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A NEWSLETTER FOR KINGSTHORN,
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2019 PANTOMIME

FRIDAY 25th Jan
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Church Services December/ January 2018/9



Sunday 23rd December - Fourth Sunday of Advent

Little Birch 4.00 p.m. Carols and Christingle
Much Birch 6.30 p.m. Traditional Lessons and Carols

Christmas Eve

Much Birch 3.30 p.m. Carols and Crib Service
Much Dewchurch 11.30 p.m. Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

Much Birch 9.15 a.m. Holy Communion
Little Birch 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion

Sunday 30th December - First Sunday after Christmas

Group Communion Service at Llandinabo 10.30 a.m.

Sunday 6th January 2019 - Epiphany

Little Birch 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion.

Diary Dates

January 2019

3rd	MC Parish Council Meeting MBCH
3rd	Coffee Morning LBVH 10.30am
6th	Parish Walk from LBVH 9am
8th	Whist Drive LBVH 7.30pm
12th	Wassail LBVH
15th	WI Meeting MBCH
17th	Hereford Civic Society ASDA
19th	Book Exchange Methodist Chapel
25-26th	LB Panto
30th	Gardening Club LBVH

Christmas Cracker and
Commemorative Tree Planting
See Page 3 for details.



Little Birch Village Hall Committee

Newsletter notices for January 2019

Coffee Morning

The next coffee morning will be on **Thursday 3rd January 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** is on **Tuesday 8th January** 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 19th January** 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.

The Little Birch Pantomime

Little Birch Drama Group Present **“HARLEQUIN AND COLUMBINE”**

At Little Birch Village Hall on **Friday 25th January 7.30pm** and **Saturday 26th January 2pm and 7.30pm**

Adults £6 Children £4. Tickets available from Margaret 01981 540374

Land Adjacent to Castle Pool Cottage Little Birch

The Herefordshire Council Planning Committee refused the application to build three houses on this site. At the meeting the committee supported objections from the Ward Councillor, the Parish Council, represented by the clerk and Kate Dillon on behalf of nearby residents.

Kings Thorn and Little Birch Gardening Club



The next meeting of the Club is on Wednesday 30th January, 2019 when the speaker will be Roger Umpelby with a talk entitled “Bees, what’s all the fuss about?”. Roger is another of our returning favourites. He is an entomologist and passionate gardener. With all the recent concerns about our bee populations this will be an interesting evening. We would love to see some new faces who would be most welcome to join us at Little Birch Village Hall.

Much Birch Surgery

Have you heard about social prescribing?

Once a week, Meg Clifford, our Social Prescriber is available at the surgery to meet patients individually to discuss matters which do not require a healthcare professional.

What is social prescribing?

Social prescribing has been around for over thirty years in England but it is a new NHSE initiative in Herefordshire. The programme is designed to support people with a wide range of social, emotional or practical needs. Many of the schemes across the country focus on improving particular issues; for example mental health, loneliness, physical wellbeing or access to other support systems.

Reception, your GP or nurse can refer you, or you can refer yourself to see Meg to discuss your health and wellbeing.

You might be thinking: how can this help me? Here are a couple of examples of signposting:

The Men’s Shed in Ross on Wye: Perhaps you have retired and feel at a loose end and would like to get involved with a group of likeminded men who make items in the fully equipped workshop provided by Herefordshire Council? Or would just like to drop in to have a cup of tea? To find out more, email m.shed@btinternet.com or call David Moore 01989 763664.

The Meeting Centre in Ross on Wye is a new venue which offers support both for those with mild to moderate dementia and their carers. It is a space for people to socialise and participate with their carers in a variety of activities. rossmeetingcentre@gmail.com or 07498032839.

There are many more opportunities that Meg can assist with, from help filling in forms, or getting access to carer’s support, to organising community transport to go shopping.

Does social prescribing work for patients?

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Reports from our Community.....

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Village Christmas Cracker

The event took place on Saturday 8th December and proved to be a great success.

It was great to see so many people converge on the Parish Field to see John Bryant plant an apple tree in recognition of his incredible service to the community of Little Birch and surrounding villages.

In LBVH many of the groups who use the village hall set up displays to showcase their activities. We were pleased to welcome the group that produce the newsletter and also friends from St. Mary's Church who exhibited a number of historical documents. Games and a drawing table were provided for the children.

On behalf of LBVH Committee I would like to sincerely thank all who organised displays, the Coffee Morning 'girls' and other ladies who contributed to the buffet. Finally a big thank you to all of you who came along and supported the event.

Margaret Scrivens

Christmas Cracker and Commemorative Tree Planting

Congratulations to Little Birch Village Hall Committee for organising this novel, enjoyable and well attended event on 8th December.

