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Community Matters Newsletter

Kingsthorpe, Much Birch, Little Birch,
Aconbury & Wormelwode December 2023



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With some additional help from Little Birch Councillor, Nick Deacon, fifteen new posts are in place and Chris was also able to re-install a broken post.

Public rights of way are now clearly marked. The new posts will be of great help in identifying the main footpaths so get your boots on and enjoy our lovely local countryside!

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Christmases Past by Revd Mark

We are a bit of a nostalgic nation, as a whole. We do like to look back and reminisce about Christmas long past when the weather was cold and the snow lay on the ground. This is nothing new – even Charles Dickens, when he was writing, and especially when coming up with A Christmas Carol, was looking back into the past for inspiration – especially the idea that London would be snow-filled at Christmas. We also often have a favourite Christmas. It might have been because of the best present that we ever got, or it might be a funny story that is linked with a flambéed Christmas pudding that was a little over the top. It is the stories of family and friends that make that memory remarkable, unforgettable, even if the details

get changed and exaggerated year by year. Undergirding this though, is the Christian story.

Yes, Christmas can be a time of presents and parties, of decorations and trees, but it is also a time about God drawing near, about a child born in a stranger's house and laid to sleep in a manger. So amongst the parties and the noise, the hustle and bustle, make time for God.

A quiet time to remember that story and remember that God chose not the millionaires and powerful but the ordinary and the humble to become like one of us to show us how to live in a complex and difficult world.

Peace and Love and Joy to this Christmas

Revd Mark

Services for December

Sunday 3rd December – Advent Sunday

11.00 a.m. at Little Birch – Holy Communion

6.30 p.m. at Much Dewchurch – Advent Carols and Readings

Sunday 10th December – 2nd Sunday of Advent

9.15 a.m. at Much Birch – Holy Communion

11.00 a.m. at Little Birch – Morning Worship

Sunday 17th December – 3rd Sunday of Advent

9.15 a.m. at Much Birch – Morning Worship

4.00 p.m. at Little Birch – Carols and Christingle

Thursday 21st December

6.30 p.m. at Much Birch – Carols and Readings for Christmas with Much Birch Primary School Choir

Sunday 24th – Christmas Eve

3.00 p.m. at Much Birch – Crib Service

11.30 p.m. at Much Dewchurch – Midnight Mass

Monday 25th – Christmas Day

9.15 a.m. at Much Birch – Holy Communion

11.00 a.m. at Little Birch – Holy Communion

Sunday 31st – 1st Sunday after Christmas

10.30 a.m. at Llandinabo – Benefices Holy Communion Service in Traditional Language

Sunday 7th January 2024

11.00 a.m. at Little Birch – Holy Communion

Remembrance Service in Wormelow

Over 60 people, including children from Much Birch School, joined the Remembrance Service on the Millenium Green on Friday 10th November. The service was led by Revd Mark and the Chair of Herefordshire British Legion led the minute of silence. Wreaths were laid and the children recited an inspiring poem. Organiser, Rosemary Rigby, was pleased to see so many there. After the service Trevor, from the Pilgrim Hotel, served coffee, hot chocolate and biscuits that he had brought to warm all.

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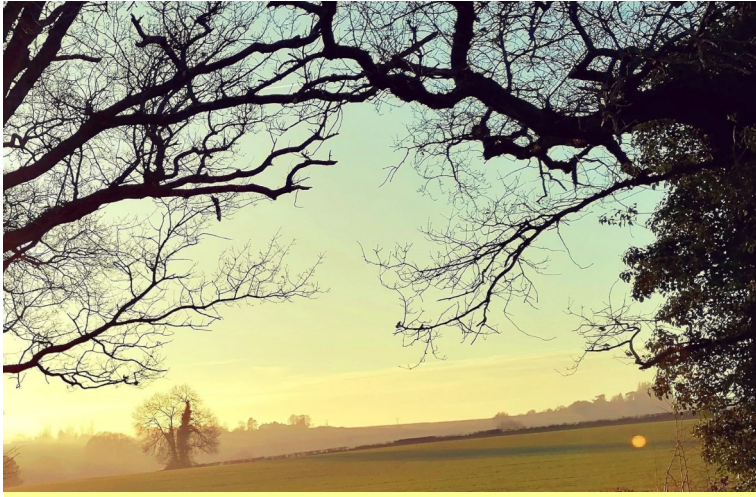
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Photography Group

