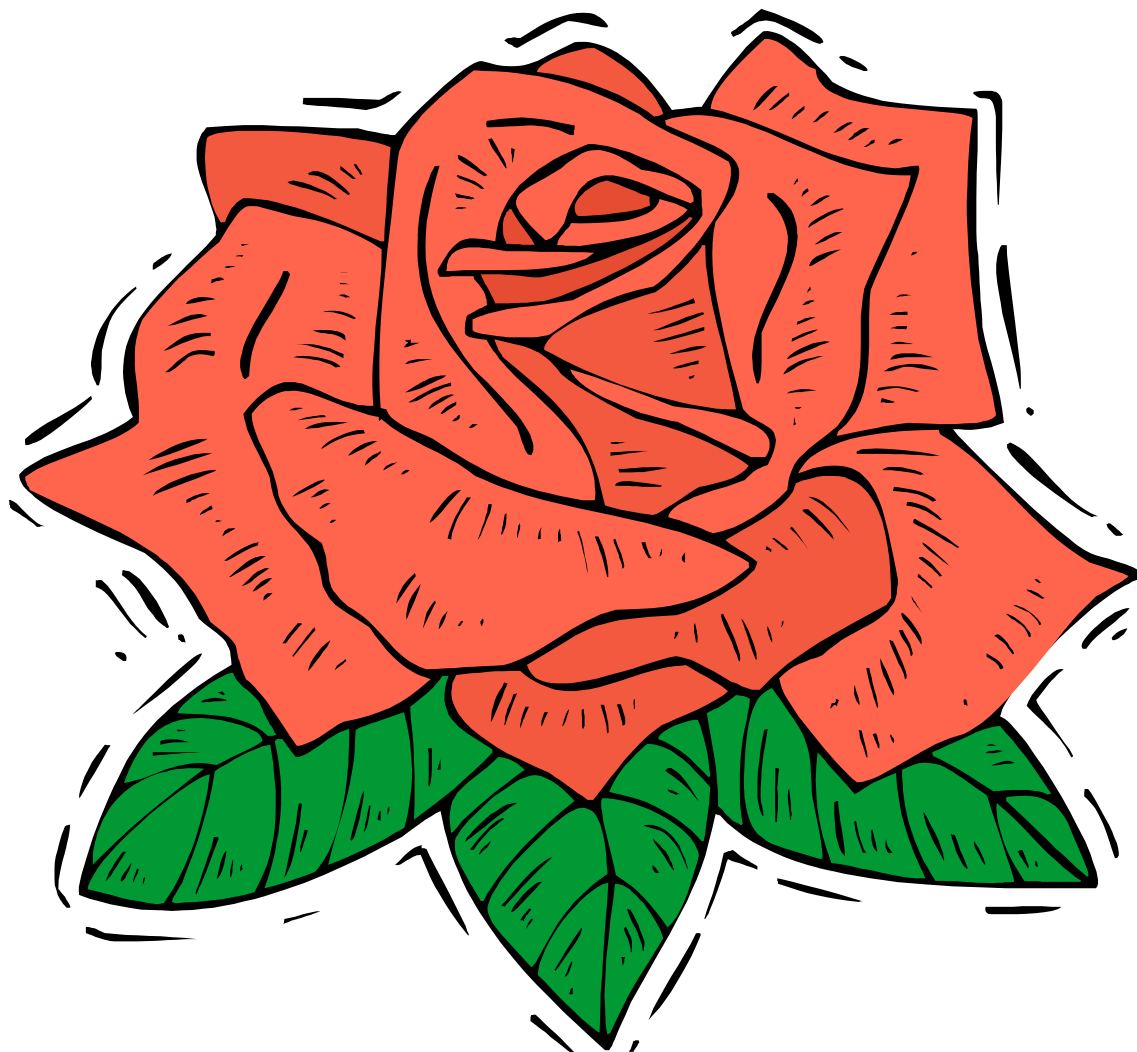


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## **EDITORIAL**

There are many events happening in the village over the next few months—do support them.

