

# Newsletter for King's Thorn, The Birches & Aconbury

A newsletter for the villages of King's Thorn, Little Birch, Much Birch & Aconbury. June 2016. First published 1977.



## **Diary Dates**

#### May

- 25<sup>th</sup> Gardening Club LBVH
- 26<sup>th</sup> Flicks in the Sticks MBCH
- 27<sup>th</sup> Village Market MBCH

#### June

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Parish Council Meeting MBCH
- 5<sup>th</sup> Dhamma Dipa Meditation Centre Open Day
- 11<sup>th</sup> Community Cream Tea LBVH
- 12<sup>th</sup> Family Fun Day Castle Inn
- 14<sup>th</sup> Whist Drive LBVH Evergreen Day Trip
- 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, Summer Show LBVH
- 17<sup>th</sup> The Big Lunch MBCH
- 21<sup>st</sup> WI MBCH
- 25<sup>th</sup> Book Exchange Methodist Chapel
- 28<sup>th</sup> Village Hall AGM LBVH
- 29<sup>th</sup> Garden Club visit to Ralph Court Gardens

#### July

- 5<sup>th</sup> Neighbourhood Plan Meeting MBCH
- 9<sup>th</sup> LB Church Annual Fete at the Old Rectory 2pm



Please send copy for the July 2016 Newsletter to birchesnews@gmail.com or written contributions to John Bryant at Bramley Bungalow, Aconbury Close, King's Thorn.

-by <u>18th June</u>please.

#### LOCAL NEWS



Congratulations are extended to Kate Hodges of Kings Thorn, elder daughter of Robyn and Adrian Hodges, on her forthcoming marriage to Chris Rushworth on June 4th at Much Dewchurch.

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Congratulations also go to Sir Roy Strong of the Laskett, Much Birch who was appointed a Member of the Order of the Companion of Honour by the Duke of Cambridge for services to culture on April 22nd. Sir Roy is a passionate gardener and a prolific author whose latest titles include 'A Little History of the English Country Church' and 'Visions of England'.

Congratulations are also sent to Mrs. Edith Davies formerly of King's Thorn and currently living in Essex, who celebrated her 99th birthday a few weeks ago.

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Similar greetings are also sent to Christine and Peter Dowsett who arranged a 'Coffee Morning' on Friday, 13th May, and raised so far, £500 for Riding for The Disabled, a magnificent achievement. We associate Chris and Peter in their work for 'Macmillan Cancer Support' but having raised £100,000 they have decided to ease back somewhat but still make weekly support visits to the Macmillan Renton Unit at the County Hospital.

Sadly, the death of Mrs. Joan Daniels formerly of King's Thorn has been announced. Joan was a stalwart of the Methodist Chapel and ran a Flower Shop, Blumen Times in Grandstand Road, Hereford. Her funeral service takes place at the Crematorium on Monday 23rd May and we send our condolences to her family. A fuller tribute will be given next month. \*\*\*\*\*\*

The untimely death of Andrew Griffiths of King's Caple has been announced. Andrew did many property maintenance jobs for members of this community and his wife, Christine, also runs her own business, Zea Cleaning, and has many clients in this community. We send to the family our deepest sympathies.

Recent donations to the Newsletter are gratefully acknowledged.

*Little Birch Church are holding their Annual Fete at the* Old Rectory on Sat. July 9th starting at 2pm





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Thursday	12pm - 3pm	6pm - 11pm
Friday	12pm - 3pm	6pm - 11pm
Saturday	12pm - Finish	
Sunday	12pm - 9pm	

We will be holding a <u>Family Fun Day</u> on Sunday 12th June. Bouncy Castle Face Painting Sunday Lunch - choice of 3, booking advisable.

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To celebrate Dhamma Dipa Vipassana Meditation Centre's Silver Jubilee we are hosting an <u>Open Day on</u> <u>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June (2-6pm)</u>Visitors will have the opportunity to view the centre facilities, learn more about the practice and the benefits it brings, and even try a 'taster' session of 'Anapana' meditation. There will be guided tours of the centre, introductory talks and films about Vipassana Meditation, woodland walks and complimentary cream teas. Admission is free and all are welcome.

[From A49, follow signs to Pencoyd, second lane on right] For more information call 01989 730234 or visit <u>www.dipa.dhamma.org</u>

For further press information, interviews and photos please contact Claire Coache on 01981 540 989 oremail:clairecoache@gmail.com

#### Meetings, Fundraising and Activities

#### 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.

Meetings begin at 7.30 pm.

The **June** meeting sees us celebrating our Institute's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday while in **July** Bronwen Owens will talk to us about Gardening.