We are a friendly local group who are keen and enjoy our imaging skills. We are meeting together to set out a program for next year on Saturday 20th January 2024 from 10-12am.

Venue: Fayre View, Kingsthorpe, HR2 8AU

We invite anyone who has an interest in taking photos to come and join us. You will be made very welcome.

For more information contact Sally Nichol 07803 032928 or 01981 540001

Mel's Musings

Rain, rain and more rain. The grass is squelching when I make my way down to the polytunnel to check my plants and everything looks miserable and wet.

I decided staying indoors. Making curtains was the order of the week. We have been living with odd curtains in the lounge since we moved in 2 years ago and even though my cupboards are full of curtains, none of them fit. It doesn't matter how many times you move, the curtains NEVER fit!!!! Well they are almost done and I am feeling rather pleased with myself – six curtains, two floor length and all lined and pattern matched.

Next on the list is calendula cream. We have a friend who has very dry skin, so I said I would mix Calendula oil and then make up a pot of cream for him. I dried some of my flowers from this summer to use. It is a very good moisturiser and also, purportedly, good for pain relief and inflammation, so a very useful cream. We shall see if it works. I plan to lather myself in it to see if it helps old age pains go away!!!!

I must have spent the rest of the month 'looking for things'. I regularly lose things; not lose exactly, but can't remember in which 'safe' place I put them. It took me weeks to find the new order of de-flea and wormer for the cats, 'safely' put away; curtain header tape, that I had just bought and put in a 'safe' place, disappeared for three days. I am now on the hunt for a knitted hat for a friend's Christmas present, that – yes, you have guessed it – was put in a 'safe' place. I will find it, eventually. Happy hunting!!

Art and Craft Space



Friendly Art and Craft Group

We meet every Thursday afternoon 2 until 4 at Little Birch Village Hall at the top of Barrack Hill HR2 8AZ We bring along our own projects and have a monthly theme. December's theme is CHRISTMAS. Use any art medium to create Christmas scenes or make cards etc. Crafters can make decorations, also Christmas scenes, Christmas presents or anything for Christmas. Feel free to do your own projects. You don't have to follow the themes if you would rather do something else.

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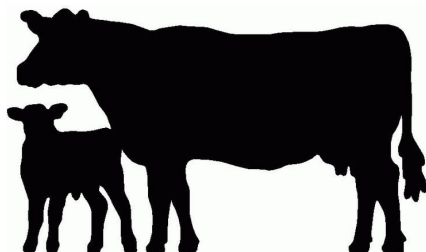
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Jobs to Do in the Garden during December

Writing this in mid November, we have recently seen three named weather systems ravage parts of the British Isles. Thankfully Herefordshire has escaped the devastation that other areas have experienced. We *have* had a lot rain and the ground is saturated, so it is best to keep off lawns and flower and vegetable beds. Hedge trimming can be done, pruning trees and fruit bushes, and reduce the height of roses to prevent wind rock.

Many people are reporting bumper crops of fruit this year – we have a small apple tree that normally struggles to produce 10 or 12 fruits but this year I picked 50 plus large apples which I hope will store.

I have recently cut a few sprays of holly which are now in a bucket of water in the greenhouse. I was surprised at the huge clusters of berries wrapped around the stems. The berries left on the trees will be a welcome sight for the redwings and fieldfares when they arrive, also for our local blackbirds.

What can we do in December?

