



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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Little Birch Village Hall

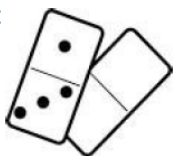
Traditional

Pub Evening

Saturday 3rd. October 2015
7.30 to midnight



Real Ale
Ploughman's
Supper



Pub games
Competitions
Darts, Cribbage,
Dominoes, Quoits etc.
Free Entrance



We all remember how dismayed we were when the Castle Inn closed.. Well on Saturday October 3rd there will be another pub night in the village hall, 7.30-midnight, a chance to meet up with friends and neighbours for a chat and a drink. There will be no charge for entry. A licensed bar and a ploughman's supper will be available. There will be pub games for those who wish to play-bring your own darts!

Please do come because if it is not well supported it cannot be done again.

Church Services in October



Oct 4th.	11am.	LBirch	Holy Communion
Oct 11th.	9.15am	MBirch	Family Communion
	11am.	LBirch	Family Worship
Oct 18th.	9.15am	MBirch	CW Communion
	11am	LBirch	CW Communion
Oct 25th	9.15am	M.Birch	Matins

Diary Dates

September 2015

- 25th Village Market MBCH
- 26th Book Exchange LBVH
- 27th Panto Auditions LBVH
- 27th Harvest Evensong-LB Church
- 30th Gardening Club

October 2015

- 2nd WI Quiz MBCH
- 3rd Pub Night LBVH
- 3rd Flu Clinic MBCH
- 8th Parish Council Meeting MBCH
- 10th Ukulele Band MBCH
- 13th Whist Drive LBVH
- 13th Evergreen Club Outing
- 17th Flu Clinic MBCH
- 20th MB WI
- 22nd "Flicks in the Sticks" MBCH
- 23rd Village Market MBCH
- 24th Book Exchange Old Methodist Chapel
- 28th Gardening Club
- 31st LB Church Autumn Workday

Much Birch Churchyard

Rev. Mark and I would like to express our very sincere and grateful thanks to the group of people from Much Birch Church and the group of people from Tump Lane, organised by Keith James, for all the hard work they put into clearing up Much Birch Churchyard on 5th September. It was rather tough going but everyone worked away at the grass areas, cleared the graves of weeds and rubbish, lopped branches off trees and did away with ivy and other debris so that we can actually now see the walls of the churchyard. We are very appreciative of the time and effort put in by everyone and again a BIG thank you.

Sylvia Jones—Churchwarden.

Please send copy for the November Newsletter to
birchesnews@gmail.com or written contributions to John
Bryant at Bramley Bungalow, Aconbury Close, King's Thorn.
—by 18th October please.

LOCAL NEWS



Mrs. Bernie Davies has taken up her appointment as Head of Much Birch School, she has come from Tupsley School where she was deputy Head for many years and we look forward to meeting her and send our best wishes in her new role.

A very warm welcome is given to Geoff Young and Julie Green who moved into Little Birch in June and apologies are tendered to Tony Rees who left Newtown Cottage at that time as the Editors were unaware of his departure. Best wishes are sent to Tony wherever he settles.

A warm welcome is also given to Lesley and Barry Chapman who have come from Bedfordshire to settle in King's Thorn and to Anne and Les Harper who have also come to King's Thorn from Cornwall. We hope that all 3 couples will be happy in this community.

Congratulations are extended to Huw Enoch who won 1st Prize in his Class at the recent Llanwarne Ploughing Match. Huw also took 3rd. Prize at Newent the following day among a much larger number of competitors.

Congratulations to Jessica Hodges one of the few to be awarded a scholarship from the University of Wolverhampton for her course on Special Needs with Inclusion and Education Studies. Jessie deserves her success. She has worked hard on her studies as well as having a Saturday job and still finding time to take part in pantomimes in the village hall.

Congratulations also go Ashley Weston of 1, Tump Lane, Much Birch who gained his Bachelor of Arts degree in Sports Journalism with Upper Second Class Honours.

