

\*

\*

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

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

July 2016. First published 1977.

Come and join us for a

#### Concert

to be held in | In Much Birch Church

on Saturday, 9th July 2016 at 7pm.

by

#### The Forest of Dean Male Voice Choir

with Solos by Harpist Emily Harris

and

afterwards in Much Birch Community Hall for included light refreshments

> <u>Tickets</u> £7.00 for adults £5.00 for up to 12 yrs

> > Bar available

For tickets ring 01981 540980

Proceeds for Much Birch Community Hall Development and Refurbishment Fund

#### **Church Services in July/August**



July 3rd 7pm Prayerful Psalms and Reflection M Birch
11am CW Communion Little Birch

July 10th 9.15am Family Communion Much Birch 11am Morning Worship Little Birch

July 17th 9.15am CW Communion Much Birch 11am BCP Communion Little Birch

July 19th 2.30pm Healing Service Much Birch

July 24th 9.15am Morning Worship Much Birch

July 31st 10.30am Benefice Service. Much Dewchurch

Aug 7th 9.15am Said Communion Much Birch
11am Archenfield Group Lammas Service
at New House Wood, Garway.
7pm Prayerful Psalms and Reflection M Birch

## **Diary Dates**

June

25<sup>th</sup> Book Exchange Methodist Chapel

25<sup>th</sup> AGM LBVH

28<sup>th</sup> Village Hall AGM LBVH

29<sup>th</sup> Garden Club visit Ralph Court Gardens

July

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

2<sup>nd</sup> Concert Hoarwithy Church

5<sup>th</sup> Neighbourhood Plan Meeting MBCH

6<sup>th</sup> LBirch Parish Council LBVH

7<sup>th</sup> MBirch Parish Council MBCH

9<sup>th</sup> LBirch Church Annual Fete at the Old Rectory 2pm

9<sup>th</sup> Concert MBirch Church

12<sup>th</sup> Whist Drive LBVH

19<sup>th</sup> WI at MBCH

22<sup>nd</sup> Village Market MBCH 2.30-4.30pm

30<sup>th</sup> 1966 World Cup Event LBVH

August

7<sup>th</sup> Evergreen trip

9<sup>th</sup> Whist Drive LBVH

16th Wlat MBCH

20<sup>th</sup> Book Exchange Methodist Chapel

September

3<sup>rd</sup> Garden Club Open Show LBVH

A meeting to discuss a Neighbour Development Plan is being held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July at 7:30 pm in Much Birch Community Hall.

There will be a presentation by Lynda Wilcox from HALC who will explain what a Plan is all about, what has to be done and how the community is involved.

A Neighbourhood Plan can shape planning policies for our Parish so please come along to hear all about it and have your say.

Please send copy for the September 2016 Newsletter to birchesnews@gmail.com or written contributions to John Bryant at Bramley Bungalow, Aconbury Close, King's Thorn.

—by <u>18th August</u>please.

#### **LOCAL NEWS**

Two 'local lads', Chris Ryan and Dr. Mike Davies, have started to cycle from Land's End to John O'Groats via a 'scenic route' in aid of the Little Princess Trust which provides hair pieces and wigs for children with cancer who have lost their hair.

They set off today (June 16th) and are hoping to raise as much money as possible for the East Street based trust.

Your donations would be greatly appreciated by going to the website justgiving.com/Chris-Ryan-Mike-Davies or you can send donations directly to the Trust by post. We wish them well on this epic journey.

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

Congratulations are extended to Sarah and Duane Bowkett of Tump Lane on the birth of their baby daughter, Lola.

As reported last month, the death of Joan Daniels occurred on May 7th.

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

She was aged 76 and had been in full time care for the last few years. Her funeral took place at Hereford Crematorium on Monday, 23rd. May and was conducted by Rev. Deborah Cornish, who was well known to Joan on the Methodist Circuit.

Joan ran a flower shop ('Blumen Times') in Grandstand Road, Hereford, with her late husband, Doug, for many years . He was the artistic one who could make up flower arrangements for any occasion but unfortunately, Joan did not possess this artistic gift and when Doug died in the late 1980's, Joan stuck to just selling flowers.

Joan and Doug had 2 children, Gordon and his sister, who sadly died at a very early age.



Murphy's Paw "It's a Dog's life!!"

