



Newsletter for King's Thorn, The Birches & Aconbury

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

March 2018. First published 1977..

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.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 20th March when we welcome Nichola Salter who will talk about how she earns her crust!

Nichola works for Natural Resources Wales protecting the water quality. For the last 15 years she has been working with agricultural pollution and associated legislation.

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



Diary Dates

February 2018

23rd Village Market MBCH

28th Gardening Club Musical Evening LBVH

March 2018

1st Coffee Morning LBVH

2nd Fashion Show MBCH

5th Longtown Historical Society

13th Whist Drive LBVH

17th Book Exchange Methodist Chapel

18th Big Spring Walk Fownhope

23rd Village Market MBCH

23rd Lent Lunch LBVH

23rd LB Village Quiz LBVH

28th Gardening Club AGM LBVH

April 2018

6th Quarto LBVH

27th Village Market MBCH

May 2018

12th Silver Branch Ceilidh Band.LBVH

Church Services March 2018

March 4th (Lent 3)

Little Birch CW Communion 11.00 a.m.



March 11th (Mothering Sunday)

Much Birch Family Communion 9.15 a.m.

Little Birch Family Worship 11.00 a.m.

March 18th (Passion Sunday)

Much Birch CW Communion 9.15 a.m.

March 25th (Palm Sunday)

Much Birch 9.45 Blessing of Palms and procession to:

Little Birch Palm Sunday Communion Service 10:45 a.m.

March 28th(Tuesday in Holy Week)

Compline 7.30 p.m.

March 31st (Easter Saturday)

Family Easter Event at Much Birch Village Hall 3.00 p.m.

April 1st (Easter Day)

Much Birch Communion 9.15 a.m.

Little Birch Communion 11.00 a.m.

The Monastery of Poor Clares at 11am every Sunday.

Holy Communion at Much Birch every Thursday at 9.30am.

The Lent Lunch in aid of Sightsavers will be held on Friday, 23rd March from 12.30pm until 2 pm at Little Birch Village Hall. Please support this very worthy cause.

Local News for February 18.



There have been several deaths reported recently including Max Cadman , Betty Williams, Anthea Haig, Constance ("Betty") Betts and sadly, Deidre Picken, the late Cliff Farmers daughter, She was a lovely lady and so helpful to her mother when the younger twins developed 'Autism'.

A full tribute will be given to Anthea Haig in the April Newsletter.

Sadly we hear of the death of Max Cadman. Max and wife Lynne moved to Little Birch in 2006 from Llandybie, Carmarthenshire, South Wales. They moved to be closer to daughter and son-in-law, Mara and Michael Davies and their children Morgan and Llywelyn.

Before retirement Max was a steam train driver with GWR, once driving the Orient Express, a lovely memory. He would often speak about the effort and hard work required to fire and drive the great engines, and also the beauty and power of the train as it roared through the countryside, especially along the Mid-Wales line.

He will be missed by all his family, including great grandson Dylan Max, born March 2017.

Betty Betts died on 5th February peacefully. She was an amazing lady who was born in 1918. Tim Betts will contribute to this Newsletter in April.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Draft Plan

Now that the deadline for handing in your **Consultation Draft Comments Form** has passed, our consultant Dr David Nicholson, will be reviewing all those comments and preparing a draft set of responses – including any necessary amendments to the Plan.

The most important response has been a positive reply from Herefordshire Council. Following the review, if necessary, a revised version may need to be submitted to Herefordshire Council.

David will be able to give a report at the next **Steering Group meeting** (to be confirmed) explaining the comments and responses at that meeting. As always, everyone will be welcome.

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.

A copy of the Draft Plan and its supporting documents is on Little Birch Parish Council's website. 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.

Sophie Glover, Clerk to LB&A NDP Steering Group.
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Tickets can be reserved/ purchased up to the previous evening – Tuesday 27th February in order for catering to be organised.

To book/purchase your tickets **in advance** please contact:

Lesley Chapman - 01981 541370/ 07834771838

LONGTOWN AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY,

5 March, 7.30pm Longtown Village Hall. Frank Olding "The Archaeology of Upland Gwent" Guests £3.

Much Birch Village Markets

The dates for the 2017 are as follows:

March 23rd, April 27th, May 25th, June 22nd,
July 27th, August –no market, September
28th, October 26th, November 23rd,
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Newsletter notices for March 2018

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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:
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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 13th March** at Little Birch Village Hall. We start at **7.30 pm** and the entrance fee is just £2.00.

Community Book Exchange/Lending Library

The next Book Exchange will be on the morning of **Saturday 17th March** 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.

Annual Little Birch Village Quiz

Will you be crowned as a member of the winning team of the 2018 Little Birch Annual Quiz?

Little Birch Village Hall again plays host to this enjoyable and entertaining evening on **Friday 23rd March at 7:30pm**. Teams of 4 are invited to compete in a series of rounds.


If you are not yet a member of a team but would like to take part please come along as we can put you together with others to make up a team of 4.

£2.50 per person, refreshments available

Quarto


Travelling folk band Quarto will be at **Little Birch Village Hall** on **Friday 6th April at 7:30pm** for an evening of quality singing and infectious comedy in a relaxed and warm atmosphere. Cheeky but not blue!

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History Talk – The Siege of Hereford

The History Talk on The Siege of Hereford arranged for March has had to be postponed and will now take place sometime in April. It is to be given by Adrian Harvey and to give you a taste of it Adrian writes the following: For five weeks in the summer of 1645 Hereford was besieged by a Scottish army of around 15 000 men, allies of the English Parliament in the Civil War. It was almost certainly the largest military confrontation in Herefordshire's history, yet much of the detail about the siege is obscure. Why did the Scots come, What really happened, how against all the odds did Hereford hold out and what were the consequences? Adrian will attempt to answer some of these questions. Watch out for the date in April.

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

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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

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Where we work; South Wye SNT is based at South Wye Police Station, Goodrich Grove, Newton Farm, Hereford, HR2 7DB, we work around the areas of Rural: Aconbury; Allensmore; Ballingham; Bolstone; Callow; Dewsall; Dinedor; Garway; Grafton; Harewood; Haywood; Hentland; Holme Lacy; Kenderchurch; Kentchurch; Kilpeck; Kingstone; Little Birch; Much Birch; Little Dewchurch; Llandinabo; Llanwarne; Lower Bullingham; Much Dewchurch; Orcop; Pencoyd; Pontrilas; SDevereaux; St Weonards; Tretire with Michealchurch; Thruxton; Treville; Wormbridge; Wormelow.

Your team

Sgt Emma Freer, PC Roger Bradley, PC Jim Phillips, PCSO Lowri Anderson, PCSO Adam Westlake, PCSO Christina Howard, PCSO Christopher Yarwood.

About your team.... Safer Neighbourhood Teams work with local people and partners to identify, tackle and solve issues that matter to the community where you live.

Making neighbourhoods safer by cutting day to day crime and anti-social behaviour is at the heart of keeping people in West Mercia safe.