Please will those who deliver to houses let one of us know if you will be away when the newsletter is to be due to be delivered and if possible find a replacement in your area .

Please send copy for the August edition no later than

**July 15th**

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[lbhnewsletter@hotmail.com](mailto:lbhnewsletter@hotmail.com)**

### **Shared Ownership Homes Wembley Cottage, Bell Lane.**

Readers will be aware that the 'shared ownership homes' provided as part of this development are now complete and I believe look very attractive. We are told by Festival Housing that two properties have been allocated but one home is still available. The house is priced at £75,000 for a 50% share and a rental of £42.69/ week plus a small service charge of £4.99 payable over 48 weeks. If you are interested please contact Karen Harris at Festival Housing, Tel 01684 579437 or email her at [kharris@festivalhousing.org](mailto:kharris@festivalhousing.org)

*Alternative financial arrangements may be available so if you are interested don't miss the opportunity and speak to Karen!*

The homes so far have only been offered to those with a local connection but obviously if there is no local interest they will have to be offered to people living outside the parish.

Barbara Beard  
Chairman of Lower Broadheath Parish Council.

### **Volunteer Drivers**

**Readers are reminded that volunteer drivers are available to take and fetch elderly and disabled people without transport to and from Martley Turn in order that they may catch a city bus to keep a doctor or hospital appointment. The following may be contacted if you are in need of this service:**

**Dag Smith Tel 641071  
Alan Forrest Tel 333258  
Melanie Tainton Tel 641337**

**Vicky Finch Tel 333274  
Paul Simmonds Tel 640122**

# **PARISH COUNCIL NOTES**

**Elections:** Once again there will not be an election for the Parish Council. This is because there were only seven nominations for eleven vacancies. In a village of the size of Lower Broadheath this is a sad reflection on the interest shown in local affairs. At our first meeting on May 16<sup>th</sup> we will be co-opting members to fill the four vacancies.

**Public Rights of Way:** We are fortunate in this country that a network of footpaths is available to give access to the countryside for all. This is not the case in most countries. The Rights of way are way-marked and open to all – but a right of way across a field DOES NOT give walkers the right to deviate from the footpath and walk all over the farmer's land. The regulations are clear, walkers must keep to the footpath and dogs kept under reasonable control. The Parish Council and the Police have had cases reported to them of dog-walkers walking well away from the official footpath and allowing dogs to run wild, not surprisingly the farmer in question objects to this. We have the right to walk the footpaths but with that right comes the responsibility to respect the rights of the landowner.

**More for dog owners:** There have also been cases of dog-owners clearing up after their animals and then just dumping the bags of dog-mess in the hedges or throwing them into fields. Plastic bags take years to break down and not only remain an eyesore and a danger to wild-life, but could be fatal to cattle and horses who might ingest one. When you clean up after your dog, please take it home and dispose of it properly or use the bins provided around the village.

**Future initiatives:** Maybe there is life in Lower Broadheath after all! Plans are afoot to start a Short-mat Bowls Club and a Youth Club, both involving use of the Village Hall, (and the Bell for the short mat bowls.) The Village Hub, based in the Church should also be open by mid-summer. (see page 11 for more). Well done to all who are involved in setting up these initiatives – perhaps our community spirit is not dead after all.

Finally, a reminder that the Police can only take action on complaints of anti-social behaviour etc. if the person witnessing the act is willing to make a statement.

**Barbara Beard (Chairman)**  
**01905 640139**

**barbara@the-beards.co.uk**

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**01684 569864**

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## **MOTHERS AND TODDLERS**

Every Wednesday morning (during Term Time) at the Village Hall  
a Mother & Toddler session is held.

Toys and activities for the children—coffee for the mums.

**Jane Sampson 01905 64090**

## **SUNSHINE CLUB**

We have started the New Year meetings with Maggie Parker from Age Concern UK. For two months we have been shown gentle sitting down exercises to music. These are to help us keep supple. We were able to recognise the songs but too busy concentrating on the movements to sing along. Our meetings are every third Thursday in the month from 2—4pm At the Village Hall, unless we have a day out.

