



# ***THE Birches***

**A NEWSLETTER FOR KINGTHORN,  
MUCH BIRCH, LITTLE BIRCH & ACONBURY**

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## **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**

## **Diary Dates**

### **September 2018**

- 1st** Annual Horticultural Show LBVH
- 2nd** Parish Bird Walk 9am LBVH
- 3rd** Longtown Historial Society
- 6th** Coffee Morning LBVH
- 8th-16th** Art Exhibition Kilpeck VH
- 14th** Concert at the Steiner Academy
- 18th** WI Open Group Meeting MBCH
- 21st** Pudding Evening MBCH
- 28th** Village Market MBCH

### **October 2018**

- 4th** "Artspace" LBVH
- 26th** Village Market MBCH

## **Church Services September 2018**



### **September 2nd (14th Sunday after Trinity)**

11.00 a.m. Little Birch CW Communion

### **September 9th (15th Sunday after Trinity)**

9.15 a.m. Much Birch Family Communion  
11.00 a.m. Little Birch Morning Worship

### **September 16th (16th Sunday after Trinity)**

9.15 a.m. Much Birch CW Communion  
11.00 a.m. Little Birch BCP Communion

### **September 23rd (17th Sunday after Trinity)**

9.15 a.m. Much Birch Morning Worship

### **September 30th (18th Sunday after Trinity)**

10.30 a.m. Much Birch Group Service with  
Archdeacon Derek (new Archdeacon of  
Hereford)

## **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 next meeting will be on 18th September at 7.30pm and features a talk "The Harrow and the Plough" by Robin Thorndyke covering the works of well known Herefordshire artist Brian Hatton. Refreshments will be provided.

This is a group meeting and visitors are most welcome.

Please contact Sallie on 01432  
340069  
for further details.



## Little Birch Village Hall Committee

### Newsletter notices for September 2018

#### Coffee Morning

The next coffee morning will be on **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 Drive** will be on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September** 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 15<sup>th</sup> September** at the former Methodist Chapel opposite the Village Hall **10am – 12noon**.

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.

#### **Future events:**

**Pudding Evening**, Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm at Little Birch Village Hall (more details next month)

#### **Parish Bird Walk**

Join us on a bird identification walk and see how many species we can hear and see. Bird expert Adrian Hodges will be with us on a 3 mile walk down to Athelstan's Wood.

Meeting at Little Birch Village Hall at **9am on Sunday 2 September**.

Refreshments afterwards at the village hall.

All welcome.

Angela Middleton—Voluntary Footpath Officer  
01981 540377

#### **ART EXHIBITION AT KILPECK VILLAGE HALL.**

Kilpeck Art Club will be holding an exhibition beginning on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September, from 11am-5pm each day. Art works and cards will be on sale. Light refreshments will be available. **AUTUMN SESSIONS:** The first session will be on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September from 2-4pm in the Village Hall and then on most Mondays until December. New members are always welcome. If you want to know more, please ask at the Exhibition or e-mail [jen64davies@gmail.com](mailto:jen64davies@gmail.com). Members pay a small fee to cover hall hire. The first taster session is free.

## Longtown & District Historical Society- New Season

On **Monday, 3rd September**, study half day centred at Longtown Village Hall based on the theme of

### ROUTEWAYS IN THE LOCAL LANDSCAPE.

- 2pm** Talk by Eddie Proctor “Rhiws (ancient tracks) of the Black Mountains”  
**4-5.30pm** Walk in the Olchon Valley. Reasonable fitness level needed  
**7.30pm** talk at the hall by Heather Hurley “Exploring the old Green Lanes of Herefordshire”

Please let Jeremy Milln know in advance if you intend to come on the walk, by e-mailing him at [jeremy.milln@gmail.com](mailto:jeremy.milln@gmail.com). Annual membership of the society is £10; payment may be made at any meeting. Visitors £3 per meeting, including those on 3 September. The walk is free.

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#### **Much Birch Village Markets**

The dates for 2017 are as follows: September 28<sup>th</sup>, October 26<sup>th</sup>, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, December 14<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Local News September 2018**

Congratulations go to Kate and Matt. of Ross on Wye on the birth of their daughter, Cora Jane, with proud grandparents Steve and Linda Turner of Hollybush Lane Much Birch. and brother for Franklyn.

Congratulations also go to Ruth Johnson of Becket House ,Much Birch in obtaining 2 B s and a C in her A level results and will soon be going to Keele University to study Medicene . Please can we have further A level results.

We send our condolences to Mrs. Lynn Johnson on the passing of her mother . Mrs Mary Fisher.



