be a fundraiser for Much Birch Community Hall.



FLICKS IN THE STICKS

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Little Birch & Aconbury
NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Little Birch & Aconbury Joint Neighbourhood Development Plan

Draft Plan

The Steering Group would like to thank all those who completed a **Consultation Draft Comments Form**. Our consultant Dr David Nicholson, has reviewed all those comments and is preparing a draft set of responses – including any necessary amendments to the Plan, so that he can give a report at the next **Steering Group Meeting**. This could possibly be in April – but no date has yet been set. As always, everyone will be welcome.

Anyone not yet registered please contact Sophie Glover – Clerk to LB&A Steering Group littlebirchpcclerk@hotmail.co.uk for notifications of future meetings or check out the website – www.littlebirchparishcouncil.org.

Aconbury and Little Birch Neighbourhood Development Plan 2011 -2031 then has to go through a number of checks – including an independent examination.

The final stage will be a **Referendum**. A majority of those who vote need to agree with the Plan for it to be finalised and come into use.

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Over the next few months, I'll be sending out area-specific Open Gardens information: keep your eyes peeled if you know you have one in the vicinity, and do let me know if you'd like information about any of our gardens in advance. If you'd like to have a look at what's coming up in the season, go to: <http://www.st-michaels-hospice.org.uk/event-type/open-gardens/>

Many thanks,

Rachel Entwisle

Communications Assistant

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Open Gardens

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The working farm covers 100 acres of glorious Herefordshire countryside, with apple and pear orchards at every turn.

The garden at Colley Wells was created from scratch in 2014 and includes small slate and gravel gardens, a vegetable garden within old barn walls and wildlife pond and some surprises.

Take a walk beyond this to a lake before strolling around more orchards, through a nut platt, over a bridge crossing another small lake and return to enjoy tea and homemade cake in the garden.

Visitors may be lucky enough to enjoy a blossom walk should it be in bloom.

Adults £5, u12 free

From Hereford, take the A49 to Much Birch. Pass the turning for the Community Hall and Church and after 100 metres turn right into Treberva Fruit Farm.

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Little Birch Village Hall Committee

Newsletter notices for May 2018

Coffee Morning

The next coffee morning will be on **Thursday 3rd May 10:30am - 12:30pm** at **Little Birch Village Hall**.

Join us and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee, some cake or a biscuit. Make new friends or catch up with old friends, have a chat and find out more about the local community and let us know your thoughts and suggestions as to how we can develop these regular meetings.

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 8th May** at Little Birch Village Hall. We start at **7.30 pm** and the entrance fee is just £2.00.

WANTED

Gardening help needed in Little Birch Area

Weeding etc for approx 3-4 hours a week.

Someone knowledgeable about the difference between a weed and a plant.

Please contact: Lynda Tel: 01981 540512

Ross Meetings for May 2018

ROSS SCIENCE SOCIETY: There will be no indoor Meeting/Lecture in May.

ROSS CIVIC SOCIETY: The illustrated Talk in May will be held on Wednesday 9th May 7.00 for 7.30 p.m. at the Larrupers Centre, Ross on Wye. The topic will be the WORK OF THE WOODLAND TRUST and the Speaker will be Roger Tolman. All interested are welcome. Entry for visitors £5.00 Members free. Annual subscriptions are Individual £15.00 Joint £25.00. For details ring the Secretary on 01989 562424.

ROSS ARTS APPRECIATION SOCIETY: All interested are welcome to attend the illustrated Lecture on Friday 4th May, 7.30 p.m. at the Larrupers Centre, Ross on Wye (Watkins Room) when the topic will be the ARTIST VINCENT VAN GOGH with Prof. Allan Fisher telling us about Van Gogh's life and, in particular, his friendship with Gauguin. A brief AGM, starting at 7.00 p.m. will precede the Lecture. Entry for Visitors £4.50, for Members £2.50; annual subscriptions are £10 p.a. For further details ring the Chair on 01989 720539

Ceilidh

Celebrate the arrival of Spring and join us for a fun evening of dancing with the Silver Branch Ceilidh Band and Caller.