The afternoon started with the planting of a Herefordshire Russet apple tree on the parish field by John Bryant. John was introduced by Parish Council Chairman Ben Roberts who outlined the outstanding service John has given to the area and especially to the Village Hall including many years as Chairman of the Management Committee.

The Hall was built by public subscription in the early 1950's but was soon closed. John came to Little Birch in the 1970's and before long was instrumental in reopening the hall and it has been in regular use ever since. John was involved in many of the activities especially as Chairman the Kings Thorn and Little Birch Gardening Club.

The annual horticultural show is renowned and John's skill as an auctioneer to sell the produce at the end will long be remembered.

Many will also remember that in 2013 a highlight event in the hall was the presentation of a British Empire Medal to John by Lady Darnley, Lord Lieutenant of Herefordshire in recognition of his work for the community that included his long time part in church affairs.

The afternoon continued with entertainment and exhibits by local groups. Young people representing the Drama Group sang songs from previous stage performances. Church representatives showed birth and marriage records and event photographs that caused great interest.

The recently formed Art Group exhibited examples of their work. Gardening Club members exhibited specimen plants. History Group photographs from the old Little Birch School were projected onto a screen. Archive copies of the Newsletter were on show. The Book Exchange brought a collection of books and arranged a village hall related quiz. Toys were provided for the very young to play with and everyone enjoyed the excellent tea provided.

The committee should be well pleased with the success of the afternoon and hopefully will be motivated to make it an annual event.

None of the responses to the quiz questions were totally correct.

Alison Clarke got most right answers and won the book-token prize. A copy of the questions and answers is posted on the hall notice board.

Please send copy for the February Newsletter to editorial@birchesnews.org.uk or written contributions to Liz Hall at Walmere, Wrigglebrook, Kingsthorpe HR2 8AW.

—by 18th January please.

COMPOST HEAP
Invite you to their annual

Wassail

At Little Birch Hall

SATURDAY
JANUARY 12TH

7.00 for 7.30 p.m.
In aid of
The Haven
A local charity offering support for those affected by breast cancer

It's the same old twaddle! Come and dress up warm, with noise-making equipment, to process to the orchard and make a traditional Wassail around the apple trees, followed by the traditional MUMMERS PLAY and entertainment in the Village Hall.

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Much Birch Community Hall Management Committee is delighted to announce that their application to the The Big Lottery Fund has been successful. On Tuesday, 6th December 2018 a cheque for £104,420 pounds was presented to the Chairman by Matt Poole, Head of Regional Funding for the Midlands, after the showing of the film 'Mamma Mia! – Here we go again'.

The award is to fund the completion of an extension to the existing building which will upgrade facilities as well as to provide two additional meeting rooms, a larger entrance lobby, a larger kitchen and improved toilet arrangements. (The refurbishment of the new kitchen was not part of the submission and will take place as further funds become available.)

In his acceptance of the cheque, the Chairman thanked The Big Lottery and all players of the National Lottery, without whom this award would not have been possible. He also recognized the importance of the local people who have raised funds and supported the project in various ways. He went on to thank all those who helped compile the extensive funding application, particularly Sylvia Jones, Heidi MacDougall and Carole Chichester. He hoped that the new facilities will provide opportunities for the community to get involved in running new groups for leisure activities to suit all ages.

The year 2019 will also see the celebration of 40 years since the opening of the Community Hall, which will be celebrated together during the summer with the completion of the project.

John Jones
Chairman of the Management Committee

Much Birch Community Hall 100 Club
Results of the 100 club draw which took place on 9th December 2018 in the Community Hall are as follows:

1st prize – No 74 2nd prize - No. 99
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The walks are held each month with a longer walk, away from Queenswood, also held regularly.

There is no time limit to the group, with some regulars having attended for around two years.

Shirley Young, a Social Worker at St Michael's, is one of those who leads the walks. 'There is no pressure whatsoever to talk about your loss; the topic of conversation can range from the weather to your favourite book or TV programme.

'But we find that those who join us build up a friendship with many of their fellow walkers, leading to them returning each month.'

Striders & Strollers is free to take part in, but parking charges apply at Queenswood.

To find out more call Shirley on 01432 851 000.

Plant Fair:

St Michael's Hospice Plant Fair, Friday 3rd May and Saturday 4th May 2019, 10.30am-4pm. St Michael's Hospice, Bartestree, HR1 4HA

Can you help? If you enjoy gardening and are able to grow some extra plants to donate to us to sell at our Plant Fair, please get in touch with Gaynor by telephone 01432 852 630 or email gwarren@smhospicehereford.org.

If you make and/or sell garden-related products and would like to have a pitch at the Fair, please contact Gaynor to find out more details.

