

The Birches

Community Matters Newsletter

Kingsthorpe, Much Birch, Little Birch,
Aconbury & Wormelov

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Little Birch Jubilee Celebrations and Beacon Lighting

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Dawn Chorus walk above,
Photo group visit to Slimbridge below

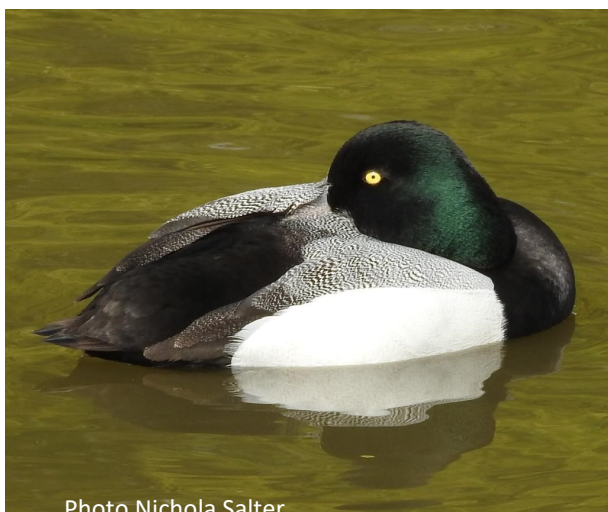


Photo Nichola Salter

To celebrate the Queen's 70 years on the throne you are invited to...

JUBILEE
the big lunch

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The Big Jubilee Lunch

When: Sunday 5th June 2022
12:30 - 4.30 p.m.

Where: Much Birch Community Hall

'Bring and Share' lunch - bar
raffle - games - quiz

Decorate a crown competition
for all ages - bring your
creations along!

A community event for everyone -
just bring a plate of food to share!

Diary Dates and Defibrillator Locations on back page



Parish Walks

Wildflower and Tree Ramble

Friday 6th May

With the help of local knowledge and books, we will do a short walk to identify flowers and trees along the way. Meet at Little Birch Village Hall at 10am.



Bluebell Walk Sunday 8 May

meeting at Little Birch Village Hall at 1.45pm , we will walk through Aconbury and Athelstan's Wood to see the bluebells and return to the hall for refreshments.

4 miles All welcome!

Angela Middleton

Duchy Walk Timberline Wood

Monday May 9th

For a number of years Geraint Richards, the Head Forester for the Duchy of Cornwall has led a yearly walk for locals around the Duchy owned woods close by. They have been well attended and greatly appreciated by all. Covid put a stop to this for the last 3 years. However.....

This year Geraint has kindly arranged for us to visit another of their woodland sites, Timberline wood near Shenmore (between Peterchurch and Madley). The Duchy has built a smart reception centre on the edge of the woods, Shenmore Lodge, where light refreshments will be provided after the walk. We will be told about the lodge and activities in the woods followed by a short walk in the woods mostly on hard track. However boots would be advisable

The drive from here will take around 30 mins and the postcode is HR2 9PB. We need to be there by 5.30. Please share cars if possible. Meet at Little Birch Village Hall at 5.00pm if you need a lift or directions - or you can make your own way there.

Dawn Chorus Walk

At the Dawn Chorus Walk on Sunday 10th April, about 43 people arrived at Merrivale Farm at the crack of dawn on a fine spring morning. Special thanks to Andrew Nixon, from Herefordshire Wildlife Trust, Adrian Hodges and Bob Mason for helping us to identify the birds and the Mason team for breakfasts back at the farm serenaded by fiddlers Alana and Vic. Around £250 was raised for the charities, Farming Community Network and We are Farming Minds.



Andrew Nixon talks to "early birds" on the Dawn Chorus walk

photos p1&2 Nick Daly

LITTLE BIRCH PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS



**Thursday 2nd June on the Glebe Field,
Castle Nibole Farm**

The Jubilee celebrations will start at 3pm with the **Village Dog Show** (entries taken from 2.30 p.m.)

Tea and Cakes served all afternoon.
All welcome

**Evening Entertainment
including the Lighting of the Beacon**

will start with music at 7pm, featuring local artists and musicians, including Bekki Cameron and organiser, Rick Hampton. We welcome Bob with his **Nightmare Bar**.

