



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

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

July-August 2018. First published 1977..



## Little Birch

# Family fete and fun day

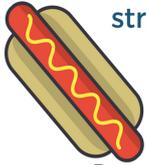


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## Church Services July/August 2018



July 1st 5th Sunday after Trinity  
Little Birch Communion  
11.00 a.m.

July 8th 6th Sunday after Trinity  
Much Birch Family Communion 9.15 a.m.  
Little Birch Morning Worship 11.00 a.m.

July 15th 7th Sunday after Trinity  
Much Birch Holy Communion 9.15 a.m.  
Little Birch Communion (traditional language)  
11.00 a.m.

July 22nd Mary Magdalen  
Much Birch Morning Worship 9.15 a.m.

## Diary Dates

### June 2018

29th-30th Summer Show LBVH

### July 2018

5th Coffee Morning LBVH

7th LB Church Summer Fete Castle Nibole

8th July Parish Walk

10th Whist Drive LBVH

21st Book Exchange Methodist Chapel

27th Village Market MBCH

### August 2018

2nd Coffee Morning LBVH

14th Whist Drive LBVH

18th Book Exchange Methodist Chapel

### September 2018

1st Annual Horticultural Show LBVH

6th Coffee Morning LBVH

21st Pudding Evening MBCH

July 29th 9th Sunday after Trinity  
Benefice Service with St. Weonards' Benefice  
at New House Wood, Garway Hill a celebration  
of creation 11.00 a.m.  
(Please park in the field as signposted) Postcode  
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August 5th 10th Sunday after Trinity  
Little Birch Communion 11.00 a.m.

August 12th 11th Sunday after Trinity  
Much Birch Family Communion 9.15 a.m.  
Little Birch Morning Worship 11.00 a.m.

August 19th 12th Sunday after Trinity  
Much Birch Holy Communion 9.15 a.m.  
Little Birch Communion (traditional language)  
11.00 a.m.

August 26th 13th Sunday after Trinity  
Much Birch Morning Worship 9.15 a.m.

## Local News for June 2018.



A warm welcome is given to the Holden family who have recently moved into ' Capricorn ' in Wrigglebrook Lane. The family consists of Parents Ben and Sally, and children Hettie , Martha and Jonah and we trust that they will be very happy in their new home

Please find below tribute to Derek Hill. Donations given in memory of Derek will go to Cancer Research UK . We send our deepest sympathy to Mary and both Derek's Families.

The funeral of Derek Hill of Kings Thorn took place at Hereford Crematorium on Thursday , 31st May and was conducted by Prebendary Kay Garlick to whom we extend many thanks for using her tribute to Derek.

**Address:** - *In that psalm, it is as the psalmist looks up to the hills that he knows that he is always in God's loving care. Many people will say they feel closest to God in the outdoors – whether on the mountains, or hills or in their own garden. Derek loved camping holidays in the mountains with the family, and of course he spent much of his time cycling around the countryside – and hills were a speciality it seems – he held the record for cycling up the steep hill at Hoarwithy from 1953 until 1989 – doing it in 1 minute 32 seconds – and even now I think only one person has broken that record and only by one second! Cycling was not just a hobby for Derek, but a major part of his life – Mary told me that not long after his by-pass operation he was back at the Velodrome at Newport. And when they took a trip out to see the bluebells in the Forest of Dean, Mary fell off and broke her wrist – and Derek took her straight to hospital – well, almost, they did have to take the precious bikes home first – you can't be too careful with a "Hetchins" bike. Derek was born in Birmingham, and had one brother, Brian. Near the beginning of the war, in 1940, the family came to live in Ross*

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1165468.

*Linedance classes in MBCH on Wednesday evenings. 7.30pm-9.30pm...£4.00 Not suitable for absolute beginners*

*Contact Jean Harris on 07506718907 for further details*



The annual dog show will be held this year in September.

Further details in next Newsletter.