- *In mild dry weather, and only if necessary, cut the lawn with blades high leaving 35 – 50 mm of grass.
- *Dahlias and Agapanthus left in the ground to over winter will need a thick mulch of compost and/or chipped bark.
- *Move Orchids to an east facing window. Other indoor plants may benefit from being put in a lighter position but away from radiators.
- *All tender potted plants should be in a greenhouse or shed by now.
- *If not already done, bubble wrap the inside of the greenhouse at the beginning of the month.
- *Prune climbing roses.
- *Protect Figs with fleece.
- *Garlic can still be planted
- *Vent the greenhouse on warmer days to reduce condensation.
- *Rhubarb can be split. Leave the crowns on the surface so that they get frosted and then plant out in early Spring.
- *Plant blueberries into large tubs containing ericaceous compost and added drainage material. Blueberries need a ph of around 4.5.
- *Prune established black currants, removing one third of branches at base.
- *Salad crops can be sown in a greenhouse but will be slow growing due to the low light levels. Watch out for slugs. Check stored potatoes, and also apples. Dispose of any rotten potatoes and put rotting apples out for the birds.
- *Put out a variety of food for birds – seeds, fat balls, stale cheese and pieces of apple and pears.
- *If you have nest boxes, clean out any previous nests or thatch and put a small amount of hay, straw or wood shavings in the bottom before securely re-hanging them.

Derek Scrivens

Kings Thorn and Little Birch Gardening Club

Our October meeting was a talk by Duncan Coombs of Pershore College. He is a long term favourite of the club but sadly attendance was rather low. Those of us who were there enjoyed a talk about the plants found in sunny Turkey as well as the many interesting places he visited.

Our November meeting will be held on November 29th at Little Birch Hall, 7.30pm.

Our very own Nichola Salter is going to tell us about her Horticultural Years. Nichola had 10 years of commercial horticulture in Tenbury Wells, Switzerland, Guernsey and Hereford. She will be giving us lots of tips about propagating and growing clematis. New members and visitors always welcome.

Our Annual Christmas Social will be held on December 13th at 7pm. There will be a wonderful hot meal, raffle and entertainment quiz. Members can bring along guests too.

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No flame is seen.

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They will scent your room,
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Smell like flowers in bloom.

But ash logs, all smooth and grey,
Burn them green or old,
Buy up all that come your way -
They're worth their weight in gold.

Much Birch Parish Council

Apologies. October minutes were not in November newsletter. October and November minutes are below.

October: the Parish Council discussed, and agreed to comments in regard to two local planning applications: firstly Planning Consultation 232741 – Ash Farmhouse, Tump Lane, Much Birch, Herefordshire, HR2 8HP this being, for proposed timber panels, to which the parish council commented that there were no objections. Secondly, Consultation 232705 – Bramble Tor, Kingsthorpe, Herefordshire, HR2 8AW this being for a proposed 3-bedroom dwelling to replace the existing dwelling and associated works including; demolition of the existing dwelling, relocating the site access and landscaping. The parish council resolved to comment about the impact of the proposed new dwelling within the plot and street scene.

There were two further applications which would be discussed at the November meeting, including application 232807 for 20 dwellings in a field adjacent to Tump Lane and application 232837 for works at a property, Seathwaite in Wrigglebrook Lane. Extensions to the deadline for comments on both applications have been obtained.