At 9.40pm the Jubilee Bugle Solo, performed by local resident, Ceri Middleton, will signal the **Lighting of the Beacon at 9.45pm**.

EVERYONE WELCOME, please bring chairs, blankets, picnics and enjoy the evening. Let's make it another Jubilee celebration to we will all remember!!

There are stunning views from 'The Glebe' with almost 180 degrees of uninterrupted views across the Forest of Dean, May Hill, Linton Ridge, Marcle Ridge and the Malverns.

FUEL for the BEACON - please nothing nasty! if you have any clean wood, pallets, old doors, window frames etc. please contact Glen Simms, 07715 894196, who will again be in charge of constructing the Little Birch Jubilee Beacon. Huge thanks to him for all the time and effort this will take.

Jubilee updates will be posted on Facebook

PLATINUM JUBILEE TEA



On Saturday 4th June there will be a **Jubilee tea** in Little Birch hall at 3pm and activities including **children's fancy dress** with the theme "**princes and princesses**".

HISTORY TALK

The History group has arranged for Tim Hoverd, Hereford's Archaeology Project Manager to come and talk about Herefordshire's Viking Hoard - Present Day Pillaging.

He will tell us the latest on the story of the finding, theft and partial recovery of stolen Viking era artefacts of gold and silver found in Herefordshire.

Tim reveals the contents of the hoard, its place in history and a glimpse of the investigation leading to its partial recovery and the punishment of those responsible for the theft.

The talk will take place on Thursday May 26th at 7.30 in Little Birch Village Hall

Entry will be £2.50 and will include light refreshments.

From Revd Mark

Hi Everyone – well it finally happened and I was struck down by the dreaded COVID. Those two stripes on the LFT confirmed it, and the whole world changed. I was the one who was carrying the virus, I was the one who could endanger people. The easy world of meeting and greeting people, taking services, etc. was suddenly put on the back burner and exhaustion took over.

It is an interesting challenge to be ill, especially when I am usually healthy and take it for granted. Suddenly, no energy, relying on others to look after you, you can't simple get up and do what you want to. All these things change your perspective. I'm sure many of you will recognise this and, perhaps, live with it day by day, so it is no surprise to you.

You are grateful for those who cook your tea and bring you a cuppa when you need it, but, for me, I still have that bit of guilt that I am putting them out. I would happily do the same for them and wouldn't think it an imposition, but when the boot is on the other foot, you can't help feeling a little guilty!

It reminds me, once again, that actually we human beings, made in God's image, are called to love and to serve, and it is in that service that the love of God is revealed, whether we are open to accept it, or not!

Mark

Services for May 2022

May 1st, 3rd Sunday of Easter – Holy Communion at Little Birch at 11.00 a.m.

May 8th, 4th Sunday of Easter – Family Communion at Much Birch at 9.15 a.m.

Morning Worship at Little Birch at 11.00 a.m.

May 15th, 5th Sunday of Easter – Morning Worship at Much Birch at 9.15 a.m.

Holy Communion in traditional language at Little Birch at 11.00 a.m.

May 22nd, 6th Sunday of Easter – Pet Service at The Nightmare Bar at 7.00 p.m.

May 29th, Sunday after Ascension Day – Benefice Communion at Much Dewchurch at 10.30 a.m.

Sally Dymott

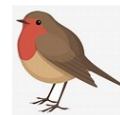
Just a few weeks after her 90th birthday, Sally passed away. She and Colin, who died in July last year, were longstanding members of the Kingsthorpe community, having lived in Arch Cottage for over 50 years. Sally was always cooking, always offering hospitality and many of you will have been fed by her over the years.

She was born in East Africa, came to England at 17 to train in nursing, and spent some years working in East Africa, where she met and married Colin, before returning to England and settling down with a young family at Arch Cottage. She then went on to work as a district nurse and then in the Eye hospital, part time, for a number of years after their youngest child started school.

Always with a kind word and an open heart, she helped shape the community around her with love. She was also very good at needlework, always a practical person and a great supporter of Much Birch Church.

Our prayers go out to her family.





Jobs for the garden in May

Writing this in mid April, the daffodils are fading and tulips are taking pride of place while trees and hedges have their new fresh green leaves in abundance. A few asparagus tips have just emerged in the veg. garden and looking around, the early rhubarb is doing well while there are good quantities of carrots and Brussels sprouts, a few leeks, cauliflower and red cabbage, plus a few onions in store.