We enjoy a cup of tea with cake or biscuits and varied entertainment. A warm welcome is given to new members—come along and give us a try!

Jenny Stevens (Treasurer)



**Lower Broadheath  
SCHOOL FETE  
Saturday 11th June at 2pm**

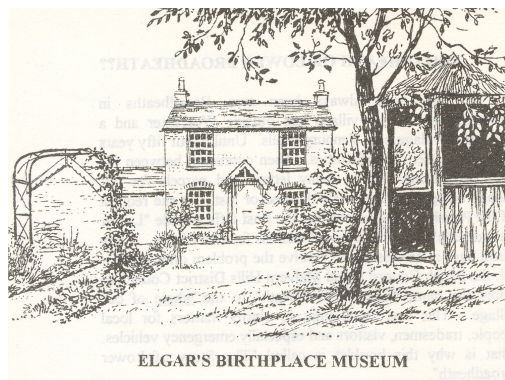
# NEWS FROM THE ELGAR BIRTHPLACE MUSEUM

It has been wonderful to see so many people at the Museum since the start of our 2011 season enjoying both our displays and attending our organised events. In fact our events have attracted a wide audience and have had been well received, especially the monthly talks by Dr Donald Hunt which is a new initiative for us. It was great fun to have “Mrs Ann Elgar” staying over the half term and 46 people took the opportunity to be shown around the Birthplace Cottage by her. The Worcestershire Schools concert on 6<sup>th</sup> March again produced a wonderful atmosphere with lots of children enjoying the music. But this is only the start and we have many more events planned for the rest of the year. You can find out more about these by either picking up an events leaflet at the Museum or if you would like to download the leaflet you can do this at <http://bit.ly/eMsmf8>. The leaflet lists not only our events but those organised by the **Elgar in Hereford Group** and the **West Midlands Branch of the Elgar Society**.

One future event which we are very excited about is the Birthday Concert on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 7.30pm. This year we have a piano recital by Di Xiao an emerging new talent. Known as Di Di, she has been described by the Birmingham Post as “a pianist of awesome gifts”, representing the UK in the major international recital tour “Rising Stars” in 2009 and has certainly made her mark since with one album “Di Xiao Presents” already released and a second “Journey” scheduled for release this year. This is an event not to be missed and tickets are available from our website or on 01905 333224.

Lastly I am very pleased to announce that our new web site is up and running at [www.elgarmuseum.org](http://www.elgarmuseum.org). If you have not already stumbled upon it, it has a fresh new look, more information, a new shop and is much easier to navigate. As with all new technology we may have a few problems on the site in the beginning but we are confident that the new site will better serve our visitors and researchers.

Mary Duffy  
Marketing



# LOWER BROADHEATH MEMORIAL HALL



## STOP PRESS

You can now visit [www.lbmh.btck.co.uk](http://www.lbmh.btck.co.uk) to find out what's going on at the Hall. Notices about Short Mat Bowls, Youth Club and Cannily, Cannily! - the next show on 20 May – are on the site. What's more you can order tickets, ask a question or just send a message.

## BOOKINGS

There is increasing demand to book the hall for children's parties (with or without bouncy castles), anniversary and birthday celebrations, christening and wedding receptions. Best to book early to avoid disappointment. Ring Alan now on 01905 640727 to check availability.

## ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

From this coming September there are opportunities for anyone to set up and run craft, language, exercise, technology or any other classes in a morning, afternoon or evening in the Hall. If you have a skill you wish to pass on, or you know someone else who has, now is the time to formulate the idea. It takes a little planning to get things organised and then to publicise such ventures, so now is the time to start the process ready for a start in September.

On the other hand it may be that you have a more social event in mind – tea dance, bridge or whist drive, debating society, book club, bingo, am dram, choir or music group.

**However...** you don't have to do it all on your own. We can help, advise and support. Either send us a message by going onto the website [www.lbmh.btck.co.uk](http://www.lbmh.btck.co.uk) and clicking **CONTACT US**, or ring Dag on 01905 641071.