Ashley was educated at Much Birch School, Kingstone High School and Hereford Sixth Form College. He played cricket for Wormelow Cricket Club and the Sixth Form College and football for the Pegasus team.

He is now staying in London to pursue his career in Sports Journalism and we send our very best wishes for his future.

As reported last month, Doreen Addis of Tump Lane passed away at the County Hospital at the age of 92 years. The tribute at Doreen's funeral service at the Crematorium on Aug 26th was given by her neighbour, Ina, on behalf of the family and these notes are taken from that tribute. Doreen was born in Hereford where her father owned the Queens Arms in Broad Street and her mother ran a Baby Linen shop in Commercial Road where they lived.

She attended Tupsley School with her younger sister and then went to Blue Coat School. She got her first job at the County Hospital as a switchboard operator. She then decided to join the Women's Royal Air Force to do her bit for England, during which time she met Winston Churchill.

At the end of WW2, she met her husband to be, Bill, who was a Military Policeman on duty at the camp where she was staying. Bill was on night duty and Doreen kept going out of camp and then returning so frequently that Bill threatened to 'lock her up' to which she replied 'You and whose Army'. They eventually got married and lived in Much Marcle for a few years before moving into No.2 Tump Lane. It was winter time and the house was not finished as there was no front door and no electricity, but such was their determination, they made the 'best of it'.

Over the years, Bill and Doreen fostered a dozen or more children besides having their own so it was a very busy but happy household. After Bill died, Doreen worked hard and kept the family together and was a very helpful neighbour. In the last few years, Frances has looked after her mother at home extremely well but had herself to go into hospital in May which meant that Doreen herself was admitted to hospital.

She loved all her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren and she will be sadly missed by all of them.

A new book, 'Castles of the Marches', which was serialised in the Newsletter last year, is to be published by Amberley of Stroud, with 60 illustrations, mostly in colour. The launch of the book will take place at Rossiter's Bookshop in Ross on Wye on 11th November at 7pm. The author, John Kinross of Much Birch will give a short talk followed by a Quiz. The book costs £14.95

Little did I think that posting a letter could lead to such a drastic turn of events.

I of course refer to the accident that occurred in Tump Lane on Friday 21st. August

It's at times like this that one realises how important neighbours are, and that we may not be in each other's pockets but when the chips are down they are there for you.

It is because of this that I would like to thank every one that rushed to my assistance especially Kim and Nicky.

To all the people who sent flowers cards and telephone messages a very big thank you.

I was in hospital until two in the morning, thankfully I had no broken bones but lots of bruising.

We in Tump Lane have been saying that one day there is going to be a serious accident and probably a death in the lane.

Little did I think that it was but for a split second and a telegraph pole that saved me from being that statistic

King's Thorn and Little Birch Gardening Club



Wed. 30th. Sep

Normal monthly meeting at 7.30pm in Little Birch Village Hall.

Sue Dodd and Sue Smith will give a talk entitled 'Butterflies, Moths and Gardens' including what plants we can grow to attract them.

Wed. 28th. Oct.

'A review of the Growing Season 2015.' when members will discuss the gardening year and share their experiences.

Further information from John Bryant 01981 540316.

The Gardening Club Open Show report:

The Show is always held on the first Sat. in September and so on Sep. 5th, entrants and visitors were greeted by a mass of colour created by the varied exhibits. There were 86 entries in the Vegetable Section which was well down on last year due no doubt to the weather conditions through the growing season.

The Flower Section saw lower numbers due to the 'rain flecking' in the week of the Show.

There were 19 Floral Art exhibits which made a very attractive section and all were of a very high standard.

The children are always keen to participate but we would like to see more joining in the fun. The Vegetable Monsters are always admired and judge Kath Watts left many notes of helpful encouragement which were much appreciated.