*with his Granny Jacobs. Later they moved to Redhill, where he met Brian, and the boys remained friends from then on. Both became members of Ross cycling club as teenagers, and they and John Hall were faithful members of the club from then on. Derek's nickname in the cycling club was Ciss, because his legs went like scissors! He gained another nickname when he went into the army – because of his initials, D.R. he was always called Doctor! Derek became an electrician and worked for Norman Alder Electrics until Norman retired, when Derek became self-employed.*

*Derek married Christine, and they had two children, Joanne and Jonathan. Sadly the marriage failed, but then Derek met Mary and they married in 1978, and have had 40 years together. Derek came to live with Mary in Kingsthorpe and gained two stepsons, Craig and Philip. Luckily, Mary was a cyclist already – otherwise I think she would have to have taken it up! - so they have enjoyed cycling trips throughout their lives together. And they enjoyed the garden together – Derek always said that Mary was the gardener and he was the bulldozer!*

*Someone who knew Derek well described him to me as “the salt of the earth – so kind, would do anything for anyone”, and of course he was well-known for his jokes. He loved to help people, and just a fortnight before he died, on a visit to the surgery, he noticed that there was a lot of mess outside, so he set to to sweep up. Mary of course was worried, because he really wasn't very well, so he took her home, and then came back to the surgery to finish the job!*

*And so today we give thanks for a full life, well lived – for the blessing of family and friends which Derek so enjoyed – for the love he received and the love he gave, and we give thanks too for the assurance that Derek rests now in the loving arms of God – in the presence of that love in which we were all created and to which we will all return.*

Much Birch Community Hall Management Committee will be holding the Village Market in the Hall on Friday 27th July from 2.30pm until 4.30pm. Stalls will include meats, jams, cakes, hand-made cards, fruit juices, pies, eggs and vegetables. Refreshments will also be available.

N.B.

There will be no market in August so the next market will be held on 28<sup>th</sup> September.

Preliminary Notice.

Much Birch Church Church Fundraising Committee will be holding a Puddings Evening with a talk by Penny Littlewood on her recollections of the 'Upstairs and Downstairs' of a Country House, on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2018. More details in the next issue.

### Much Birch Village Markets

The dates for 2017 are as follows:

July 27<sup>th</sup>, August –no market, September 28<sup>th</sup>, October 26<sup>th</sup>, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, December 14<sup>th</sup>.

**The Much Birch Parish Council Meeting dates for 2018 are as follows: no meeting in August, then September 6th, October 4th, November 8th and December 6th.**

## Open your garden and support your Hospice



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To find out more, call 01432 851 000

or email [events@smhospicehereford.org](mailto:events@smhospicehereford.org)

## Tea on the Terrace

**WHEN:** Sunday 19th August 2018 | 2.30-5pm

**WHERE:** St Michael's Hospice, Bartestree HR1 4HA

Spend a lazy summer's day indulging in one of our favourite pastimes – afternoon tea.

Get together with loved ones and relax at St Michael's Hospice while taking in the mesmerising beauty of Herefordshire's rolling countryside.

At Tea on the Terrace we'll take the strain, allowing you

to savour a fine selection of sandwiches, freshly baked scones with cream and strawberry jam, and a mouth-watering range of freshly-baked pastries and cakes.

As if this isn't enough, we'll offer you the choice of a range of quality tea and coffee. You can even opt for a glass of fizz to really add some sparkle to your afternoon.

Your afternoon treat will be completed by a side order of suitably gentle live music, helping you completely unwind.

The first ever Tea on the Terrace proved a great success last year, selling out in double-quick time.

Tickets for 2018's event on Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> August must be booked in advance from our website: <http://www.st-michaels-hospice.org.uk/event/tea-on-the-terrace-2/>

**£25 per person**

**Advance bookings only**

**Menu:**

A selection of sandwiches

Fresh cream scones

Freshly-baked cakes and pastries

Teas, infusions or coffee

Many thanks in advance for your consideration.

Best wishes,

**Rachel Entwisle**

Communications Assistant

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# Little Birch Village Hall Committee

Newsletter notices for July & August 2018

## Coffee Morning

The next coffee mornings will be on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July, Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> August and Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September 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 Drives** will be on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July and Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> August** 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 21<sup>st</sup> July and Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> August** 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.