Perhaps Obama's maxim is relevant here – **YES WE CAN!**

**FINALLY Has Lower Broadheath Got Talent?** If so, let's promote and present it in our village hall and make a show of it. Singers, dancers, comedians, jugglers, bands or whatever, we need to hear from you. See separate notice in this newsletter for details.

It is perhaps opportune to quote yet another US President at this point. **"Ask not what the village can do for me, but rather what can I do for the village"**

**Dag Smith, Chairman, Memorial Hall 01905 641071**

**To book Hall call Alan on 01905 640727**  
**Or e-mail at [willow1.williams@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:willow1.williams@tiscali.co.uk)**





# Horizon Lights

PRESENTS

## ***CANNILY, CANNILY!***

**A reet good neet of  
Geordie Music, Songs  
and Tall Stories**

LOWER BROADHEATH MEMORIAL HALL

**FRIDAY 20th MAY**

**at 8.00PM**

**TICKETS** (including light supper):

Adults £8 Children (14 or under) £6

**BOX OFFICE: 01905 641071**

*Restricted seats. Early booking advisable*

**BAR OPEN 7.30 pm**

### **HAS LOWER BROADHEATH GOT TALENT?**

It is hoped to put on a Lower Broadheath  
**'Who's got Talent Show'**  
towards the end of 2011 . Would you like to take part?  
If so ring Dag 01905 641071

# **BROADHEATH PRIMARY SCHOOL**

We hope you all had an enjoyable Easter. We ended the term with an Easter celebration in the Church during which the children sang a medley of Easter hymns interspersed with a passion playlet led by our Yr 3, 4 and 5 pupils and ending with Easter prayers written by Class 4 pupils.

Leading up to Easter pupils from Reception, Yr1 & 2 and children from the village pre-school enjoyed a visit by a puppeteer, sharing a story called 'The Fox's Tale' followed by practical workshops. Meanwhile, our older pupils visited the Alexandra theatre to watch Georges Marvelous Medicine as part of their Healthy Week activities. In addition we focussed on fitness and healthy lifestyle choices, personal hygiene, germs and viruses. We also held a Geography Day basing work on the local environment and mans impact on the wider world, this culminated in a Collective Worship celebration which was very well attended by parents. We celebrated National Book Day in style – several staff arrived dressed as 'the Mister Men' whilst pupils wore costumes demonstrating a wide range of literary heroes. Our maths trail project culminated in a successful celebration morning at the Cobb House, where Yr 5 pupils encouraged their parents to participate in maths trails that they had devised using the outdoor learning space. Class 3 finished the term with a healthy focus inviting parents to join them for a 'healthy picnic' which was also very well received.

We are very proud of our sporting achievements this term. Our Yr 4 children played football against pupils from Our Lady Queen of Peace Primary school which resulted in a draw then our under 11's secured a 3-2 win against Hallow Primary School and a 2-1 win against Great Witley. We have played in several tournaments coming 6 out of 10 teams in netball and getting to the Under 8's semi-final at The Grange, only just losing out to Kempsey by one goal.

We have been very busy fund raising this term: a mini project to support the World Wildlife Fund raising money for pandas reached a total of £56.00, whilst our Grand total for Red Nose Day exploits was £372.00. a big thank you to everyone who supported us. Four of our children: Callum, Emma Kate and Gabby were superb ambassadors for the school when we were invited to the D&T Eggstravaganza challenge St. Mary's School. Several of our pupils took part in the Spring Garden show, well done to Charlie, Max and Oliver for gaining a first with their spring garden and Ellie and Harvey for gaining highly recommended in recognition of their hard work.

We have had several visitors this term including Jan from the Fire Service, Open the Book and Justin from Worcester Wolves basketball team. Our most memorable visit was when Class 2 went to see the new pedestrian bridge between the Diglis Basin and Lower Wick (as part of their Megastructures theme), met the Mayor there and went back to the Guildhall with him for a tour and a bite to eat.