Hopefully this will keep the 'hungry season' to a minimum. We have three nest boxes and all three are being used – blue tits in one, great tits in another and the Robin who 'adopted' us 5 years ago has moved his mate in to the robin box and there are 4 eggs ready for incubation. Further activity suggests a blackbird's nest in the clematis on our shed. We are waiting to hear the cuckoo and for the return of the house martins.

Here are a few ideas for May

*Keep weeding.

*Cuttings for deciduous shrubs – fuchsias, hydrangeas, lavatera can be taken this month.

*Spring clean' house plants by wiping dust off smooth leaves with a damp cloth and use a soft brush for hairy leaves.

*Tender plants and young plants raised under cover can be gradually hardened off.

*Aphids can be controlled with organic insecticide if infestation is severe. Otherwise leave them to ladybirds, lacewings, ants, wasps and birds.

*Divide large clumps of daffodils and snowdrops.

*Plant up hanging baskets and containers. If you have a greenhouse, and have room in it, keep them in for a few days to help them establish. In any case keep them sheltered.

*Listen to weather forecast for frosts.

*Sow runner beans, dwarf beans, cucumbers courgettes and squashes (not forgetting that heaviest marrow for the horticultural show).

*Those of you with a greenhouse should do all you can to keep the temperature down as it can rise from a comfortable warmth to well over 100 degrees in a matter of minutes when the sun emerges from any clouds or shade. Open all vents and damp down and particularly if the greenhouse is small it will benefit from shading material or paint.

*Keep bird baths clean and always topped up with fresh water.

*Bird food should not include whole nuts or other bulky items.

*Check ponds for tadpoles. Provide a shelf/ramp for them and of course other wildlife to escape.

*Plant scented flowers such as nicotiana, evening primroses and buddleja to attract moths, butterflies and bees. In fact any mauve/purple flowers will attract a wide range of insects.

*When buying plants, single flowers are better than double flowers, as food is generally more accessible for insects from singles.

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Jacqueline Ann Morley

1939-2022

Jackie was a Cockney, having been born in University College Hospital within sound of Bow bells. Her father was an RAF officer working in military intelligence during WW2. For the first few years of her life she lived with her parents, firstly near to RAF Hornchurch then in north London. During the war she was evacuated with her mother to Morecambe to avoid the danger from German bombing.

After primary school she was awarded a scholarship to attend the prestigious Dame Alice Owen's school in Islington London. It was founded in 1613 by the Worshipful Company of Brewers who still provided some financial support including annual money gifts to all pupils referred to as "beer money". From the age of 11 Jackie travelled alone by underground train from her home to the school. She recalled visiting the home of one of her classmates, the daughter of "Hutch", Granada born Leslie Hutchinson, who was then one of the leading cabaret singers in the world. During her school years she enjoyed family holidays, including two sisters, staying at the Red Lion hotel in Clovelly Devon.

At the age of 16 she did not have the opportunity to continue with education, something she always regretted. Instead she worked for Biro-Swan the pen company. Having money of her own enabled her to join the North London branch of the Youth Hostels Association and travel around the country with like minded young people. She stayed in touch with several of the friends she met at this time for the rest of her life. One of the members of this group was Peter Lawrence who founded PGL holidays specialising, at first, in canoeing trips down the river Wye. Around this time she also became interested in folk dancing and joined a group based at Cecil Sharp House near Regents Park.

Later, Jackie took a job as laboratory technician at Battersea College of Technology where she met Mike and they married in 1959 at Brentwood, Essex and honeymooned in Clovelly. They moved to Hereford where a daughter, Amanda, was born and then to Capricorn, Kingsthorpe in 1963. Three more children were born there during the next five years, Hilary, Simon and Geraldine.

As well as looking after the four children Jackie became very interested in gardening and also worked in the local strawberry fields during the summer. When the children grew older and were able to look after themselves she took a job at Marks and Spencer where she worked for 15 years to help finance further education. After that she gave up work and moved to Uplands, Little Birch to enable her to concentrate on her increasing passion for gardening.