**Doggie Daycare Professional Grooming Home Boarding** Tump Lane, Much Birch

tel: Tricia 07732 286069 murphyspaw2005@gmail.com www.murphyspaw.co.uk

## Murphy's Paw

Providing a true "home from home" environment We welcome friends, old and new!

Doggie Daycare Mon-Fri 07:30-18:00 Grooming by appointment Limited spaces for Boarding-book early!



#### décor solutions

Tim Jones **Painter and Decorator** 





Kings Thorn, Herefordshire, HR2 8AW Tel: 01981 540242 Mob: 07810 895355 tjsj@me.com

Three generations of experience specialising in Painting and Decorating services. General property maintenance duties carried out. Fully insured. Good competitive rates. A high standard of workmanship and customer satisfaction guaranteed.

### W.M. **PARTINGTON**

#### GENERAL BUILDER

MINI-DIGGER & EXCAVATOR HIRE

RENOVATIONS BARN CONVERSIONS NEW BUILD

ROOFING CONCRETING GROUNDWORK UPVC WINDOWS AND DOORS STONEWORK

RING FOR A QUOTATION

**MUCH BIRCH** 07774 805369 / 01981 541109 The family holidayed by camping at resorts in Kent for many years and then moved 'up market' with a caravan. Later, they took their holidays abroad.

They moved into 'Chalice' in the 80's following the death of Miss Ivy Austen but Joan took up studies for a degree in the 'Humanities' through Keele University and graduated with a BA. in 1985, her graduation photograph of a smiling Joan was printed on the Order of Service for her funeral. However, Gordon also runs a florist's shop in Hay on Wye, and the floral tributes from the family show that he has inherited his father's artistry.

Joan passed her exams to become a 'Local Preacher' in the Hereford Methodist Circuit and took services at many of the chapels in the local area. She was a stalwart of the Methodist Chapel at the top of the Barrack Hill for many years. Keith and Mary Newman and Peter and Christine Dowsett were regular visitors to her home when she could no longer attend services.

We send to Gordon and his family our heartfelt condolences.

It is very sad to report the death of Berenice Walker formerly of Little Birch at the age of 78 years.

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

Berenice was born on the 4th. December 1937 at the top of the Barrack Hill, just in the parish of Aconbury, at Upper House to Joyce and Eddie Hancock. Her younger brother was Clive Hancock.

She attended Much Birch School under the tutelege of Miss Lawrence and was a bright pupil, keen on composing poetry.

She married John Walker in 1961 and together had 3 children, Roxanne, Ian and Kate. they all in turn were married and had their own children which brought Berenice and John much pleasure.

#### Herefordshire Rural Hub CIC Rural Hub

is a business support organisation for farming and rural businesses across



Herefordshire. Established in 2005, the Hub has grown from strength to strength and now has a reach to over 1,500 rural businesses.

Herefordshire Rural Hub has a history of being able to 'pull' support organisations together to work as a network for the greater good of the local businesses and farming community. You can follow the Herefordshire Rural Hub on twitter via @Hfds\_RuralHub and on Facebook search Herefordshire Rural Hub. Website www.ruralhubspartnership.co.uk/herefordshire

## **Andy and Sue**

Welcome you to

## THE AXE AND CLEAVER Much Birch



Excellent food served in our spacious Restaurant

SENIOR CITIZENS' LUNCH
On Wednesdays—2 courses
For £6.95

SUNDAY ROAST LUNCH £10.95 for 2 courses—Bookings advised

Lovely Beer Garden with field for Touring Caravans and Tents

Tel: 01981 540203

Berenice and John worked for many years at Long Orchard Farm with Berenice picking soft fruit and apples in their season.

When the farm was sold John was made redundant and went to work for Bulmers. Meanwhile, Berenice, Ian and Kate worked for Frank Green at Everstone, mainly picking sprouts from August into the New Year.

John sadly died in March 2015 and Berenice was well supported by the family, including 5 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. She had cancer a few years ago and had a brief spell in hospital recently. Her funeral took place at Hereford Crematorium on Mon. 6th. June and a photograph of Berenice on the Funeral Service Sheet showed a lovely, cheerful smile, which was her trademark.

Donations in memory of Berenice were given to Cancer Research UK and MacMillan Cancer

Support. We send to Roxanne, Ian and Kate and their families our deepest sympathies.