November: The Parish Council discussed, and agreed to comments, in regard to three local planning applications: firstly Planning Consultation 232807 – Field adjacent to Tump Lane, Much Birch, Herefordshire, HR2 8HW this being for 20 dwellings with associated new access (via Tump Lane), car parking arrangements, communal house, new POS (extension of existing play area) and new stretches of footpath with passing places (north and west bound along Tump Lane), to which the parish council commented that there were no objections, with additional comments. Secondly, Planning Consultation 232837 – Seathwaite, Wrigglebrook, Kingsthorpe, Herefordshire, HR2 8AW this being for proposed external insulation to all walls and finished with a light render, proposed oak-framed front porch, replacement side extension and rear oak-framed sunroom plus external works to include general consolidation and minor extension of rear terrace. The Parish Council commented that there were no objections to application 232837. The third application discussed was for Planning Consultation 233091 – The Bank Ladywell Lane, Wrigglebrook, Kingsthorpe, Hereford, Herefordshire, HR2 8AW this was for a proposed two storey extension to rear of property, change of use and single extension to barn to provide annexed accommodation for a dependant relative plus new roofing finish and ancillary works. The parish council commented that there were no objections to this proposal but made mention of a reference to “listed building” consent in the paperwork to clarify, if applicable. The next Meeting of Much Birch Parish Council is on **Thursday 7th December from 7.30** at the Much Birch Community Hall. All are welcome to attend.

Much Birch Parish Council Meetings in **2024**, Jan 11th, Feb 8th, March 7th, April 4th, May 9th, June 6th, July 4th, No meeting Aug, Sept 5th, Oct 3rd, Nov 7th and Dec 5th

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

Little Birch Parish Council

At the October meeting it was reported that the over-growth of foliage on Holy Thorn Lane has been cleared.

Mr Mike Davies stepped down as Chair as he is moving out of the village. Mr Chris Atkinson agreed to be Chair.

Best wishes for the future to Mike and Mara Davies.

The next meetings of Little Birch Parish Council will be on December 6th and January 3rd 2024 at 7.30pm in Little Birch Village Hall.

Little Birch Parish Councillors

Cllr Steve Coles Cllr Tom Palfrey
Cllr Chris Atkinson Cllr Nick Deacon
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WEAR SOMETHING BRIGHT (or carry a torch)
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Advent Calendars: People drew 24 chalk lines on their door and rubbed one off each day through Advent until the early 19th century when the first printed advent calendars appeared in Germany. Calendars with doors were first made from 1920s. The first chocolate Advent calendar was sold in 1958. **Above:** German Advent Calendar from 1953.



THE MASONS AT MERRIVALE

It's a year since I've written – no excuses – I just never got around to it. Last winter wasn't too bad for us as we didn't have much snow or frost to cause problems. We did, however, have to buy in a lot of feed for the cows due to last year's drought. A depressed organic milk price from our Co-op meant rather lean times.

Looking on the bright side though, the cows went out to grass on February 14th as the weather was so good. I say 'go out to grass' but there really wasn't much of that for them to eat, so it was mainly a 'jolly' for them to be out in the sun & fresh air during the day. They were only out for a couple of weeks as it then turned wet & they needed to be in so they didn't damage the pastures. Having just checked the photos on my phone, I see it snowed on 10th March so we had a late touch of winter then.

The cows went out again in late March during the day, then day and night from mid April. The weather was beautiful for those few weeks and I remember hoping it wouldn't turn into a drought as last year. I obviously needn't have worried about that as we've experienced one of the wettest summers for the last few years.

Whatever the weather we have to make conserved feed for the cattle over the winter. We made hay first in gorgeous sunshine at the end of May and took four cuts of grass silage, early May, late June, late July and early October. All cuts were snatched between wet spells apart from the October one when the weather was beautiful. With a wholecrop cut taken in early August, this year we have loads of feed in store to last us through the winter.

Our big event of the year was to take part in Open Farm Sunday, a national event on 10th June. We had an amazing response and were pleased we made the decision to limit numbers to 250 as we couldn't have coped with more. We were delighted to have shown so many folks around the farm and give them an insight to how we do things. Visitors are always fascinated when seeing the milking robots for the first time. A big thank you to all the volunteers who helped us to make it such a success.

The milk hut on the farm has enjoyed a steady trade in it's second year. We opened a second machine at Legges on Aylestone Hill, Hereford in February which has also proved popular. It's been good to add cheeses & butter to our offerings at Merrivale, all produced by the Organic Herd, the Co-op to which we sell the bulk of our milk. There are other products that we'd like to add but time & finances limit this at the moment.