Looking further forward;

In **August** we shall hear about the 'Land of the Incas' with a talk by Ray Sturdy and in **September** our speaker, Richard Jordon will tell us about 'The Legend that is ... Glen Miller'.

Visitors and potential new members are always welcome.

Please contact Caroline on 01981 540422 or Sallie on 01432 340069 for further details.

#### Much Birch Community Hall 100 Club

The March draw took place on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2016 in Much Birch Community Hall at 10.30am and the results were as follows:

1st prize - No 952nd prize - No 293rd prize - No. 41Mrs. J. HardyMrs S.ProutMrs. J. HounslowSellackHerefordMuch Birch

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#### King's Thorn and Little Birch Gardening Club

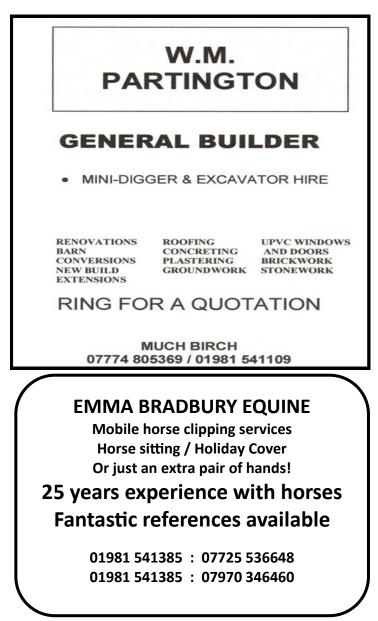
On May 25th., our speaker will be Dede Liss who will discuss The History of Heritage Wheat and Bread. Come along and taste her bread made with ancient grains.

On Wed. June 29th., a visit has been arranged to Ralph Court Gardens near Bromyard.

This covers 3 acres with 12 themed gardens. The garden is full of humour and original ideas to entertain as well as inform. We are due to arrive there at 6pm.

£6.75 per person with concessions at £5.85.

Any further info. from Janet Gwinnett on 01981 540651.





just bring a plate of food to share!



#### DESIGN A BIRTHDAY CARD FIT FOR A QUEEN.

Folks are being urged to sharpen their pencils and find their paint boxes for the Grand Arty Picture Competition as part of the Much Birch celebrations of the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 11<sup>th</sup> on the Rosemary Rigby Millennium Green.

The big challenge is to design a birthday card for Her Majesty and prizes will be awarded for winners in three classes - children up to 9 years, children 10 - 16 years and an open category for mums, dads, grandmas and granddads.

For those with greater ambition the second subject is the old False Acacia tree that grows in the hedgerow on the roadside of the Millennium Green. Like the Queen, who has been an icon of continuity, the old tree is a local symbol of something unchanging in an everchanging world. Its long overdue that some sort of tribute is paid to the old tree and perhaps some artist will rise to the challenge of showing its bright green spring foliage against a blue sky. Others may have their own ideas.

Entries to be handed in to The Slinget, Tump Lane by the 10<sup>th</sup> June for judging on the day of the celebrations. Starting at 2.00 pm the day offers fun and games for all and an afternoon tea party.

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#### Little Birch Village Hall Committee

#### Newsletter notices for June 2016

#### Queen Elizabeth's 90th Birthday Tea

A Very Special Community and Family Cream Tea will be held at Little Birch Village Hall on Saturday 11th June 2:30pm – 5:30pm

The afternoon with start with Children's games (in the former Methodist Chapel opposite) 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm. Judging and prize giving for the best dressed Queen and Prince 3:30pm - 3:45pm to be followed by an all ages 0 to 90+ Grand Birthday Community Tea celebration from 3:45pm – 5:30pm.

# PILATES

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Pilates is a mat-based class focussing on abdominal strength, posture and flexibility. It helps restore the natural curves of the spine, relieve tension and enhance self confidence, resulting in a balanced body that looks fit, feels great and moves with ease.

Mondays 10am and 11am Wednesdays 7pm and 8pm Little Dewchurch Village Hall £8 per class



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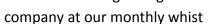
Herefordshire Rural Hub CIC is a business support organisation for farming

and rural businesses across Herefordshire. Established in 2005, the Hub has grown from strength to strength and now has a reach to over 1,500 rural businesses.

Herefordshire Rural Hub has a history of being able to 'pull' support organisations together to work as a network for the greater good of the local businesses and farming community. You can follow the Herefordshire Rural Hub on **twitter** via **@Hfds\_RuralHub** and on **Facebook** search *Herefordshire Rural Hub. Website www.ruralhubspartnership.co.uk/herefordshire* 

#### Whist Drive

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Our next **Whist Drive** is on **Tuesday 14th June** at Little Birch Village Hall. We start at **7.30 pm** and the entrance fee is just £2.00.