## Drama Group

The next production by the Drama Group of “One Man, Two Guvnors” will be on Friday and Saturday 29th and 30th June at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Tickets available at £10 to include a “themed” supper from Margaret on 01981 540374 or Liz on 01981 540479

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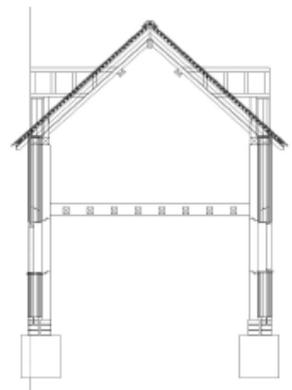
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Brecon and District Male Voice Choir and Grace Notes Ladies Choir with guest soloists, will perform in concert at Kingstone Church on Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> July. The ticket only event will begin at 7 pm. Tickets are £10.00 and to include a light supper.

This will be the second time that these choirs have sung at an event together and they enjoy the opportunity to sing both as individual choirs and as a powerful joint choir.

Tickets are available from Beverley on 01981 251844, from Kingstone Food and Wine, and Janet on 01981 250135

The Brecon choir was founded in 1937 and sings at local eisteddfodau as well as many other events, including in the Millennium Stadium before a Rugby International. They also join with other choirs at the Albert Hall for the "London Welsh, Festival of Welsh Choirs"

By comparison the Grace Notes Choir is a "new kid on the block" having been formed five years ago. It performs a number of concerts each year for charitable events, most recently at the River Carnival, Hereford and Wellington. The members enjoy the camaraderie and challenge of belonging to the choir and new members are always welcome.

**July Parish Walk**

Have you ever wanted to walk down to Hereford?

On **Sunday 8 July at 9.00 am** we are meeting at **Kingsthorpe Bus Shelter** and walking down to Hereford - 5 miles approx.

We will return by the 33 Bus from Broad Street at 12.02 pm. If time allows we can have a cafe stop!

All welcome.

Angela Middleton

Voluntary Footpath Officer

01981 540377

**Much Birch Community Hall 100 Club**

The June 2018 draw took place on 10<sup>th</sup> June in Much Birch Community Hall and the results were as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> prize – No 82	2 <sup>nd</sup> prize - No. 14
Mr & Mrs R. Brimacombe	Mrs. M. Baldwin
Much Birch	Much Birch

The next draw will take place on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at 10.30am in Much Birch Community Hall.

John Jones  
Promoter

St. Mary's Church, Little Birch, would like to thank everybody who came to support us on 9th June. A very special thanks to Sharon and Jim Gillespie for their generosity, their extremely hard work and the wonderful venue for a very successful event. Thanks also to Phil Cave and the Crockers Ash Scratch Band and My Tin Monkey who provided a brilliant evening of entertainment. Thanks must also go to everybody who helped with the catering, the bar and the preparation before.

We raised £2100, which will go towards the replacement of the badly corroded guttering and downpipes, which is a great start. Our next event is the Garden Fete on the 7th July at Castle Nibole, the home of Kate and John Dillon. We look forward to seeing you all then.

**Kingsthorpe and Little Birch Gardening Club**

*ANNUAL OPEN*  
**HORTICULTURAL SHOW**

LITTLE BIRCH VILLAGE HALL

**Saturday September 1st 2018**

**Programme of events**

- ◆ 9.00 am - Hall open to exhibitors only.
- ◆ 10.45 am - Last entries accepted.
- ◆ 11.00 am - Hall closed to the public.
- ◆ Judging of exhibits.
- ◆ 2.00 pm - Hall opens to the public.
- ◆ 3.30 pm - Presentation of Trophies and Raffle Draw.
- ◆ 4.00 pm - Sale of Produce by auction



**Be sure to stay for the sale of home grown vegetables, fruit, flowers, home-made cakes and preserves!  
Don't miss out on some truly scrumptious produce.**

**Children's workshop 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018  
Meet at LBVH at 2:00 pm**

## ANNUAL OPEN HORTICULTURAL SHOW

The highlight of the year for Kings Thorn & Little Birch Gardening Club will be their Annual Open Show on Saturday 1 September at Little Birch Village Hall.

Anyone wishing to exhibit may do so on the morning between 9am and 10.45am.

For details and how to enter call the Show Secretary on 01981 541370. After the judging, the hall opens to the public at 2pm. As this is a community event entry is free.