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## ANNUAL OPEN HORTICULTURAL SHOW

With only a few days to go to **Kings Thorn & Little Birch Gardening Club's Annual Open Show**, this is a reminder that anyone wishing to exhibit, needs to do so at **Little Birch Village Hall** on the morning of the show - Saturday 1 September between 9am and 10.45am.

A completed schedule should accompany entries. For details, and how to enter, call the **Show Secretary on 01981 541370**. As this is a community event entry is free.

This year there will be two new awards – the **Wilson Cup**, in memory of *John Wilson* – the long term serving member and treasurer of our Gardening Club. The other new award is the **Selby Lloyd Shield**, in memory of *Selby Lloyd* who passed away last year. The family wished to commemorate his long participation in the gardening club.

Also this year a **special award of £25** will be given to the person with the most points in any three categories of the **Domestic Section**.

For those with kids, be sure they attend the **Children's Workshop**, starting at 2pm on Friday 31 August at the Hall, to create vegetable monsters, decorated boots, poems and pictures made from leaves. Maybe even a scarecrow and decorated gingerbread men (or women).

**Little Birch Village Hall opens to the public at 2pm**. There are certain to be excellent displays of home grown vegetables, fruit and flowers. There's also **Floral Art and a Domestic Section** - showing cakes, jams and more. A new addition to our exhibits is a **Handicraft Section**.

The **Raffle Prizes** this year include a **'2 course lunch for 2'** from both *The Pilgrim Hotel* and *The Axe and Cleaver* – with prizes also donated by *Pengethley Garden Centre*, *Carrot and Wine Stores* and Little Birch's 'local' *The Castle Inn*.

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

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**

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## St. Mary's Church, Little Birch.

We would like to thank everybody who came and supported us at our fete on July 7th. We had a wonderful afternoon, England won their football match and the children were able to see a new born calf wobble to it's feet at the end. The calf has since been named Mary Fete. Thank you to all our helpers who did a great job but particularly to Kate and John Dillon who hosted the event and put in so much hard work to make it such a success.

We made £1300 which is a great result.

Also, a belated thank you to everybody who supported our Lent lunch and to everybody who helped provide a lovely meal. We raised £246 which has been sent to the Sightsavers

### A CALL FOR HELP.....

We are looking for volunteers to go on a monthly rota to help us keep Much Birch Churchyard tidy.

We do have someone to mow the grass regularly but we need volunteers to generally tidy up e.g. sweep the path, get rid of weeds and accumulated rubbish in the corners and remove dead flowers from graves. We would be so grateful for this help and you do not have to be members of the congregation. Please contact the Churchwarden, Sylvia Jones tel. 01981 540980 if you can help.

**FLICKS  
IN THE  
STICKS**

**at Much Birch  
Community Hall**

**NEW SEASON BEGINS WITH...**

**Tuesday 25th September, 7.30pm - FINDING YOUR FEET 12**  
When 'Lady' Sandra Abbott (Imelda Staunton) discovers that her husband of forty years is having an affair with her best friend, she seeks refuge with her estranged, older sister Bif (Celia Imrie). The two could not be more different - Sandra is a fish out of water next to her outspoken, serial dating, free-spirited sibling. But different is just what Sandra needs and she reluctantly lets Bif drag her along to her community dance class, where gradually she starts finding her feet... and romance.  
*Starring Timothy Spall, Joanna Lumley, Imelda Staunton*

**THE REST OF THE SEASON LOOKS LIKE THIS...**

- Thursday 18th October, 7.30 pm - **THE GUERNSEY LITERARY AND POTATO PEEL PIE SOCIETY 12A**
- Saturday 17th November, 6.00 pm - **THE GREATEST SHOWMAN - SING-A-LONG! PG**
- Thursday 22nd November, 7.30 pm - **PHANTOM THREAD 15**
- Tuesday 4th December, 7.30 pm - **MAMA MIA! HERE WE GO AGAIN (TBC) PG**

*Refreshments including hot dogs available from 7pm (5.30pm for 17/11).*

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ARTSPACE could be just what you need! Whatever your ability level, you will be most welcome!

ARTSPACE is an opportunity for like minded people to come along to share a place and time to do their art... whether it be sketching, painting or other paper based art work. You will need to bring your own materials and have your own project in mind.

It will be held at **Little Birch Village Hall on Thursday afternoons 3-5pm from 4<sup>th</sup> October – 8<sup>th</sup> November** (6 weekly sessions).

Cost will be £3 per person. Refreshments will be provided.