Paul Broome

Communications Officer, St Michael's Hospice

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Parish Walk

Sunday 6 January at 9am

Meeting at Little Birch Village Hall and walking towards Little Dewchurch. Refreshments back at the hall afterwards - 4.5 miles.

All Welcome!

Angela Middleton

Volunteer Footpath Officer



**Meeting of the Hereford Civic Society
Thursday 17th January**

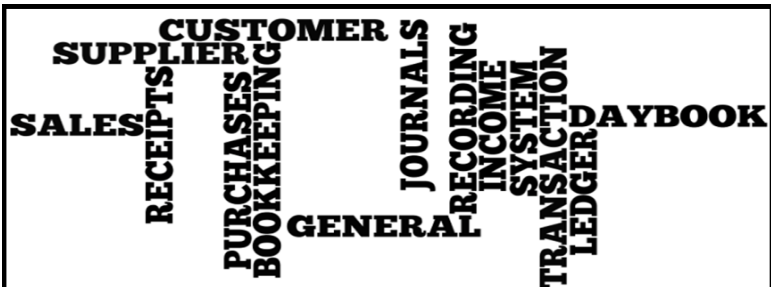
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**Neighbourhood Development Plan -
Much Birch Parish**

The Neighbourhood Development Plan for Much Birch is progressing well with a "call for sites" having taken place. The outcome of this exercise is now being evaluated and will form part of the Neighbourhood Plan written for the parish. There will be a further **Consultation Day**, to which all are invited, on Saturday 16th March 2019 from 10.00am to 4.00pm when there will be the opportunity to see how things have progressed to date.

Please also see below for future Steering Group Meeting dates:

Dates of Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meetings for 2019

All to be held at Much Birch Community Hall from 7.30pm

10 January, 31 January, 28 February, 28 March, 2nd May, 30 May, 27 June, 29 August, 26 September, 31 October, 28 November.

Please remember that your opinion, and any input to the plan, is welcomed at all stages of the process. Meetings are public and open to all.



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Both Artspace and Write On! will be held at LBVH 3-5pm on Thursdays for 6 weeks from 10th January - 14th February 2019

Have a happy Christmas and hope to see you at Artspace/Write On! in the New Year (*go on treat yourself!*)



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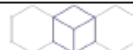
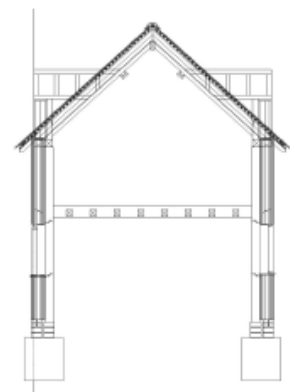
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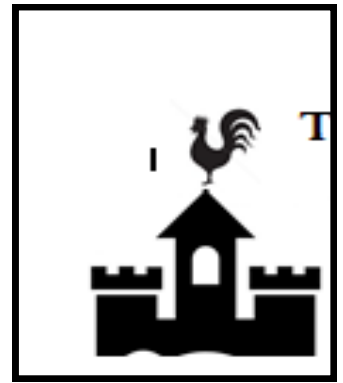
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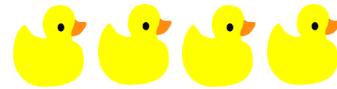
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Little Birch Parish Council

For updates and notifications of future meetings please check out the website – www.littlebirchparishcouncil.org.

Your Little Birch Parish Council Councillors are:-

CLlr Ben Roberts	Chairman	01981 540100	b3nroberts@gmail.com
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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 parishioners 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.

Thank you.

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

Website: www.littlebirchparishcouncil.org

Little Birch Parish Facebook Group



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17th December 2018

PARISH MEETING - at the Parish Council Meeting held on the 6th December 2018 at the Much Birch Community Hall. The Parish Council discussed a further local planning application and made their comments. The new grit bins had been placed around the parish and the new bins would be filled as soon as the supplies of grit had been delivered. Just a reminder that the grit, in all of the roadside bins, is provided for use on the **roads only** and is not for use on private driveways. The Parish Council and those present heard about the progression of the Neighbourhood Plan and there would be further opportunities for the public to engage with the process coming up. Please see a more detailed Neighbourhood Plan update in this edition of Birches News.

A reminder that the dates for the 2019 Meetings are as follows: January 3, February 7, March 7, April 4, May 9, June 6, July 4, September 5, October 3, November 7 and December 5.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Thursday 3rd January 2019 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:-

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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.

You can also find us on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/MuchBirchPC> and Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Much.Birch.Parish>

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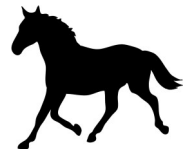
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