There are certain to be excellent displays of home grown vegetables, fruit and flowers. There is also a children's section with vegetable monsters, decorated boots, poems and pictures made from leaves. Maybe even a scarecrow and decorated Gingerbread men (or women). There are also floral art and domestic sections showing cakes, jams and more. A new addition to our exhibits is a Handicraft section.

1st, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes will be displayed in all categories. Judges will also have the unenviable task of awarding 'Best in Show'. A new trophy commemorating Selby Lloyd will be awarded in the vegetable section.

Also this year a special award to the value of £25 will be given to the person with the most points in any three categories of the domestic section.

After the prize giving, many entries of the wonderful produce will be available to buy! Come along for the afternoon and enjoy tea or coffee with a choice of home baked cakes.

The day before, on Friday 31 August, a children's workshop will be held in the hall starting at 2pm. Children will be encouraged to show their creativity by making vegetable animals and monsters – and a 'garden on a plate' to add to the children's section in the show.

KT&LB Gardening Club welcomes new members. We meet monthly and have a variety of speakers covering all aspects of gardening. Contact our Membership Secretary on 01981 540327

### 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.

We have two very interesting evenings coming up in July and August.

In July Chris O'Grady talks about "A Walk to Rome" and in August Malcolm Watkins will be presenting "Cabinet of Curiosities"

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



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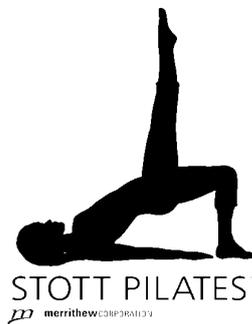
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**Little Birch &  
Aconbury**  
NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

### Little Birch & Aconbury Joint Neighbourhood Development Plan Draft Plan

Regulation 14 results are still in the process of being assimilated by our consultant Dr David Nicholson. When those results are completed, the **Joint Neighbourhood Development Draft Plan** is required to be resubmitted to Herefordshire Council for assessment. If and when given its approval the Plan will be submitted to both Little Birch Council and Aconbury Parish Meeting for their approval.

**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.

*For updates and notifications of future meetings please check out the website – [www.littlebirchparishcouncil.org](http://www.littlebirchparishcouncil.org).*

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# Open Garden Events

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Adults £5, u12 free

Refreshments – Plant sale

Dogs on leads welcome

Parking available

Set just off Welsh Newton Common, Yew Tree Cottage lies in about 5.5 acres of land.

From the medley of flower beds just outside the property there is a glorious view eastwards across southern Herefordshire as far as the Malvern Hills.

Fittingly, visitors can take in the stunning vista from this spot while enjoying the appropriately-named Malvern Hills roses draped over a pergola.

Walk through a gate onto a delightful wildflower meadow beside a three-acre paddock where you can walk your dogs. This area is also home to a beehive which has a viewing window should visitors wish to peer in.

On your return, gaze at the grapes and tomatoes grown in the green house, which also boasts a show of geraniums, including some more unusual varieties and colours.

Visitors to Yew Tree Cottage during the Open Gardens season of 2015 will notice of couple of changes this time, most notably the addition of a large wildlife pond nestled in the lawned area and sheltered by mature trees beyond the property.

There is plenty of seating in the garden, giving people the opportunity to enjoy the rambling roses, salvias and peonies, among others.

*Turn off the A466 Hereford to Monmouth road at Welsh Newton, signposted to Llangarron. Turn right at the staggered crossroads then keep the phonebox on your left, before turning left into Yew Tree Cottage.*

## MUCH BIRCH PARISH COUNCIL

### FOOTPATH OFFICER

**The Parish Council is seeking to appoint a new Footpath Officer for the Parish. Duties will include walking the parish footpaths and identifying any issues. Liaison with the Locality Steward from Balfour Beatty, land-owners and the Parish Council to help keep the paths clear and accessible. Undertaking minor clearance works such as removing brambles from stiles and gate margins.**

**If you are interested in applying for the post please contact the Clerk or any member of the Parish Council. Full contact details are on the website:**