It is with sadness that we will be saying good bye to Mrs Suttie who has worked with the school for several years and brought lots of joy and laughter to the pupils and staff, we wish her well in her new venture.

We are conducting a feasibility study to gauge child care needs in the village with the possibility of providing a wrap around service. We have enclosed a covering letter and questionnaire with this newsletter and would be grateful if you could spend a few minutes completing it and returning it to school by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2011, thank you for your co-operation. (Further copies will be available from the school office).

**Sue Bennett. Head Teacher**



# **THE CHANTRY HIGH SCHOOL**

## **Extracts from the Spring 2011 Newsletter**

### **Academy Status**

In January, an overwhelming majority carried a vote by the Governing Body to pursue Academy status for the Chantry High School.

### **Goodbye and Hello**

Miss Hannah Welsh left the school in February 2011. She has been a member of the English department for two years and will be missed by everyone.

Miss Tania Christodoulides (English), Mr Mike Cadwallader (Mathematics) and Moira Russell (Lunchtime Supervisor) joined the school this year where it is hoped that they will be very happy.

### **Drama**

'Rick's Place', the school production based on Casablanca is progressing well. Performances take place on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> April 2011. Tickets have sold very quickly.

### **PE**

**Street Dance**, for girls and boys, was launched in February. Professional dancers provided the instruction and all participants had loads of fun.

**Badminton Club**, for years 7 and 8 students, commenced in March as an after school activity.

The **District Cross Country Championship** saw seven girls in the junior category qualify for the County Race at Hereford in February.

### **Library Learning Centre**

**Read International**, a charity that collects and distributes books to Tanzania, is coming to the Chantry to promote the work that it does. The school has supported this charity for some time and currently there are 25 boxes of books awaiting collection from the school.

### **Enterprise Challenge**

A team of year 9 pupils has been selected to represent The Chantry at MAZAK Enterprises. Chantry pupils will compete against teams from Herefordshire and Worcestershire in the form of meeting deadlines, co-operation and leadership skills.

### **Hereford Bus**

Hereford Sixth Form College has confirmed that quotations have been received for the provision of a bus service between Martley (calling at Great Witley) and the Sixth Form College from the start of the next academic year.

### **Chantry Geology Conservation Area Project**

The Geology Conservation area is taking shape and will be included in the Martley Geology trail that takes in the local Geology on a seven-mile walk around the village. Volunteers are being sought to level viewing areas, plug holes and erect interpretation boards.

### **Paula Weaver**

As I am writing this 8 of our brownies are busy packing as we are going on a four day stay to 'PGL', in Shropshire. We are all excited, we will be taking part in: aeroballing, abseiling, Zip wire (last year was over a lake!), kayaking and much more. I will tell you more in the next newsletter!

The girls have gained their Toymaker badge and World Cultures Badge, some of the girls have gained their swimming and dancing badges. Well done to you all.

In March, we entered two teams into 'The Pat Fowler Challenge', both teams worked well together and it was great to see. The one team achieved 5<sup>th</sup> and the other 2<sup>nd</sup>. Well done to all who took part. Next year, hopefully a first, as I think the theme is Olympics!

We have welcomed Holly Jenkins, Paige Bullock, Poppy Harris, Jessica Bryan, Esme Bayliss, Maya, Yasmine Brooks and Jessica Waddington to the pack. They were all enrolled on the last week of the Spring term.

We also awarded the Brownie Bi-annual award, again to Hermione Dunaway, as a Sixer she has taken her role seriously and helps all her group achieve their target. Well done Hermione!

In the Summer term the girls are going to be working towards more badges. We are hoping to be outside more if the weather is kind.

We have booked Alfrick village hall again for a weekend away, the girls need to help pick a theme, maybe pampering ourselves? Who knows what they would choose.