When it came to the Trophies and Shields, 2 names stood out, Lloyd and Scrivens.

Selby Lloyd won the Harold Salisbury Shield and Rose Bowl while wife, Iris, won the Floral Art Shield and the Domestic Cup.

The Llewellyn Sutton Cup was won by the Scrivens family and Derek was awarded the David Enoch Cup and Horticultural Shield. His granddaughter Sophie Scrivens won the under 8 Cup with the same score as Leo Waplinton, who will also receive a Cup. Poppy Scrivens won a new cup, The Anne Thomas Trophy, purchased by the Committee in recognition of Anne's service of over 30 years as Children's judge. It was fitting that Anne was able to present the Trophy for the best entry in the Children's Section.

Jai Waplinton's total score meant that not only did he win the Cup for the 8 and over section but also took home the Children's Shield.

Dr. Mike Johnson's photograph won for the 3rd. year running and was voted by the public as winner of the Photographic Cup.

Once again, a good time was had by all and the Gardening Club Committee would like to thank all the entrants and visitors for their support. This popular show would not have happened without the organisation and hard work of the Committee and especially, Gillian Clouder, the Show Secretary.

We were pleased to see some new entrants this year, so why not join in too? You will be very welcome and we look forward to seeing you on the first Saturday in September 2016.

Much Birch WI

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

The October meeting will be held on Tuesday, 20th when the speaker will be Steve Sully, who will be telling us about Street Pastors.

Visitors and potential new members are welcome.

Please contact Gillian, 01981 540080 or Caroline, 01981 540422 for more details.

Much Birch Village Market

Much Birch Village Market takes place on the 4th Friday of each month in Much Birch Community Hall between 2.30pm and 4.30pm.

The October market is on the 23rd.

Stalls include award winning suppliers Moor Meals, who bring meat, ready meals and pies: Llandinabo Farm, with meat, cheese, cooked ham etc.: Mr. G's award winning preserves: a Fair trade stall: Honey:

Craft stalls include silver jewellery and embroidered cards and gifts (orders for special cards can be taken).

Mark has worked hard to find new suppliers so let us support him in this local event.

If you would like to find out more please contact Mark on 01432 278026

PROMISE AUCTION

SAT 14th Nov, 7.30pm, MBCH
Your chance to bid for Rev Mark
Great selection of lots,
Light refreshments and raffle

In aid of both MBCH development and the horribly crumbly Tower.



Bridge Classes in Little Birch.

Learn and Play programme.

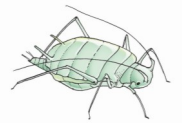
No previous knowledge required

Contact Sarah Mathews on 01981 540274

The Gardener's Hymn



*All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.
But what we never mention, though gardeners know it's true,
Is when he made the goodies, he made the baddies too.
All things spray and swatable, disasters great and small,
All things paraquatable, the Lord God made them all.
The green fly on the roses, the maggots in the peas,
Manure that fills our noses, he gave us all of these.
The fungus on the goosegogs, the club root on the greens,
The slugs that eat the lettuce and chew the aubergines.
The drought that kills the fuchsias, the frost that nips the buds,
The rain that drowns the seedlings, the blight that hits the spuds.
The midges and mosquitoes, the nettles and the weeds,
The pigeons in the green stuff, the sparrows on the seeds.
The fly that gets the carrots, the wasp that eats the plums,
How black the gardener's outlook, though green may be his thumbs.
But still we gardeners labour, midst vegetables and flowers,
And pray what hits our neighbours will somehow by-pass ours.*



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Preliminary Notice.

There will be a Christmas Theme Flower Arranging Demonstration in the Community Hall during the evening of 26th November 2015 to raise funds for Much Birch Church. More details next month.

Much Birch Community Hall presents

Gloucester Strings Ukulele Band

Musical fun for all the family!

An afternoon of music with the opportunity to
join in, followed by hotdogs & doughnuts
(included in ticket price).
Bar and soft drinks available.