If you are interested please ring Maz Jooma on 541 048

## Much Birch Community Hall 100 Club

The August 2018 draw took place on 12<sup>th</sup> August in Much Birch Community Hall and the results were as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> prize – No 9	2 <sup>nd</sup> prize - No. 14
Mr. S. Hardy	Mrs. L. Ashton
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The next draw will take place on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 10.30am in Much Birch Community Hall.

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Concert at the Steiner Academy on Friday 14th September at 7.30pm Vivaldi and Piazzola - 8 Seasons, 2 Hemispheres "Baroque meets sizzling Tango"

In association with Arts Alive, the Steiner Academy is hosting an evening of music from the Orchestra of the Swan, now the Orchestra in Residence at The Courtyard, Hereford.

The Little Birch Village Hall Committee and Steiner Academy will provide minibus transport from the Hall at 6.30pm for any local residents who wish to attend, and will bring you back to the Hall at the end of the concert. For further information about the event, and to buy tickets, contact the box office on 01981- 540221 or [in-fo@steineracademy.eu](mailto:info@steineracademy.eu) and look out for posters locally. Adult tickets are £10, Children £6.

If you would like to use the minibus transport, please contact Linda Maden on 01981-540532 or at [linda-maden@btinternet.com](mailto:linda-maden@btinternet.com) to book your seat on the bus. The transport is free but you need to book your seat by Friday 7th September.

**The Much Birch Parish Council Meeting dates for 2018 are as follows: September 6th, October 4th, November 8th and December 6th.**

Ross Library Development Group: The new season opens with our Talk on Tuesday evening **September 18th**, 7.00 for 7.30 p.m. in the Library. MATTHEW HALL, novelist and screenwriter, will be the Speaker and he will tell us about his career and his current drama series 'Keeping Faith'. Entry is £5.00 for non-members, £4.00 for Members and Students are free. Refreshments will be available for a donation. All profits go to improve the Ross Library facilities. For details see the website [www.rldg.org.uk](http://www.rldg.org.uk)

Ross Science Society: Our autumn season begins on Wednesday evening, **5th September**, 7.00 for 7.30 p.m. at the Castle Lodge Hotel, just off the Wilton roundabout. The illustrated Talk will be given by Dr. DAVID MORGAN and he will put the question ... ARE WE ALONE IN THE UNIVERSE? .... he will outline the 'Drake Equation'. All interested are welcome. Entry is £4.00 per person and the annual subscription of £16.00 covers all the Talks. There is additional parking opposite the hotel. For further details contact the Secretary on 01989 720539.

Ross Arts Appreciation Society: The September Meeting will be held on Friday evening, **7th September** at the Lar-ruperz Centre, Ross (Watkins Room) 7.00 for 7.30 p.m. Prof. ALLEN FISHER will give us an illustrated lecture entitled 'POETRY IN AND FROM ART', following this theme, linking poetry with art, through several centuries. All interested are welcome; entry is £4.50 for non-members, £2.50 for members... refreshments are provided. For further details ring 01989 720539 or 01989 562424



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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

### Little Birch & Aconbury Joint Neighbourhood Development Plan

## Draft Plan

The revised draft plan, following the comments from our Public Consultation was approved in July by both parishes. We are now awaiting a final decision by Herefordshire Council.

When the plan has been through a number of further checks it will reach its final stage – **The Referendum**. A majority of those who vote will need to agree with the Plan for it to be finalised.

**Aconbury and Little Birch Neighbourhood Development Plan 2011 -2031** will then come into use with regards to all Herefordshire Council planning decisions for both Aconbury and Little Birch.

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



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**Donations** to cover costs and for much needed renovation work at St Mary's Church.

Thank you

Please send copy for the October Newsletter to [editorial@birchesnews.org.uk](mailto:editorial@birchesnews.org.uk) or written contributions to Liz Hall at Walmere, Wrigglebrook, Kingsthorpe HR2 8AW.

—by 18th September please.

### Little Birch Gardening Club News

What a challenging summer we have had! Too much rain and then not enough - vegetables and fruit don't know if they are coming or going but despite it all, we get out the seed catalogues for the next year full of enthusiasm and visions for the seasons ahead of us. Just as well then that our next speaker on WEDNESDAY 26th SEPTEMBER is George Alway who is going to give us lots of 'Hints and Tips' - bring your notebooks and any questions you may have - there must be loads!

We are being entertained on WEDNESDAY 31st OCTOBER by our own 'new' chairperson, Janet Gwinnett, on her 'First Year of Retirement for a Gardener'. (Now there's a thought - do we ever really retire!) What a year to choose - this one should be interesting on how she overcame (or not) the challenges - looking forward to this.

