



Newsletter for King's Thorn, The Birches & Aconbury

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

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HHCT Cycle Ride

Many thanks to all those who so generously sponsored Cathy and John Sadler on the Hereford Historic Churches Trust's annual 'Ride and Stride' bike ride on Saturday September 10th. At times the 45-mile journey was hard-going in the misty rain, but it was great fun and we managed to visit 14 country churches in 10 hours. Once sponsorship funds have been collected, we will have made £609, which will be equally-divided between HHCT and Little Birch Church.

Appeal

My uncle - Peter Noble, managed Warren Farm for Charles Clore and I wondered if anyone has a forwarding address for him - he would be 84 now.

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Church Services in October 2016



Sun 2nd.	4pm	LBirch Harvest Thanksgiving
Sun 9th	11am	LBirch Morning Worship
Sun 16th.	9.15am	MBirch CW Communion
	11am	LBirch BCP Communion
Sun 23rd.	09.15am	MBirch Morning Worship
	11am	Llanwarne CW Communion
Sun 30th	10.30am	Benefice Service LBirch

Diary Dates

October

7th WI Quiz MBCH

11th Whist Drive LBVH

13th History Talk LBVH

18th Much Birch WI MBCH

21st Illustrated Talk MBCH

26th Gardening Club meeting LBVH

28th Village Market MBCH

November

12th Pudding and Drinks LBVH

25th Village Market MBCH

December

16th Village Market MBCH

Much Birch Community Hall

WANTED...

Much Birch Community Hall Management Committee is looking for a Cleaner for the Hall. The position is paid and would be for 4 hours per week.

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Closing date for applications is 17th October 2016

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

—by 18th October please.

LOCAL NEWS



A very warm welcome is given to Mr. Ben Preston who recently moved into King's Thorn and we trust he will be happy in his new home.

Congratulations go to Heather Wathen and Wayne on the birth of a son, William, a brother for Chloe, Ella and Fleur and proud grandparents, Rose and Des Wathen.

Congratulations also go to Cathy Sadler and her son, John, who cycled around 14 Churches for the Hereford Historic Churches Trust raising £609 which will be equally divided between the Trust and Little Birch Church. Well Done Cathy and John, 41 miles in the day must have been quite exhausting especially in the hilly country in the County!

Two babies have been baptised recently in Little Birch Church, Franklyn George Powell, son of Katie and Matt Powell and grandson of Linda and Steve Turner and Bobby Gillespie- Fernyhough, youngest son of Carla and John, and grandson of Karen and Jim Gillespie of Lower House Farm.

A number in our community have been in hospital or have received treatment recently and we send to them our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

LITTLE BIRCH CHURCH PCC has arranged a Harvest Supper for Sat. 16th October in Little Birch Village Hall at 7.30pm. Tickets are £6 for 2 courses available from Steve Turner, James Gould, John Caton or John Bryant. Please bring your own cutlery, plate and pudding dish.

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Much Birch WI

Much Birch WI holds meetings on the third Tuesday of each month, at 7.30pm in Much Birch Community Hall.

The October meeting will be held on Tuesday, 18th when the speaker will be Steve Sully, who will be telling us about Street Pastors.

Visitors and potential new members are welcome.

Please contact Gillian, 01981 540080 or Caroline, 01981 540422 for more details.

Much Birch Village Market

Much Birch Village Market takes place on the 4th Friday of each month in Much Birch Community Hall between 2.30pm and 4.30pm.

The market dates for the rest of the year are:-

October Friday 28th

November Friday 25th

December Friday 16th.

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Hello everybody and I hope this email finds you well. I thought I would let you know of what's going on in Little Birch Church.

Firstly, we are pleased to be gradually forming a fundraising committee, which is designed to give people who may not necessarily attend church on a regular basis put forward their ideas on how best we can move forward and raise the funds needed to keep the church open for future generations. You may have noticed that at the Summer Fete, for the first time, we had a "bear hunt", which was one such idea put forward. We would like to develop this further going forward, so if you feel you would like to contribute, then please contact either James on 01981 540676 or Steve on 01981 540090. It is so refreshing to have new ideas put forward by fresh faces.