Saturday 10th October 2015

2pm - 6pm

(Music 2.30-4.15pm, refreshments served 4.30pm)

Much Birch Community Hall

Tickets Adult - £7.50

Child under 12 - £5.00

Family (2+2 or 1+3) - £20.00

Tickets available in advance from

Bryony (01981 540666) or Carole (01981 540095)

People need to be cautious of clearing birds nests which are protected. Swallows, Swifts and House Martins have protected status and any nests causing problems to houses, barns and garages should be left in place until the breeding season is over and the chicks have "flown the nest".

The fine for knocking down a nest where birds are breeding or feeding is up to £5000! So the RSPCA advise to leave at least a 2 week gap from when you last saw the parent birds to make sure all birds have definitely left.

A Warning from Barry Watson



The Evergreen Club

Our last outing of the year will be on **Tuesday 13 October**. We will go to **Birmingham** and be dropped off near the new library, a short walk from the canal area and other attractions.

Cost is £10 for members (visitors £12).

The pick up times will be:

Brandon Coach Depot	8.45
The Park, Wormelow	8.55
Kings Thorn bus shelter	9.05
Much Birch Church bus stop	9.10
Axe & Cleaver bus stop	9.15
Peterstow (Broome Farm lay-by)	9.25
Fontaine Court - Ross	9.35

For enquiries ring Bridget on **01981 540932**

Little Birch Village Hall Committee Newsletter **Notices for October 2015**



Little Birch Annual Pantomime Auditions

The first meeting and auditions for our 2016 pantomime will be held at 2pm on Sunday 27th September at the village hall. We would love to see cast members new and old who would like to be a part of our 2016 panto and help to make it the best ever. You are also welcome to come along any Friday evening at 7pm if you would like to take part either on the stage, or backstage.

Pub Night Our ever popular pub night returns on Saturday 3rd October from 7:30pm. A warm welcome, traditional pub games suitable for all ages, light refreshments and a fully licensed bar will be provided at Little Birch Village Hall which will be transformed for the evening into your village local. An opportunity to meet up with old friends, welcome new residents to the community and learn about LBVH local activities and events. We look forward to seeing you there.

Community Book Exchange/Lending Library - New venue. The regular monthly meeting of the 'LBVH Book Exchange' will be at its new home in the Old Chapel, opposite the hall, on the morning of Saturday 24th October 10am – 12pm. All members of the community are invited to join us for this enjoyable 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". A warm welcome, tea, coffee and refreshments will be provided and we look forward to meeting up with regular and new visitors to the Book Exchange. There is a charge of just £1 per adult towards the cost of refreshments.

Whist Drive

Your local Whist Drive needs YOU! We'd love to see you at our monthly whist drive whether you haven't played for some time or you're a complete beginner. We guarantee a warm welcome and a fun evening with good company. Excellent prizes and refreshments too! Our next Whist Drive is on Tuesday 13th October at Little Birch Village Hall. We start at 7.30pm and the entrance fee is just £2.00.



Queen Elizabeth II 90th Birthday

Next June will see the 90th birthday of the Queen and we would like to mark this special milestone with a

community event. We would love to hear suggestions from the community about how you would like to celebrate. We will also be forming a committee to plan and organise the celebrations. If you would like to get involved then please contact Sue Jones on 01981 540682.

Dog Show

Thanks once again to Kate and John Dillon for the use of the lovely sheltered field for the annual dog show. The sun shone and the ice cream van came to the delight of us all.

The superb judges, mother and daughter, enjoyed the afternoon as much as everyone else did. They judged Dodger a Manchester terrier to be best in show. The dogs were an interesting mixture of breeds and all well behaved. Young people enjoyed showing their pets especially when they won rosettes. It was good to see so many people at this popular event. Many thanks to the helpers.