Bob & I are still busy with the vegetables. The challenges with vegetable growing vary each year but this one was definitely weeds, they loved the wet.

There has been a much greater challenge for us this year, which you will no doubt hear many farmers talking about, that challenge is Tuberculosis. In our area, and the majority of the UK, all herds have to be tested for TB every 6 months. This is done to identify any animal in the early stages of contact with the disease.

The test involves injecting every animal on the farm over 42 days old with 2 injections into the neck. One is avian tuberculin and the other is bovine tuberculin. If a large lump appears as a reaction to the bovine tuberculin the animal is classed as a reactor and is slaughtered. On finding a reactor in the herd, any animal movements on or off the farm are heavily restricted until two further tests have been carried out that are clear. We can still sell our milk as usual as there is no risk of contracting TB from it.

The government have introduced a new, more sensitive test in the last few years called a Interferon Gamma test. One of the factors that triggers this is a new infection in a herd. This test involves taking a blood sample from every animal over 6 months on the farm.

We have had this test twice. After the first test 2 years ago 46 animals tested positive, were taken from the farm and slaughtered. They were mainly in-calf milking cows, the crème de la crème of our herd. However, being told that this test was designed to remove any underlying problems within the herd we optimistically hoped that this would help us in the future with regards to any further outbreaks. This is further helped by us being a closed herd for over 20 years, meaning we don't our young in calf cows. I can't quite describe how this result made us all feel. These girls aren't just cows to us, they're our mates, our work colleagues and the reason we get up early in the morning. To lose such a big number, not once but twice has been absolutely devastating and the emotional effect on all of us is massive. We're just grateful we have our family around us to share the load.

The one thing the tests have proven on our farm is that it's not cattle that are the problem, this disease is coming from elsewhere. It seems that the disease is now widespread in the deer population around us which has multiplied massively since COVID. Will we ever be free of this??

Being very short of cows having lost nearly one third of our milking herd, Bob & I flew to Denmark in early October to buy some in calf heifers. Why Denmark you may ask? It is a TB free country so eliminated the risk of buying the disease back into our herd together with other disease risks we could eliminate as they have 'high herd health'.

After gaining the necessary licences to move them, the outcome of this was the delivery of 33 Organic in calf heifers to Merrivale on October 19th. They had a 27 hour trip by lorry from Northern Denmark. On arrival they looked amazing, the care on their journey obviously having been of the highest standard. Three of these heifers have now calved and are being given wonderful Danish names as they do. So we move on in hope. The world is a grim place at the moment and our trials are nothing compared to others. As always, we are grateful to be where we are and thank everyone for their support.

Merry Christmas & all the best for 2024. Sue 

Diary Dates December



Gardening Club	Wed 29th Nov 7.30	LBVH	p7	LBPC
meeting	Wed 6th 7.30	LBVH	p9	
Coffee & Books	Thurs 7th 10-12	LBVH	p12	
MBPC meeting	Thurs 7th 7.30	MBCH	p9	
Community Café	Saturday 9th	MBCH	p2	
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IN A LIFE THREATENING EMERGENCY CALL 999

AEDs available to use locally for those experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. A defibrillator is an easy to use, medical device that analyses the heart's rhythm and, if needed, delivers an electrical shock (defibrillation) to help the heart establish an effective rhythm.

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



Coffee Morning With Book Exchange

**Thursday 7th & Saturday 16th
December 10.00am-12.00 noon**

Little Birch Village Hall

Come and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee, some cake or biscuits.

Make new friends or catch up with old friends. Take a book, leave a book, or both. Exchange recommendations for a good read. Families and well behaved dogs all welcome

We look forward to seeing you

Free Compost! There is a lot of waste material, grass etc, in Much Birch Churchyard under the tree to left of the shed. You are welcome to bring bags and a shovel and help yourselves.

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