#### Summer Show "Cash on Delivery"

Little Birch Amateur Dramatic Society will be performing "Cash on Delivery" on the **16<sup>th</sup>**, **17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> June**. Curtain up at **7:30pm** each evening and supper will be provided.

It's still not too late to secure your tickets. Please contact **Jackie on 541027** Just £10 per person.

#### Community Book Exchange/Lending Library

The next Book Exchange will be on the morning of **Saturday 25th June** at the former Methodist Chapel opposite the Village Hall **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 the hire and refreshments.

#### Little Birch Village Hall Committee AGM

You are invited to attend our AGM at Little Birch Village Hall on Tuesday 28th June at 7:30pm Find out more about the work of the village hall committee over the last 12 months.

We are also looking for new committee members so if you'd like to get involved and help to keep our wonderful village hall going then we'd love to see you. Refreshments will be provided.

#### The Evergreen Club

Our next trip is on **Tuesday, 14 June.** In the morning we are going to Forge Mill Needle Museum near Redditch. We shall have a light lunch here and then go to Spetchley Park Gardens.

Cost £34 - (£36 for visitors) which includes ALL entrances, Morning Coffee, light lunch, tea and cake.

#### The pick up times will be:

Brandon Coach Depot	8.45
The Park, Wormelow	8.55

Kings Thorn bus shelter9.05Much Birch Church bus stop9.10Axe & Cleaver bus stop9.15Peterstow (Broome Farm lay-by)9.25Fonteine Court - Ross9.35

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Information held in the WISH directory, includes everything from Advocacy to Zumba as well as comprehensive information about how to access care and support from Children's or Adult's Services in the county.

As well as the full-time service in the city there are regular WISH pop-ups across the county for those without the means of getting into Hereford and if you don't want to speak to anyone the WISH directory is also available online at: <u>www.WISHerefordshire.org</u>

The WISH directory includes information on living with a disability; how to access advice about financial and legal matters; and the range of care options available in the county. As well as this type of information the WISH Directory lists over 500 clubs, societies and organisations and is growing daily.

WISH, is being delivered by Herefordshire charity Services for Independent Living (SIL) and if you'd like to find out more about WISH and how it can help signpost you and your family to a healthier, happier life come and speak to the team at our Hereford Hub, or call us on 01432 383880 for details of a pop-up near you.

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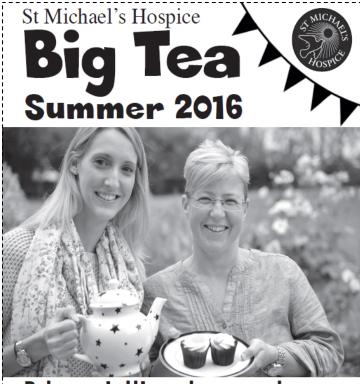
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PCSO Lowri Anderson 40247

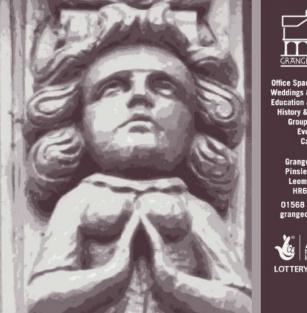




#### Kind regards

Lowri Anderson PCSO 40247

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17th May 2016

**PARISH MEETING** – at the Annual Statutory Parish Council and Annual Parish Meetings held on the 6<sup>th</sup> May at the Much Birch Community Hall.

The Meeting heard about plans for an event to re-launch the Neighbourhood Plan and this would be held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July from 7.00pm in the Much Birch Community Hall. Lynda Wilcox, Chief Executive of HALC, would be in attendance to give a presentation and refreshments would be served.

The celebration to help celebrate the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday was going ahead and the Parish Council were to purchase 100 commemorative coins for the first 100 children to attend the party on the 11<sup>th</sup> June at the Millennium Green, Tump Lane.

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The Parish Council received the resignation of Councillor Ben Roberts. A very big "thank you" for all of his work while on the Parish Council was recorded. The Parish Council wished Ben every success in his role as Chair of Little Birch Parish Council.

The next ordinary meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2016 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:-

from the septic tank people Kingsthorne, Hereford, HR2 8AW, e mail <u>thecooks@wyenet.co.uk</u> Tel. 01981 540703

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

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**Cllr Roisin Burge** The Old Hall, Barrack Hill, Little Birch, Herefordshire, HR2 8AX <u>roisinburge@hotmail.com</u> Tel. 01981 540724

Full minutes of the meetings and information etc. can be found on the Parish Council website following the link found in this summary.<u>www.muchbirchparish.org.uk</u>.

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