New Years Eve

The committee is pleased to announce that there will be the usual New Year party this year in the village hall 8pm-1.30am.

Dave Harding, vocalist and guitarist, will provide entertainment and disco music for dancing.

Tickets, £8 each, to include light refreshments, will be on sale from November 1st. They can be reserved now by contacting committee members but they must be paid for before December 10th. After that any remaining tickets will be £10 each. Numbers are limited.

Herefordshire Historic Churches Trust **Sponsored Cycle Ride.**

Many thanks to everyone who so generously sponsored Cathy Sadler on this HHCT cycle on Saturday 12th September, which has so far made a grand total of £425 !

Setting out from Little Birch at 9.30am and returning at 8.15pm, Cathy and her son John (who came up from London specially) cycled to 14 churches, including Woolhope and Fownhope to the East and Sellack and Hentland to the South.

Apart from one short shower of rain and a little mechanical difficulty with Cathy's old bike, it was a wonderful day.

The money raised will be shared equally between the HHCT and Little Birch Church.

Talk on Feet

There was a disappointing turn-out to the talk on feet given by Ruth Richardson. Was it too early for you? Those of us there enjoyed a very interesting talk which included archaeological and historical facts all presented in a light hearted manner. Having looked at foot shapes from earliest times through the Greeks, Romans and Anglo-Saxons we were then introduced to the fascinating work of Phyllis Jackson who was a chiropodist in Herefordshire last century and who, from her multitude of foot observations, realised that there were at least 5 different types of feet. In particular those which were broader with sloping toes (English type) and those more slender often with second toe longer than the big toe (Scottish/Irish/Welsh type) The only medical fact mentioned was that bunions were inherited and no one was asked to take their shoes off. I'm sure many of us will take an interest in pictures and statues of feet now!

If you are interested in finding out more, look on the website Footloose in Archaeology.

Alison Clarke



LITTLE BIRCH CHURCH AUTUMN WORK DAY & BRING AND SHARE LUNCH.

**SATURDAY, 31 OCTOBER
MEET 10.00am AT LITTLE BIRCH CHURCH.**

You are invited to come and join us for our first Work Day and bring and share lunch.

From now on, we will be spring-cleaning and maintaining both the inside and outside of the church twice a year and invite you to help us by joining us for an hour, half a day or a whole day. The first one is 31 October at 10am.

Just remember to bring your working clothes, extra tools and something for the bring and share lunch.

For more information, contact:

James Gould (01981) 540676

John Bryant (01981) 540316.

Steve Turner (01981) 540090.

"Politeness" has become a rather old fashioned concept in our "modern society". But there is an organisation who still promote those values and would welcome your support. Originally the "Polite Society" and now renamed "The National Campaign for Courtesy", the aims are to fight obscenity, selfishness and greed and to promote good manners, respect (for yourself and others) and rejection of anti-social behaviour.

If you are interested in learning more about this please visit our website www.campaignforcourtesy.org.uk or telephone Peter Foot 020 8330 3707



Much Birch Community Hall 100 Club

The August draw took place on 16th August 2015 in Much Birch Community Hall at 11am and the results were as follows:

1st prize – No.21 Mrs J Wilson Much Birch

2nd prize - No 73 Mrs C Chichester Kivernoll

3rd prize – No. 29 Mr N Bowen Much Birch

The results of the draw which took place on 13th September 2015 in Much Birch Community Hall at 11am were as follows:

1st prize - No 94 Mr C Sherwood Much Birch

2nd prize—No 78 Mr & Mrs Potts Monmouth

3rd prize No. 76 Mr & Mrs E Joseph

The next draw will take place on 11th October 2015 at 10.30am in Much Birch Community Hall.