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

The sudden death of Irene Hemmings at the age of 89 years occurred in late May. She was born in 1926 in Tottenham, North London and would have been 90 years of age in October. Her parents moved to Cheam in Surrey and it was there that Irene went to school. At 14, she started work as a cashier at Stone Cott CO-OP near Morden. WW2 started soon after but she was too young to enlist in the forces but when she turned 17, she joined the Women's Royal Air Force and was posted to Compton Bassett in Wiltshire. She was made clerk in charge of issuing passes out of camp, which probably made her very popular. She was transferred to Abbey House in London's Baker Street for a short while and then returned to Compton Bassett She met her husband to be, Arthur, at a local dance. Arthur was a sergeant in the RAF and was also a wireless operator and air gunner. They were married in September 1945 in Cheam. Of course, when discharged from the forces, people could go back to their old jobs or find something new. Irene went back to the CO-Op but Arthur took up an engineering course and trained as a mechanical engineer. He went to work for Babcock and Wilcox in London and so Irene and Arthur moved to Rayleigh in Essex.

In 1947, their only daughter, Christine, was born.

As Christine grew up, Irene went to work in the local post office and Arthur went to work for the Central Electricity Generating Board in Cardiff and then Stourbridge. It was then that the family moved to Stourbridge and Christine completed her education. Meanwhile in the early 1970's, the CEGB had been consolidating and Barnwood, Gloucester became the main office for Arthur. So another move was on the cards and Arthur and Irene found a plot in 1974 in Hollybush Lane, moved a static caravan on to the site, obtained planning permission and over the next 2 years, saw the foundations, walls of the house and roof built, while Arthur did a lot of the internal work, electrics plumbing etc and Irene acted as site foreman.

In 1976, the house was completed and the family moved in. Irene then went back to work for the Land Registry in Gloucester until her retirement in 1986. It was a few more years before Arthur retired and they

## R&R FIREWOOD

Well seasoned hardwood Cut to any size Delivered to your door

STEPHEN or TARA

Tel: 01432 870282





# HOLLYBUSH HIRE Vintage Tea Set Hire

Woodfield, Hollybush Lane, Much Birch, HR2 8HX 07989 854593 / 01981 541109 emmadeer@hotmail.co.uk

Tea Cups, Saucers & Tea Plates
Sandwich / Cake Plates
Teapots, Sugar Bowls & Milk Jugs
Cake Stands
Lanterns, Mirrors

Hire a wonderful collection of vintage china for your special occasion. Call or e-mail today for a no obligation discussion about your requirements.

then spent time planting up an extensive garden with both flowers and vegetables and being part of village life.

They also enjoyed travelling together and visited Hong Kong, Kenya and Gran Canaria and then in later years, Sidmouth and Falmouth and other resorts in the south west.

After 10 years of retirement, Arthur developed cancer and Irene tended to him at home right up to the last month of his life when he went into St. Michael's Hospice.

That was some 20 years ago, but Irene with help from family and friends kept herself busy and was involved with the British Legion Poppy Appeal, the WI, the Evergreen Club and distributed Parish Magazines

#### **GARTH BRADBURY FENCING LTD**

All types of fencing
Gates
Field Shelters

Timber Outbuildings

www.gbfencingcontractors.com garthbradburyfencing@hotmail.com 01981 541385 : 07970 346460 which gave her the opportunity to have a 'chat' to friends and neighbours She loved her 'bus pass' and would travel regularly to Gloucester, Ross and Hereford even up to recent months.

Her life was brightened up with the arrival of two great grandchildren, Adam and Luke, and although they lived some distance away in Durham, she would always wanted news and pictures of them.

Over the last year or so, Irene's eyesight began to deteriorate and she had to give up going out in the evenings and delivering magazines. Just a few weeks ago she had a meal with Christine and her husband at the Pilgrim Hotel, seemingly as bright as ever. But a couple of days later, a neighbour had to break in and found Irene unconscious and she was taken to the County Hospital and died there peacefully with her family around her.

Her funeral service took place on Wed. 8th. June at Much Birch Church and was conducted by Rev. Preb. Mark Johnson from whom these notes are gratefully acknowledged. She was laid to rest in the Churchyard with her late husband, Arthur, and will be sadly missed by Christine and her family and by a wide circle of friends, she was a lovely lady.