During the next few years she did an outstanding job in cultivating the Uplands garden and opened it to visitors to raise money for Little Birch village hall. She then became an enthusiastic member of the hall committee, ran the bar at many well attended events and was a keen supporter of the Drama Group. At her suggestion one year the group performed a version of 'Allo 'Allo for its summer show. Not surprisingly she was delighted that it was an outstanding success and many will remember it for a long time to come. She was especially touched when her friends and family organised a surprise party in the village hall for her 70th birthday.

She regarded living in Little Birch as the best time of her life and did not have much enthusiasm for travel and holidays. Nevertheless she was persuaded at various times to visit Australia, New Zealand, United States and European countries occasionally accompanying Mike on business trips.

To help with her decreasing mobility it was decided to move to a specially built home, Fairhurst (her maiden name) next to Uplands in 2020. This made her life a lot easier but unfortunately that was not to last long. She suffered a stroke in 2021 and that, combined with other health problems, resulted in her death in Hereford hospital in March.

Jackie was a person with very strong views and she did not hesitate to make them known. In particular she said that she did not want a funeral and that any money saved should be spent on a party. Consequently, after an unattended direct cremation was completed a celebration party has been arranged.

All her friends, neighbours and family are cordially invited to come to the celebration party on 11th May, 7-10.30pm (or later if appropriate) in Little Birch village hall. There will be a buffet meal, real ale, wine and live musical entertainment designed to be joyful to celebrate her life.

Arts and Crafts Space



Thursday 12th & 26th May

2-4.30pm Little Birch Village Hall

Everybody welcome. You can bring along anything you are working on.

Contact Sally for information

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Saturday 14 May 2022

10:00 - 12:30

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Cllr Michael Davies,

Cllr Kate Robbins,

Angela Middleton, Volunteer Footpath Officer,

Sophie Glover, Clerk 01432 617306

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Much Birch Parish Council

PARISH MEETING - at the Parish Council Meeting held in the Much Birch Community Hall on the 7th April 2022 from 7.30 pm.

The Parish Council looked at three further planning applications for the parish and made their comments.

A reminder about events for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Full details are in the newsletter and **The Big Jubilee Lunch** will be held on Sunday 5th June 2022 at the Much Birch Village Hall from 12.30 to 4.30. Bring and share lunch and bar. More details will follow.

The dates for the forthcoming meetings in the year 2022 are as advised below:

May 5, June 9, July 7, September 8, October 6, November 10 and December 8. No meeting in August.

The Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Statutory meetings of the Parish Council will be held, concurrently, on **Thursday 5th May 2022 from 7.30pm** at the Much Birch Community Hall. All are welcome to attend.

Please see notice boards and website for agendas. As always the public and press are more than welcome to attend the meeting and will have the opportunity to speak directly to their representatives.

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

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Working in partnership with Visit Herefordshire, this year walkers can take part in experiencing one of county's finest gems, the Herefordshire Trail, as well as a great variety of other walks including: Duchy Woodland, Orchards, Cider, Hops, Wildlife, River walks, Suffragettes, History, City walks, Church visits, WW1 Memorial Walks, dog friendly walks and 20+ mile Challenges ...To name just a few.

Festival Co-ordinator Liz Hill said: *"The festival is a fantastic opportunity to showcase our wonderful county each year and to share experiences with visitors to the area as well as local residents."*

She continued.... *"Our sincere thanks go to all who lead, back-up and work together voluntarily to enable Herefordshire Walking Festival to carry on successfully (as it has done since its inception in 2002) and to Hereford City Council, Hereford Tourist Information and the Golden Valley Walking Group for their support this year."*

If you would like to join us and would like to find out more, please visit the Herefordshire Walking Festival website –

www.herefordshirewalkingfestival.co.uk

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For further information please contact:

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LITTLE BIRCH VILLAGE HALL DRAMA GROUP



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We are looking for ALL disciplines – Actors, behind the scenes personnel, technical assistants, set builders, front of house, wardrobe, prompts, Directors and writers.

If you would like further information please contact either Jane Bolam (07508 345879), Bob Barnett (07890 206201) or David Baldwin (07768 150150)

Much Birch Community Hall Village Markets

The Management Committee has decided to continue holding quarterly Village Markets during 2022. The Committee would welcome any new stallholders and if anyone is interested please contact Sylvia Jones tel: 01981540980. The cost of each table is £5. It is hoped that the community will support the markets to make it worthwhile for the stallholders and to make it an enjoyable afternoon. Refreshments always available.