John Jones—Promoter

FLICKS IN THE STICKS at Much Birch Community Hall

Thursday 22nd October 7.30pm -

THE SECOND BEST EXOTIC MARIGOLD HOTEL ^{PG}

While preparing for his imminent marriage to the love of his life, Sunaina, Sonny has his eye on a promising property now that his first venture, The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel for the Elderly and Beautiful, has only a single remaining vacancy – posing a rooming predicament for fresh arrivals Guy and Lavinia. Evelyn and Douglas have now joined the Jaipur workforce, while Norman and Carol are negotiating the tricky waters of an exclusive relationship, as Madge juggles two eligible and very wealthy suitors. And newly installed co-manager of the hotel, Muriel knows everyone's secrets. As the demands of a traditional Indian wedding threaten to engulf them all, an unexpected way forward presents itself.

Thursday 12th November 7.30pm –

THE THEORY OF EVERYTHING ^{12A}

Refreshments including hotdogs available from 7pm

Tickets £4 (£3 under 16s)

*Tickets available in advance or on the door –
for further info or to book tickets
please email bryonyconnolly@hotmail.com*

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

FLICKS IN THE STICKS

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South Hereford Rural Police Briefing



For daily updates on incidents in your area register for our Dotmailer service via www.westmercia.police.uk. Should you wish to review crime and anti-social behaviour trends in your area over a longer period this can be done by visiting www.police.uk.

Much Birch

OIS 481s 120815 – On 11th August in the day time a kitten was shot in the back leg on farm land and sadly died.

Tump Lane

OIS 678s 210815 – On 21st August at 19:15 a stolen vehicle has hit a telegraph pole before knocking a 70 year old female who has sustained bumps and bruises.

OIS 259s 220815 – Between 11th August and 20th August 850L of central heating oil was stolen from a property.

Much Dewchurch

OIS 474s 270815 – Between 15:30 on 21st August and 09:30 22nd August a wooden shed and a minibus were broken into at the Steiner Academy. Damage was sustained to the Shed and minibus.

Little Birch

OIS 355s 270815 – Suspicious circumstances of two males going door to door selling generators from their van.

Home and Property Security Advice

Make sure all points of entry to your home or property have locks.

When you leave the property, no matter for how long, make sure that these entry points are all locked. Also make sure you lock up before going to bed at night.

There's no point leaving your keys in an accessible place - don't leave them in doors/windows or hanging within easy reach of the front door.

Think about further security measures - a fence, burglar alarm or security lights can be a good investment and are much more likely to deter burglars. They can also decrease your insurance payments.

When leaving the property to go on holiday, use timers on lights and radios to create an impression that someone is still in the property, or ask neighbours to make occasional visits to your property or park in your driveway. For more information, visit our further advice on preparing your home.

Finally, to ensure you feel secure when answering your door, fit a "spy hole" so you can see who is calling. You should also fit a door chain. Don't let anyone into the property that you feel unsure about, and always ask to see identification - if they don't have any, do not let them in.

Take extra care on rural roads during harvest season

The Safer Roads Partnership, Warwickshire Police and West Mercia Police are warning motorists of the dangers that may be present at this time of year as farmers are using the roads more when harvesting and moving their produce.

Under the Highways Act (1980), farmers and contractors have a legal obligation to ensure their vehicles are cleared of any mud or debris before entering the public highway. Excess mud on the road is a danger to cars, motorbikes and cyclists and can change the way a vehicle handles, causing skidding, especially in wet conditions.

"We would also like to remind general motorists that extra care and patience should be taken during the harvest season when there is a necessity for more agricultural vehicles to be on the roads. While it can be frustrating travelling behind an agricultural vehicle it's not worth getting impatient and putting yourself and other road users at risk with dangerous manoeuvres.

Bank Accounts. Your bank will **never** ask you to check the number showing on your telephone display matches their registered telephone number. The display cannot be trusted, as the number showing can be altered by the caller.

How to avoid being a victim of bogus websites

Fraudsters have created a high specification website template advertising flat screen televisions for sale which are below market value and do not exist. Payment is being requested via bank transfer and will offer no protection to the consumer when the television does not arrive.