#### **ALLANGAS & OIL**



Oil Installation and Servicing

Boiler Specialist

- Landlord Inspections
- Heating Installations
- All aspects of domestic gas
  - LPG and plumbing
  - Ex British Gas engineer
- Over 21 years experience

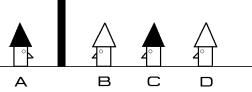
Steven Allan

T: 01432 840491 M: 07761646635

Oftec Reg No: C12495 Gas Safe Reg No: 188939







Shown above are four men buried up to their necks in the ground. They cannot move, so they can only look forward. Between A and B is a brick wall which cannot be seen through. They all know that between them they are wearing four hatstwo black and two white-but they do not know what colour they personally are wearing. Each of them know where the other three men are buried. In order to avoid being shot, one of them must call out to the executioner the colour of their hat. If they get it wrong, everyone will be shot. They are not allowed to talk to each other and have 10 minutes to fathom it out. After one minute, one of them calls out.

**Question:** Which one of them calls out? Why is he 100% certain of the colour of his hat?

#### King's Thorn and Little Birch Gardening Club

The outing will be to Ralph Court Gardens, near Bromyard on June 29th. We are due to arrive at 6pm, please make your own way there. £6.75 per person with concessions at £5.85. Please check with Janet Gwinnett for directions and postcode.

Janet's number is 01981 540651.

The Gardening Club Open Show takes place on Sat. 3rd. September in Little Birch Village Hall. Schedules will be attached to the July Newsletter. A childrens' Workshop will take place on Friday, 2nd Sept.

#### **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.

Meetings begin at 7.30 pm.

On **July** 19<sup>th</sup> we are looking forward meeting Bronwen Owens who will talk to us about Gardening.

Looking further forward;

In **August** we shall hear about the 'Land of the Incas' with a talk by Ray Sturdy and in **September** our speaker, Richard Jordon will tell us about 'The Legend that is ... Glen Miller'.

Visitors and potential new members are always welcome.

Please contact Caroline on 01981 540422 or Sallie on 01432 340069 for further details.

# BAYLEY'S WINDOW CLEANING SERVICE

WATER FED POLE AND TRADITIONAL

WE ALSO CLEAN:-

**⇒** GUTTERS AND FACIAS

**⇒** CONSERVATORY ROOFS

#### FREE QUOTATIONS

\* REFERENCES CAN BE GIVEN \*

\* ESTABLISHED IN AREA \*

PHONE ANDREW

HOME: 01432 508979\* MOBILE: 07771 870891 EMail: bayleys@fsmail.net

#### **Much Birch Community Hall 100 Club**

The June draw took place on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2016 in Much Birch Community Hall at 10.30 am and the results were as follows:

1st prize – No 462nd prize - 633rd prize – No.40Mr. M. JonesMrs. G. ClouderMs. R. WilsonMuch BirchKing's ThornMuch Birch

The next draw will take place on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at 10.30am in Much Birch Community Hall.

John Jones Promoter

#### **Table Top Sale**

Much Birch Community Hall Management Committee will be holding a Table Top Sale in the Community Hall on Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at 10.00am until 12.30pm. Applications for a table should be made to John Jones tel: 01981 540980. When booked beforehand the cost will be £5.00 per table but if booked on the day it will be £6.00 and will be subject to availability.

Proceeds for the Hall Development Fund.

#### 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



Our next Whist Drives are on Tuesday 12th July and Tuesday 9th August at Little Birch Village Hall. We start at 7.30 pm and the entrance fee is just £2.00.

## **Okells Francis Law**

**Okells with Francis Law LLP Solicitors** 

Established Local Solicitors

ALL PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS
COMMERCIAL PROPERTY
AGRICULTURAL MATTERS
WILLS, PROBATE, TRUST AND
ESTATE MANAGEMENT
PERSONAL FINANCE AND TAX PLANNING
EMPLOYMENT LAW
FAMILY LAW
ACCIDENT CLAIMS

Contact us for a FREE initial consultation

#### Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 7.00 pm at St Catherine's Church, Hoarwithy.

Music In Quiet Places will conclude its first series with a concert in the beautiful Grade One listed St Catherine's Church, Hoarwithy on Saturday 2nd July, at 7pm. The programme of light chamber music will be performed by some of the county's finest young musicians.