Markets 2pm until 4.30pm

Summer – 24th June

Autumn -23rd September

Christmas - 9th December

Gathering to remember
Elizabeth Dinnen,

May 14th

at the Pilgrim Hotel

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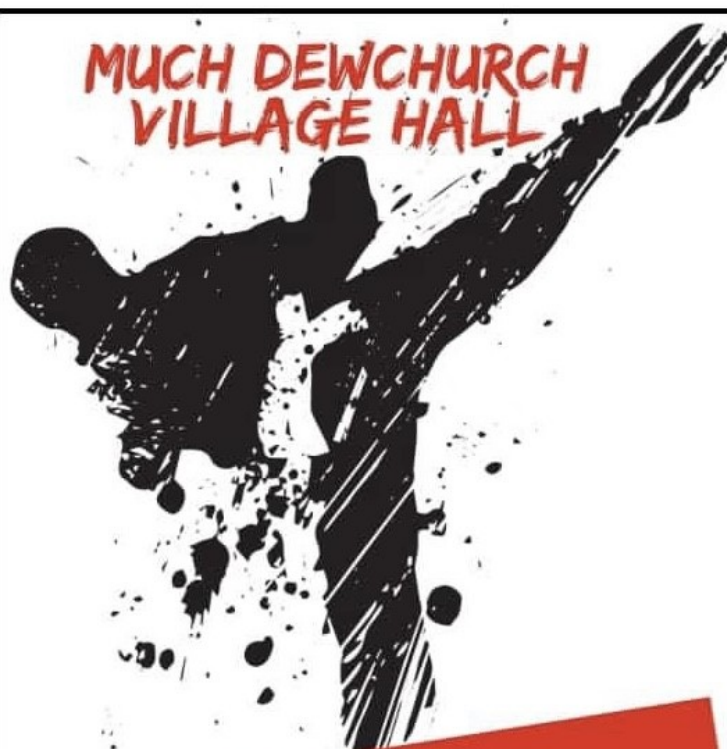
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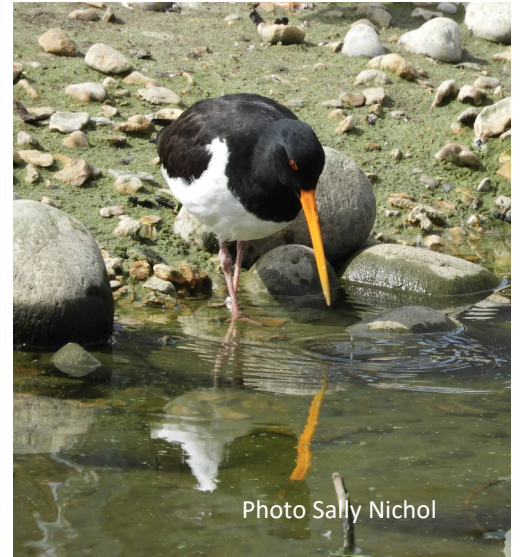
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with Alison Allan

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10.00am - 12.00 noon
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look forward to seeing you

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Hereford Cathedral Events

Strangers: World views and marginalising the 'Other' 30 April to 3 September. An exhibition exploring how, throughout history, human beings have covered their tribalism and fear of the unknown with stereotypical and distorted misinterpretation of those who appear different to themselves, the 'Other'. Through understanding our commonality and the acceptance of difference we can be united..

'Who Are We? Who Are They?'

Monday 16 May to 25 June

Hereford College of Arts Foundation and Portfolio students artwork in response to a brief titled 'Who are we, who are 'they'?', to coincide with Strangers exhibition.

Lunchtime Organ Recitals May – September, Tuesdays, 1.15pm on the glorious Father Willis organ or Hereford Cathedral. Free admission, collection. **Garden Tours May – September, Wednesdays at 2.30pm & Saturdays at 11am** Tickets £6

Toddler Group Mondays in term time, 9.30am Join us each Monday morning in term time to play and pray in Hereford Cathedral. Listen to a Bible story, take part in a craft activity and have fun in our weekly drop-in. Come along to meet other families, make new friends and discover the cathedral.

Escape Room Saturday 14 May, between 10am & 4pm. Crack the code of our new Escape Room £45 suitable for groups of up to six people.