Trying something different, in June the club hosted an evening of 'Nature in Music and Verse'. We were



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WORMELOW

musically entertained by Cantando, a group of eight enthusiastic guitar players. Their repertoire is classically based with a few modern pieces. This was interspersed with poems and readings theme linked to a celebration of gardening and nature. It was a super evening, enjoyed by all who attended and, of course, a hearty ploughmans supper went down very well.

If you require any information about the guitar group, or indeed would like to join them, then give Lesley Chapman (musical director) a call or see her at any of our meetings.

We are a very friendly group and would love to see some new faces who would be made most welcome. Come along to any of our meetings held in the Village Hall at Little Birch, usually the last Wednesday of every month starting at 7.30 pm, refreshment available and a good chat!

Looking forward to seeing you.

Jenny Baldwin - on behalf of LBGCC Committee

## THE MASONS AT MERRIVALE

I have just re-read my last article and smile at the words grim, dark, wet winter. How long ago that seems and now the hot summer has created many more challenges on the farm. Despite the dry conditions, grazing of the cows has continued throughout the summer.

We split our grazing fields into smaller paddocks using electric fencing and then use a method known as 'strip grazing'. This involves using more electric fencing within each paddock to split it into smaller sections, or 'strips' and ensures we utilise as much of the grass as possible. Generally, each paddock is grazed three times before they move onto the next one. Each week we walk all of our grassland with a tool called a plate meter which measures the density of the grass and helps us to monitor what we're feeding and how quickly it's growing.

With robot milking, the cows are sent grazing in one direction by day and another by night so we have two paddocks in use in a 24 hour period. This works particularly well at Merrivale because the farm buildings are located in the middle of the farm.

We did keep the cows in a few times in July when we had particularly hot days. However, the buildings are really designed to keep the cows warm in winter, not cool in summer and with no fans to circulate air some cows still found the heat difficult. They continued to go out to graze at night when conditions were cooler.

Because of the drought we were very short of grass and so, as has widely been reported in the press with other farmers, we have been feeding our winter supplies of silage to keep the cows full and stocks are now low.

We have done two more silage cuts, one in June and one in July but due to the drought this provided less than normal. It did however show up the deep rooting red clover, chicory and Lucerne in the fields as they still grew well. If these summers continue we will have to look at growing more crops like these, which are better suited to the dry conditions.

Alongside our third cut silage in July, we also cut our wholecrop. This was a field sown with spring barley and peas which we cut early while the grain is still soft. It is put in a silage pit and provides a high quality feed which we can mix with grass silage to feed in the winter.

Thank heavens for the rain in the last few weeks as the grass is recovering and we now look on track to do our fourth silage cut in the next couple of weeks. We will then hope to do our final cut at the end of September. We will assess our stocks after the final cut to make sure we have enough to last us through the winter.

Where the wholecrop silage was taken we have now cultivated and sown stubble turnips and forage rape. Weather permitting, we will graze youngstock here during the winter months to ease the situation.

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The main job at the moment is the straw harvest, this is essential to provide us with all of our winter bedding. Although we are organic, we are allowed to use conventional straw for bedding. We are fortunate to be able to buy all of our straw from Aconbury Court, our neighbour, which makes carting much easier.

Straw is bought by the acre as the combine leaves it in the field. We then have it baled and cart it home. As I write, we have one field left to bale but the straw has been rained on so we are waiting for it to dry, be baled and then our straw harvest for 2018 will be complete. Unusually, there has been more straw per acre this year than last – a blessing as we should have plenty to see us through the winter without having to buy more in. With national straw stocks so low, arable farmers in the east of the country have not chopped their straw back onto the field this year, but sold it to farmers in the north. The price has of course made this viable for the arable farmers to do.

We look forward to an open autumn so that the cattle can stay out for as long as possible but we will, of course, just have to take what comes.



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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:

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*Info from Gov.uk*

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**PARISH MEETING** - at the Parish Council Meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at the Much Birch Community Hall. Those present heard about local planning applications and the outcome of the appeal for building of houses in Tump Lane. The appeal had been allowed. The approval was given for name plate signs for Forge Lane and advisory HGV signage for the same location was also approved. The Parish Council would now purchase and erect the signs. A new Parish Councillor was co-opted and she will be known to many already for her work with the Violette Szabo GC Museum in Tump Lane. The new councillor is Miss Rosemary Rigby MBE and the Parish Council is pleased to welcome her to the Team. The Parish Council is still seeking a new Footpath Officer. 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: 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 6<sup>th</sup> September 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:-

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

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