The Herefordian Piano Trio (Livi van Wormelo – Violin, Rachael Kennedy – Cello and Johannes Moore – piano) will play a prominent role in the programme performing sections of Piano Trios by Haydn, Max Bruch, Debussy and Frank Bridge. This will be interspersed by a selection of solo works including the 'Suite Populaire Espagnole' by Manuel de Falla for cello and piano, a selection of classic songs, and an organ solo by next year's Hereford Cathedral Organ Scholar, Laurence John. To add further colour and diversity to the programme there will be a guest performance by members of the Gilbert Consort of 16<sup>th</sup> Century music on period instruments including a virginal, recorder and crumhorns!

Admission to each 'Music in Quiet Places' concert is free but there will be a retiring collection which will go towards St Catherine's Church and Hereford Historic Churches Trust. Refreshments will be available and donations for these would be appreciated.

St Catherine's, Hoarwithy is an extraordinary Italianate church overlooking the river Wye deep in the Herefordshire countryside. Please be advised that car parking is on the road and access is by a steep path with steps but help will be provided for those with wheelchairs if notice is given by emailing peter@pember.plus.com.

Music in Quiet Places has been running since October 2015 and has proved a most successful first series of six concerts, visiting some lovely churches in the County such as Much Marcle and Weobley.

Plans are now afoot for the second series, details of which will be available in due course on the HHCT and HCS Facebook pages and website. If you would like any more details or would like to make any comments, please contact alihjmeycote@btinternet.com.

## The Queen's Birthday Party on the green, Tump Lane 11<sup>th</sup> June 2016

This event had been long in the planning. We must have been the most fortunate of people because we had had really good weather for our three car boots, could we possibly have just one more fine day for the birthday celebrations.

Friday we set up the tents, hoping that there would be no strong winds. We stayed on the field in our motor home as security. We had horrendous rain in the night and the morning was just a wet, damp, dizzily sort of day. Is this what we are to have, lots of sad faces for more than just one reason, never the less out came the sun and it was warm and bright.

Bring it on, let the games commence, were we ready, yes we were. The Army arrived closely followed by the Police In no time at all it was two o'clock and there were people on the field. Then came the Fire Engine

From then on it was full on for us that had organised it. Then came Ashley and Ben (The Wormelow garage) and their family with the entourage of tractors and the old converted muck spreader carrying the family in all their finery making a hullabaloo of noise.

All went extremely well, but as usual in all this, certain people have stood out for their effort. Brian Richards and his team who has made sure that the field was in such good condition, John from the Tump Inn part of the mowing team, and Malcolm who was always there.

On the day the stars were Paul as MC who kept the show going regardless of the power problems, Brendan for stepping in at the last minute to organise the fantastic sports, he even had the police and fire brigade running against each other

All in all it was an amazing success and again thanks go to all that turned up.

And all those that donated bottles, cakes, and raffle prizes etc.

There are many people in the back ground who did great work, to many to name but you know who you are. Thanks

We have our final meeting tonight (Tueday14<sup>th</sup>) where we shall discuss what to do with the money raised and will let you know what charities etc. we shall donate to.

Eric and Doreen Joseph

#### **EMMA BRADBURY EQUINE**

Mobile horse clipping services Horse sitting / Holiday Cover Or just an extra pair of hands!

25 years experience with horses Fantastic references available

01981 541385 : 07725 536648 01981 541385 : 07970 346460



£10 ON THE DOOR - BUY ONLINE AT

ST-MICHAELS-HOSPICE.ORG.UK/EVENT/GREAT-BRITISH-FLOWER-FESTIVAL

OR CALL 01432 851000 FOR MORE INFO











#### **Aconbury Shepherd Huts.**



Our huts are hand built to the highest of standards.
Our standard hut includes insulation, double glazing, electrics and decoration.

Uses include craft room, play house, sleep over's etc. Come and see our display hut or request our new brochure.

We also build stables, field shelters, garden sheds, play houses, garden features and bespoke gates. Please ring for our dedicated brochure.

Stephen Turner. The Underhills, Hollybush Lane, Much Birch, Herefordshire. HR2 8HX. Telephone Office: 01981 540090

Mob: 07768 206296

www.aconburyshepherdhuts.co.uk turnersofcrossways@btinternet.com

#### **Cash on Delivery LBVH Drama Group**

To my mind this farce would have been called "when first we practice to deceive" because what a "tangled web" evolved!