Cathedrals at Night Saturday 14 May, 6.30pm On Saturday 14 May, many Church of England cathedrals will open their doors after hours. Come and discover Hereford Cathedral at night.

Dementia Action Week: Discover the Cloisters Tuesday 17 May, 10am & Thursday 19 May, 2pm. The team at Hereford Cathedral are inviting people living with dementia, and individuals or groups who support those living with dementia, to visit the tranquil Cloisters during Dementia Action Week. This event is free but advance booking is essential.

St Ethelbert Lecture 'Please use the postcode' – navigating the past, present, and future conservation needs of the Mappa Mundi' by Andrew Honey. Friday 20 May, 3.30pm

Open Gardens Saturday 21 May, bookable sessions between 10am & 3.30pm. Visitors will be able to explore the Chapter House, Cloister garden, Canon's garden, Dean's garden and the Bishop's garden at their own leisure with our team of volunteer garden guides on hand in each garden to answer any questions. **Tickets cost £5 and we recommend booking in advance, please visit: www.herefordcathedral.org/Event/open-gardens-saturday-21-May2022**

David Briggs Gala Concert Tuesday 24 May, 7pm Guest organist, David Briggs, performs a special gala organ concert on the Father Willis organ. Briggs will perform with a large screen projection from the organ loft. **Tickets £12, or £5 with a valid student ID.**

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Concerts for Craswall



International Piano Quartet
Perform Mahler, Fauré and Brahms

Saturday May 28th at 7pm

Dore Abbey, Abbeydore HR2 0AA

Mahler Piano Quartet in A minor

Fauré Piano Quartet No.1 in C minor, Op.15

Brahms Piano Quartet No.1 in G minor, Op.25

More information/tickets from our website

<https://www.concertsforcraswall.org/shop>

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FLICKS
IN THE
STICKS

at Much Birch
Community Hall

Tuesday 24 May - OFF THE RAILS (15)

Please note change of film title - *The Duke* will feature next season

Now in their 50's, four friends recreate an inter-rail journey across Europe, but this time 18-year-old Maddie is taking her mother's place, fulfilling her dying wish. With lost passports, train strikes and romantic entanglements thrown in their way, they must put old feuds aside to complete the journey within five days and remind themselves that they are still at their peak. *Starring Kelly Preston, Jenny Seagrove, Sally Phillips, Judi Dench, Franco Nero*

This is the last screening this season -
Flicks will return in September

Refreshments including hot dogs available from 7pm

Tickets £4.50 (£3.50 under 16s)

Tickets available in advance or on the door -
for further info or to book tickets please email
muchbirchflicks@hotmail.com or call 01981 540097

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Diary Dates

Coffee & Books Thurs 5th & Sat 21st May

10-12 LBVH p3

MBPC Meeting Thurs 5th May 7.30pm MBCH

Wild Flower and Tree Ramble Fri 6th May

10am LBVH p2

Bluebell Walk Sunday 8th May 1.45 LBVH

Duchy Walk Monday 9th May 5pm LBVH p3

Art Space Thurs 12th & 26th May 2-4.30 LBVH

p7

Saturday 14th May Community Café 10-12.30

MBCH p7

Dolly Mixtures Mon 16th May 7-9pm LBVH

Flicks in the Sticks Tues 24th May 7.30pm p13

K& LB Gardening Club Wed 25 May 7.30 LBVH

p1 The Big Jubilee Lunch Sunday 5th June

12.30-4.30 MBCH p10

Jubilee Celebrations Thurs 2nd June & Sat 4

June p3

Parent and Toddlers Fridays 9.30-11.30 MBCH

Table Tennis 1st Tuesday 7-9pm LBVH

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Allensmore Locks Garage

Backney on the garage wall at Market Gardens Cottage

Bridstow on the outside of the village hall

Garway on the wall outside the Garway Moon pub

Harewood End at Harewood End Inn on outside of the pub at the back in the beer garden.

Little Birch on the outside of the village hall

Llanwarne on the wall by steps leading up to the village hall

Much Birch on the outside of the church hall

Much Dewchurch outside Steiner School, first building after the church

Peterstow at the Yew Tree pub

Sellack on the outside of the parish hall (key code needed)

St Weonards old BT phone box off the A466 between the church and Forge Cottage

Wormelow at the Cricket Club & Carrot & Wine shop

Wilton on wall at the BP garage on the roundabout