Secondly, we are pleased to have a basic internet landing page up and running, which I'm pleased to say costs us nothing in the way of money. We have all the dates on there running up to Christmas, including our Harvest and Christmas service, so why not have a look by visiting:

<http://www.achurchnearyou.com/stmarylb>

This is hopefully going to be a very useful tool for us going forward, and it gives us the option of possibility developing a Facebook page, which can be linked up to the new landing page. Please feel free to put forward your ideas on what you'd like to see on there, and spread the word to everyone that we are now more accessible than ever should we be needed. I plan to update the new page every six or so months.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE; Sunday October 2nd at 4.00pm. Guest speaker: Venerable Paddy Benson (Archdeacon of Hereford)

HARVEST SUPPER; Saturday, October 8th, at 7.30pm at Little Birch Village Hall.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE ; Sunday, November 13th at 10.50am.

CAROL AND CHRISTINGLE SERVICE: Sunday, 18th December at 4.00pm in the Church.

James Gould

King's Thorn and Little Birch Gardening Club

On Wed. Oct. 26th., we welcome Mr. Bill Laws, who will speak on 'Painters Gardens- from Monet to Matisse.'



On Wed. Nov. 30th we welcome back Roger Umpleby for an illustrated talk on 'A plant lovers view of New Zealand'

On Wed. 14th Dec. Our annual winter social.

Further details from John Bryant 01981 540316.

Much Birch Community Hall 100 Club

The September draw took place on 11th September 2016 in Much Birch Community Hall at 10.30am and the results were as follows:

1st prize – No 69 Mr & Mrs. R. Porter Much Birch

2nd prize - No 60 Mrs B. Wilson Little Dewchurch

3rd prize – No.95 Mrs J. Hardy Sellack

The next draw will take place on 9th October 2016 in Much Birch Community Hall after the 11 am Harvest Festival Service.

John Jones

Promoter

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Little Birch Village Hall Committee Newsletter
Notices for October 2016

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Our next **Whist Drive** is on **Tuesday 11th October** 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 15th October** 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.

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Advance Notice - Winter Pudding and Drinks Evening - 12th November

Further details to follow next month.



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Entry will be £3.00 to include light refreshments

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At the September meeting of the Parish Council, the Councillors heard comments about how super fast broadband does not reach to all areas of the Parish, and there was a request that our Ward Councillor David Harlow might look into how this could be improved. Also the clerk was asked to arrange a public meeting with the Police and Crime Commissioner, and we hope that this will happen in October or November this year.

The Little Birch and Aconbury Neighbourhood Plan is progressing well, and there will be a Questionnaire coming out to all on the electoral role in the Development Plan area. If you own land or are not on the electoral role in Little Birch or Aconbury, and you would like to complete a questionnaire, you can download one from the Little Birch PC web site and post it to the clerk. Details at the bottom of this information. Please do take the time to fill in the questionnaire, as the Neighbourhood Plan really is your chance to have a voice on where and what kind of development you would like to see in your Parishes over the next 15 years. Whilst there will be one for every one in your household who is on the electoral role, we are also keen to hear from 16 and 17 year olds, so please do ask the volunteer who is delivering the questionnaires for extra copies for your 16 -17 year olds, or download a questionnaire for them.

The Parish Council and Little Birch Village Hall committee are keen to purchase a defibrillator to live on the outside wall of the Village Hall, and we are looking at securing a grant to make this happen as soon as possible.

Parish Council meetings happen at 7.30pm on the first Wednesday of January, March, May, July, September and November 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.

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17th September 2016

PARISH MEETING – at the Parish Council Meeting held on the 8th September at the Much Birch Community Hall. The Meeting heard that a Steering Group Meeting to progress the **Neighbourhood Plan** would be held. This date has been confirmed as Thursday 29th September, from 7.30pm, in the Much Birch Community Hall. **All are welcome to attend.**

The next ordinary meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Thursday 6th October 2016 from 7.30pm** - at The Much Birch Community Hall. In addition there will be a **Planning Meeting** to discuss the planning application number 130945. This will be held on the **6th October**, before the main Parish Council Meeting, **from 6.30pm**. All are welcome to attend to discuss the application (details below).

APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS: 130945 - Land at, Tump Lane, Much Birch, Hereford, Herefordshire, HR2 8HW

DESCRIPTION: Residential development comprising up to 20 dwellings, including up to 10 affordable dwellings with associated new access (via Tump Lane) and car parking arrangements for both existing and proposed and community facility.

Also, the Parish Council is seeking a new **Parish Councillor** to be co-opted. Please contact the Clerk, or your local councillor, for more information.

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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