This second attempt by the Group to perform a show of this kind - 'Allo 'Allo the first, was a huge success and Cash on Delivery, although very different enjoyed the same result.

The Farce, written by Michael Cooney for a London Theatre was fast moving with one scene and two acts. No member of the cast could afford to make an error. The main character, the perpetrator the Benefit Frauds, played by Frank Ryding, had over 700 lines to learn. When I first read the script I doubted the Group could cope with it - how wrong I was, it flowed flawlessly!

Two of the Group had accidents during the early stages of rehearsal but the cast recovered from this setback when the Director, Jane Bolam, stepped in and took one of the parts.

How the cast managed to remember who was supposed to be who in this complicated play was unbelievable. A very difficult one for the prompt to keep abreast of. (Not that she was needed)

There were many compliments from the audience not only for the performance but also for the tasty supper prepared by members of the cast and helpers.

We are looking forward to the next effort which will be the annual pantomime probably in early February 2017.

Well done all the Group including caterers, set designers, lighting and sound. A special thanks to Dave Baldwin who created an extension to the stage which folds into small pieces for easy storage.

Lets hope it gets lots of use in future.

**Jackie** 





# **Castle Inn** 01981 540 516



We are pleased to welcome our new Manager Joseph

#### **Extended opening times from 30th May**

Monday Closed Tuesday Closed

Wednesday 6pm - Finish

Thursday 12pm - 3pm 6pm - 11pm Friday 12pm - 3pm 6pm - 11pm

Saturday 12pm - Finish Sunday 12pm - 9pm

We look forward to welcoming you soon.

#### **BM KAYE TAXI**

Local Taxi available no job too large or too small !!

Contact Brian Kaye on

01981 540734 OR 07968147415 DAYS ONLY

FIREWOOD and KINDLING
FOR SALE
WELL SEASONED HARDWOOD
PLEASE PHONE:CHRIS 07580719084
OR STUART 07778524425
HOME NO. 01981 540 858



Lea Cleaning.

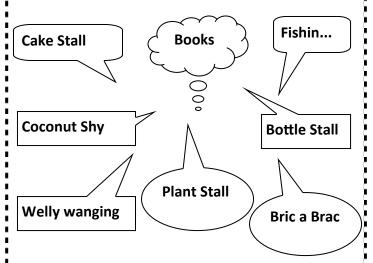
Have you had enough of cleaning, just haven't got the time or need a little extra help?

Would you like a one-off spring clean or regular visit?

Just give me a call and I can arrange to come
and discuss your requirements.

Local references available.

Call Christine – Zea Cleaning. 01432–840489.Mobile – 07767 447145 Little Birch Church Fete will be held on Saturday
9th . July at the Old Rectory, Little Birch from 2 pm.
Fun and Games for all the Family. Bear Hunt starts
at 2pm, in the locality of the Old Rectory.



**Grand Draw with excellent prizes.** 

**Background music** 

**Everyone Welcome.** 

Gifts of Plants, Books, Cakes and Draw Prizes will be gratefully received.

Further information from John Bryant, John Caton,
James Gould or Steve Turner

"They think it's all over..... not any more!"

There will be a re-run of the 1966
Football World Cup in Little Birch
Village Hall at 7.30 pm on Sat. 30th. July
exactly 50 years on from the date.



Entry £5, 11 years or under £3 to include a beef burger or hot dog.

**Donations Bar.** 





Tickets from James Gould 540676 John Caton 540267 Steve Turner 540090 or John Bryant 549316

We look forward to seeing you there.



Proceeds in aid of Little Birch Church.



#### The Evergreen Club

Unfortunately our seaside trip on **Tuesday, 12 July** to **Western Super Mare** has been cancelled.

In August, on **Tuesday 9th**, in the morning we will be going to the outskirts of **Swindon** for the **Steam Museum** or shopping at the **McArthur Glen Design Outlet.** In the afternoon we go to **Uffington** for tea provided by their WI.

Cost £17 (£19 for visitors) which includes tea.

#### The pick up times will be:

Brandon Coach Depot	8.45
The Park, Wormelow	8.55
Kings Thorn bus shelter	9.05
Much Birch Church bus stop	9.10
Axe & Cleaver bus stop	9.15
Peterstow (Broome Farm lay-by)	9.25
Fonteine Court - Ross	9.35

For enquiries or to book, please ring Bridget on **01981 540932** 

#### COMPUTER HELP

the local answer to your PC problems



Having trouble with your computer or the internet?