**[www.muchbirchparish.org.uk](http://www.muchbirchparish.org.uk)**

**E mail: [muchbirchclerk@gmail.com](mailto:muchbirchclerk@gmail.com)**

**Clerk Telephone Number: 01981 250860**

### Hereford Civic Society

**Coach Outing to Newport Transporter Bridge and Tredegar House**

**Saturday 14th July**

Industrial archaeology and a visit to the seat of the Morgan family for 500 years is the destination for this year's summer outing. Non-members are welcome. Cost £18 (£28 with lunch) incl. entrance charges. Leave Hereford 9am, return 6.30pm latest. Book/ additional information:

David Fowler  
Stable Cottage, Kingsthorpe HR2 8AJ  
01981 541058  
[david693fowler@btinternet.com](mailto:david693fowler@btinternet.com)

There is no newsletter in August

Please send copy for the September Newsletter to [editorial@birchesnews.org.uk](mailto:editorial@birchesnews.org.uk) or written contributions to John Bryant at Bramley Bungalow, Aconbury Close, King's Thorn.

—by 18th August please.

#### ROSS LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT GROUP:

We will meet in July in the Library, on Tuesday evening, 17th, 7.00 for 7.30 p.m. for an illustrated Talk on the Landscape Designer HUMPHRY REPTON. The Speaker will be Dr. Patrick Goode, who will describe the gardens designed by this Landscape Architect, some in Herefordshire and his connection with the Picturesque Movement. Entry fee £4.00 for non RLDG members, £4.00 for members. Students free. Refreshments available for a donation. All funds raised go to provide the Library with improved facilities. All are welcome.

For details see the website: [www.rldg.org.uk](http://www.rldg.org.uk)  
There will be no Talks during August but come along in September on Tuesday evening, 18th.

#### ROSS ARTS APPRECIATION SOCIETY:

The next Meeting is on Friday evening, 6th July, 7.30 p.m. at the Larruperz Centre, Ross (Watkins Room). The illustrated Talk will be on MODERNISM with the Speaker Ms. Eleanor Bird. All are welcome. Entry for non members £4.50, for members £2.50. For further details ring the Chair, Lady Jan Falkiner on 01989 720539 or the Secretary on 01989 562424

There will be no Talks during August.

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**If you are interested in being considered for co-option please contact the Clerk or any member of the Parish Council. Alternatively please come along to the next Parish Council Meeting on July 5<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in the Much Birch Community Hall**

**Full contact details are on the website:  
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Angela Middleton	Volunteer Foot Paths Officer	01981 540377	ajbmiddleton@hotmail.co.uk
Sophie Glover	PC Clerk	01432 270499	littlebirchpcclerk@hotmail.co.uk

Parish Council meetings usually happen at 7.30pm on the first Wednesday of the month 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.

Mrs Sophie Glover, Little Birch Parish Clerk, The Orchard, Ridgehill, Hereford HR2 8AG

Website: [www.littlebirchparishcouncil.org](http://www.littlebirchparishcouncil.org)

Please see the following from Angela Middleton, our Voluntary Footpath Officer:

### PLEA TO LANDOWNERS AND FARMERS

As crops and grass begin to grow, please be aware and keep all footpaths clear on your land.

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*Info from Gov.uk*

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## Little Birch Parish Facebook Group



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14th June 2018

**PARISH MEETING** - at the Parish Council Meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at the Much Birch Community Hall. Those present heard about local planning applications and the Parish Council took forward the points raised to convey them to the Planning Department of Herefordshire Council. Work was in progress to get street name signs in place for Forge Lane and the use of advisory HGV signage at the same location was also being explored. The Parish Council is now looking to co-opt a new Parish Councillor and if you are interested in joining the Much Birch Parish Council please either contact one of the councillors, the clerk or simply come along to the next parish council meeting. A vacancy also exists for a Parish Footpath Officer. This role involves looking after the interests around the network of public footpaths and full guidance in the role will be available. You do not need to be a councillor to take up the position. Please contact the Clerk, or one of the councillors, for more information about the role of Footpath Officer. The future Much Birch Parish Council Meeting dates for 2018 are as follows: July 5<sup>th</sup>, no meeting in August, then September 6<sup>th</sup>, October 4<sup>th</sup>, November 8<sup>th</sup> and December 6<sup>th</sup>. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July 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:-**

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