- Check the authenticity of websites before making any purchases. A "whois" search on the website will identify when the website has been created, so be wary of newly formed domains. This search can be conducted using the following website - <https://who.is/>
- If the item advertised seems too good to be true, it probably is

If you believe that you have been a victim of fraud you can report it online at http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/report_fraud or by telephone on 0300 123 2040.

Increase in Land Rover Thefts

It has been identified that in recent months, the WEST MERCIA policing areas have experienced a marked increase in the number of attempt thefts and thefts of Land Rover Defenders - since the start of the 2015 there have been 38 offences with 13 since 01/04/2015.

If you see anything or anyone acting suspiciously around your area please report it on the 101 number. It may also be worth considering joining the West Mercia Rural Watch Scheme which can be found on the West Mercia Police Website. Alternatively you can follow the link www.westmercia.police.uk/article/4530/Rural-Watch

Shed Security

Make sure: Large items such as bikes are chained together. It is much more difficult to a thief to carry away a lot of large heavy items all at once. Ladders are locked to a secure fixture in the shed or garage so they cannot be used to reach top floor windows of your house.

Anti-Social Behaviour

A quick guide as to what it is...

Anti-social behaviour means "any behaviour from any person that causes another person harassment alarm or distress". This means hurting or upsetting someone.

Some antisocial behaviour, are crimes and punishable by the law. Each case will be treated individually. Anti-social behaviour is widespread and takes many forms. The Police and Council work together in partnership, identifying and then trying to resolve these issues.

Remember that emergency lines are for emergencies ONLY.

P—phone 999 ONLY if

O—offenders are nearby

L—life is at risk

I—injury caused or threatened

C—crime in progress

E—everything else call 101

Your nearest public service counter is at Hereford Police Station, Bath Street, Hereford, HR1 2HT:

Herefordshire Road Safety Hotline
01432 364582

Website: www.westmercia.police.uk

Regards Lowri ANDERSON

PCSO 40247 Southwye Safer Neighbourhood Team

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

4th September 2015

PARISH MEETING – at the Parish Council Meeting held on the 3rd September at the Much Birch Community Hall. The Meeting heard about an important Questionnaire, published by Herefordshire Council, concerning priorities for spending and budget information. This is an opportunity for all to have their say on how money can be saved, and generated, while the Herefordshire Council is facing further income reduction. Please do take the time to put your thoughts forward, using the Questionnaire form which can be found on the Herefordshire Council website and is entitled “Have your Say”. The consultation runs to the 9th October. Link to the Questionnaire:

www.herefordshire.gov.uk/budgetconsultation2016

Much Birch Parish is considering undertaking a Neighbourhood Development Plan. Anyone interested in taking part in this, or indeed reviewing the existing Parish Plan, please contact Cllr Steve Turner at the address details published below.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be an Ordinary Meeting and this will be held on **Thursday 8th October 2015 at 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:-**

Cllr Alison Cook (Chair) Jasmine Cottage, Wrigglebrook Lane, Kingsthorpe, Hereford, HR2 8AW, e mail thecooks@wyenet.co.uk Tel. 01981 540703

Cllr Steve Turner (Vice Chair) The Underhills, Hollybush Lane, Much Birch, Hereford, HR2 8HX, e mail turnersofcrossways@btinternet.com and Tel. 01981 540090

Cllr Andrew Crum Anfield House, Barrack Hill, Kingsthorpe, Hereford, HR2 8AX, e mail a.crum@btinternet.com Tel. 01981 540002

Cllr Tim Jones Swiss Cottage, Wrigglebrook, Kingsthorpe, Hereford, HR2 8AW e mail tjsj@me.com Tel. 01981 540242

Cllr Ben Roberts Lynwood, Kingsthorpe, Herefordshire, HR2 8AR b3nroberts@gmail.com Tel. 01981 540100

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>