Seeking advice on buying a new PC, upgrades, networks or virus protection?

Need IT rescue?

Call Colin Finnie (01981 580044)

Help on your doorstep- Friendly and jargon-free -Very reasonable rates

#### A Pensioner's View of Facebook

Many of the older generation do not and cannot comprehend why Facebook exists. I am trying to make friends outside Facebook while applying the same principles. Therefore, every day I walk down the street and tell each passer-by what I have eaten, how I feel at the moment, what I have done he night before, what I will do later and with whom. I give them pictures of my family, my dog and me gardening, taking things apart in the garage, watering the lawn, standing in front of landmarks, driving around town and doing what anybody and everybody does every day. I also listen to their conversations, give them the "thumbs up" and tell them that it works just like Facebook. I already have four people following me: two police officers, a private investigator and a psychiatrist.

Blooming Great Tea Party is Marie Curie's summer fundraising campaign which encourages everyone to get together with friends and family to hold a tea party between 20-29 June. Tea parties across the UK have raised over £4.5 million since the campaign started in 2008.

Marie Curie is calling on Herefordshire residents to get together with friends and family and host a Blooming Great Tea Party between 20-29 June.

To register your Blooming Great Tea Party or for tea party inspiration visit www.mariecurie.org.uk/teaparty or call 0800 716 146.



#### **EJ PARTINGTON BOOKKEEPING**

**Bookkeeping & Accounting Specialist** Woodfield, Hollybush Lane, Much Birch, HR2 8HX

07989 854593 / 01981 541109

emmadeer@hotmail.co.uk

Bookkeeping	Payroll
Self-Assessment Returns	Management Accounts
VAT Returns	Invoicing

Emma Partington has over 10 years experience in the finance industry both in practice and in industry, a local business that is able to help with all your bookkeeping needs.

Call or e-mail today for a no obligation discussion about your requirements.



## **FURRY FRIENDS** Dog Walking \* Cat Visits Petsitting

Individual attention given I only take your dogs when walking

Working or away or just need help, a reliable animal lover will take care of them.

Also ANIMAL HEALING using natural methods

Sarah 07759935666 sarahcatwoman@yahoo.co.uk





www.furryfriends.gb.com

#### **South Hereford Rural Police Briefing**



I am back! Sorry I have been gone for so long. You will be receiving monthly news letters from

now on.

It has been all change here at South Wye Station, PC Jim Phillips, PCSO Harley Youngs and

PCSO Christopher Yarwood Have joined the team. PCSO Jonathan Owen and PCSO Hayley

Cohen have started a new role in Business and Cyber crime and no longer work as part of

South Wye SNT. I am sure you are all with me in wishing them all well.

Many members of the team are now trained to use the Speed Guns. If you have a particular stretch of road you are concerned about, please let us know and we will carry out an assessment.

7 of us from South Wye station are taking part in the Global Corporate Challenge which lasts 100 days. We will be in effect, walking around the world in 100 days. We are 19 Days in (13/06/2016) and we are cur-

rently in 2nd in the force and 143rd in the competition. There are a total of 48656 teams in the competition from all around the world and there are 129 teams from Warwickshire and West Mercia Police. We are doing very well and plan to be number 1 in the force very soon.

Wish us luck! #teamsouthwyecops

#### Kind regards

#### Lowri Anderson PCSO 40247

Hereford City Southside and Rural SNT West Mercia Police If you would like to receive this Briefing via email, please email herefordsouthside.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk



All aspects of quality joinery work undertaken including windows, doors, staircases and fitted furniture

Fitting is also available

Trade and domestic enquiries welcome

or helpful and professional service, contact Julian Morgan on 01432 357357

or visit www.jmjoinery.com

Unit 3, Knockerhill Farm,

Callow, Hereford

#### Your team

Sgt Emma Freer, PC Roger Bradley, PC Jim Phillips, PCSO Lowri Anderson, PCSO AdamWestlake, PCSO Christina Howard, **PCSO Harley Youngs** PCSO Christopher Yarwood.



#### About your team

Safer Neighbourhood Teams work with local people and partners to identify, tackle and solve issues that matter to the community where you live.