At **Little Birch Village Hall** on **Saturday 12th May 7.30pm – 10.30pm**

Bar and snacks available

All welcome (no previous dancing experience necessary)

Tickets £5.00 Children under 12 - £3.00

Tickets available from Linda 01981-540532, Angela 01981-540377 or Julie 01981-541080

Community Book Exchange/Lending Library

The next Book Exchange will be on the morning of **Saturday 19th May** 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.

There is a charge of just £1 per adult towards the cost of the hire and refreshments.

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.

Our open meeting on 17th April was a huge success and very well attended. We enjoyed enormously meeting the owls and learning about how they are looked after at Hereford Owl Rescue. There was one in particular who was fortunate not to be kidnapped!

The next meeting is on Tuesday 15th May

Visitors and potential new members are always welcome. Please contact Sallie on 01432 340069 for further details.

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Much Birch Community Hall 100 Club

The April draw took place on 8th April 2018 in Much Birch Community Hall at 10.30am and the results were as follows:

1st prize – 25

Mr. C. Pickering-Grey

Much Birch

2nd prize - 60

Mrs. C. Miller

Little Birch

The next draw will take place on 13th May 2018 in Much Birch Community Hall.

KILPECK ART CLUB SPRING SEASON 2018

Our group meets in the Kilpeck Village Hall on Monday afternoons from 2-4 pm. Our first meeting this year is on 12 February and we continue until mid June.. We are always pleased to see new members, so please come along for a free taster session. For more information, contact

Jenny by e-mail at jen64davies@gmail.com

The Much Birch Parish Council Meeting dates for 2018 are as follows: May 3rd, June 7th, July 5th, no meeting in August, then September 6th, October 4th, November 8th and December 6th.

Surgery with Ward Councillor 8th. May between 6pm and 7.15 pm at Much Birch Community Hall. Feel free to 'POP IN' or if you want to make an appointment email

david.harlow@herefordshire.gov.uk

History Group Film – Searching for the travelling people

On Thursday May 17th in Little Birch Village Hall at 7.30 there will be a showing of this film which was first shown at Borderlines Film Festival this year. The film was made with the help of Rural Media to celebrate 50 years since a programme on this topic was broadcast on BBC radio by Charles Parker. It was the first time anything was broadcast about gypsies and their way of life. The new film involved interviewing people who featured in the original programme and it provides a fascinating insight into the way of life and culture of the travelling people. Rich Matthews from Rural Media will introduce it and he is happy to answer questions afterwards.

Entry including light refreshments is £2.50



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St Michael's Hospice would like to thank all our green fingered community supporters who are busy in their gardens and greenhouses growing plants for sale at the Fair.

There is on-site parking at the Hospice, but please car-share if you can.

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Lesley Chapman - 01981 541370/ 07834771838

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We are always pleased to see new members. We don't have formal tuition but help and encourage each other. Please come along for a free taster session. We will be holding our biennial exhibition and sale in September. **This year our first meeting is on 12 February, and will continue until the early summer.**

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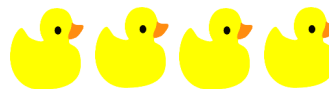
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Little Birch Parish Council

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Meeting 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 Parish Council meetings, 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

Little Birch Parish Facebook Group



Find the latest news, events and business listings all in one place.

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Search for *Little Birch Parish Group* on Facebook

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17th April 2018

PARISH MEETING - at the Parish Council Meeting held on the 5th April 2018 at the Much Birch Community Hall. Those present heard about local concerns and some barbed wire appeared to have been left on the Millennium Green. There was also consideration of one new planning application, and one reserved matters application, and the Parish Council submitted their comments on both of these to the Planning Authority.

There was no update, to date, on the appeal for the application for 20 dwellings in Tump Lane.

The Neighbourhood Plan was still moving ahead and future dates for Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meetings are: 26th April and the 31st May 2018. Start time for all meetings is 7.30 in the Much Birch Community Hall. All are very welcome.

The future Much Birch Parish Council Meeting dates for 2018 are as follows: May 3rd, June 7th, July 5th, no meeting in August, then September 6th, October 4th, November 8th and December 6th.

The next meetings of the Parish Council (Annual Parish and Annual Statutory) will be held consecutively on **Thursday 3rd May 2018 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>

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