Making neighbourhoods safer by cutting day to day crime and anti-social behaviour is at the heart of keeping people in West Mercia safe. Thanks to an investment in mobile tablet style computers, these will enable officers to spend more time on patrol on the street and in neighbourhoods.

Officers will continue to come to people when they need them and provide a high quality service however you contact us - in person (on the street, at community bases and at partners and communities together [PACT] meetings), on the phone or online.

#### Where we work

South Wye SNT is based at South Wye Police Station, Goodrich Grove, Newton Farm,

Hereford, HR2 7DB, we work around the areas of Rural:

Aconbury; Allensmore; Ballingham;

Bolstone; Callow; Dewsall; Dinedor; Garway; Grafton;

Harewood; Haywood; Hentland; Holme

Lacy; Kenderchurch; Kentchurch; Kilpeck; Kingstone;

Little Birch; Much Birch; Little Dewchurch;

Llandinabo; Llanwarne; Lower Bullingham; Much Dew-

church; Orcop; Pencoyd; Pontrilas; St

Devereaux; St Weonards; Tretire with Michealchurch;

Thruxton; Treville; Wormbridge;

Wormelow.

#### Get in touch

**101** to talk to your local SNT or report a crime herefordsouthside.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk www.westmercia.police.uk

Herefordshire Cops / @southsidecops Only call 999 in an emergency, when a crime is in

progress or life is in danger.

For daily updates on incidents in your area register for our Dotmailer service via

www.westmercia.police.uk.

#### **Much Birch Parish Council**

Parish Clerk Mrs Alison Wright Longfield House, Gooses Foot, Kingstone, Herefordshire HR2 9NE Tel. 01981 250860

Email: muchbirchclerk@hotmail.co.uk

14th June 2016

**PARISH MEETING** – at the Parish Council Meeting held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June at the Much Birch Community Hall.

The Meeting heard that an Event to re-launch the Neighbourhood Plan would be held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July, from 7.00pm, in the Much Birch Community Hall. Lynda Wilcox, Chief Executive of HALC, would be in attendance to give a presentation and refreshments would be served. A flyer would be coming out to publicise the Event. All are welcome and it was hoped that as many people as possible would come along to find out more about the important work of producing a Neighbourhood Plan and what it involves.

The next ordinary meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Thursday 7**<sup>th</sup> **July 2016 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.

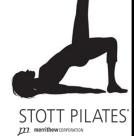


## **PILATES**

#### with ALISON ALLAN

Pilates is a mat-based class focussing on abdominal strength, posture and flexibility. It helps restore the natural curves of the spine, relieve tension and enhance self confidence, resulting in a balanced body that looks fit, feels great and moves with ease.

Mondays 10am and 11am Wednesdays 7pm and 8pm Little Dewchurch Village Hall £8 per class



Pre-booking is essential as class numbers are limited to allow for individual attention

Tel: 01432 840491 Email:alisonallan17@gmail.com

A reminder that:-

#### Your Much Birch Parish Councillors are:-

**Cllr Alison Cook** (Chair) Jasmine Cottage, Wrigglebrook Lane, Kingsthorne, Hereford, HR2 8AW, e mail <a href="mailto:thecooks@wyenet.co.uk">thecooks@wyenet.co.uk</a> Tel. 01981 540703

Cllr Steve Turner (Vice Chair) The Underhills, Hollybush Lane, Much Birch, Hereford, HR2 8HX, e mail turnersofcrossways@btinternet.com and Tel. 01981 540090

Cllr Andrew Crum Anfield House, Barrack Hill, Kingsthorne, Hereford, HR2 8AX, e mail <u>a.crum@btinternet.com</u> Tel. 01981 540002

**Cllr Tim Jones** Swiss Cottage, Wrigglebrook, Kingsthorne, Hereford, HR2 8AW e mail tjsj@me.com Tel. 01981 540242

**Cllr Roisin Burge** The Old Hall, Barrack Hill, Little Birch, Herefordshire, HR2 8AX <a href="mailto:roisinburge@hotmail.com">roisinburge@hotmail.com</a> Tel. 01981 540724

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 <a href="https://twitter.com/">https://twitter.com/</a>
<a href="https://www.facebook.com/">MuchBirchPC</a> and Facebook at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/">https://www.facebook.com/</a>
<a href="mailto:groups/Much.Birch.Parish">groups/Much.Birch.Parish</a>