If you have a daughter who is aged 7 – 10 years old and would like to be a Brownie then please phone:

Carole Edmonds 01905 640740

Angi Stones 01905 421994

Sheila Hassell 01886 889124

## THANK YOU.....

to Rachael and Simon Hodgetts , their family & friends, for all their hard and successful work in running the COMMUNITEA Party on March 27th. Not only did they raise £264 each for the church and Concern Universal, they provided the village with a happy community event!

## UPDATE ON THE 'VILLAGE HUB'

The hard work and perseverance involved in applying for grant funding has been rewarded !

We have been awarded grants from two bodies -

**Worcestershire LEADER**

&

**Severn Waste**



The funding from these grants will pay for half of the amount required for both the building works and the fittings for the 'Hub'. The remaining monies have been provided by our fundraising events, (which include last Village Appeal and at the two 'Shindig' shows), together with a substantial amount of 'rainy-day' money from our church funds. This is a community project for the benefit of Lower Broadheath and is funded as such.

At the moment we are finalising various contracts and the permissions needed before the building work starts. These permissions have been agreed and now just need completing. The main building works consist of construction of an adaptable toilet and a kitchenette. We had hoped to be able to start work in May, but now June appears to be more realistic and we are told that it will take around 6 weeks to complete.

This Village Hub will be open free to the public 5 days a week ,for approximately 7 hours a day. It is planned to provide non-alcoholic drinks , a café style layout , a mini-Library ( supported by Malvern Library service), and an Information board etc..

In addition , an upstairs Meeting room will be available to local organisations for their use , during and after Hub opening hours.

**We need Volunteers to act as hosts/hostesses to man the Hub. Please let us know if you can spare one half day (or more) on a regular basis**

**Mike Beard 640139 Peter Mathews 641909**

# SERVICES AT BROADHEATH CHURCH

May 1st at 10am  
West Worcester Communion at  
St Clement's

|          |      |                               |
|----------|------|-------------------------------|
| May 8th  | 11am | Worship for All               |
| May 15th | 11am | Family Communion with Baptism |
| May 22nd | 11am | Morning Service               |

May 29th at 10am  
Benefice Communion at  
St David's

|           |      |                  |
|-----------|------|------------------|
| June 5th  | 11am | Parish Communion |
| June 12th | 11am | Worship for All  |
| June 19th | 11am | Family Communion |
| June 26th | 11am | Morning Service  |

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| July 1st  | 11am | Parish Communion |
| July 8th  | 11am | Pet Service      |
| July 15th | 11am | Family Communion |
| July 22nd | 11am | Morning Service  |

July 29th at 10am  
Benefice Communion at  
St Clement's

## FROM THE REGISTERS

### BAPTISMS

20th March      Ava Elizabeth Quine  
                         Chloe Isobel Littlewood

### FUNERALS

13th April      Kathleen Mary Hilton

**COFFEE MORNING**  
**Tuesday May 17th 10 –12noon**  
**at 26 Hallow Lane**  
**Raffle, Bring & Buy, Cakes**  
**Admission £1**

**PET SERVICE**  
July 8th at 11am on Vicarage Green  
BRING YOUR PETS LARGE OR SMALL

**CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

|                      |                           |                     |
|----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Rector</b>        | <b>Rev Sherry Bloomer</b> | <b>01905 339455</b> |
| <b>Churchwardens</b> | <b>Mr Michael Beard</b>   | <b>01905 640139</b> |
|                      | <b>Mr Colin Kennard</b>   | <b>01905 640776</b> |
| <b>Reader</b>        | <b>Mrs Barbara Beard</b>  | <b>01905 640139</b> |



**COFFEE & CHAT**

**Every Tuesday 9.30—11.30am**  
**In Church**

**For everyone—young and the not so  
young**

*Still going strong after 13 years !*



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Go to [www.lowerbroadheath.uchange4better.co.uk](http://www.lowerbroadheath.uchange4better.co.uk)

Uchange4better do not use opera singers, retired politicians or meerkats, they do not advertise, instead they prefer to work with not-for-profit organisations and make payments to those organisations whose members use the service.

# FRIENDS OF CHRIST CHURCH



What a relief! The cold winter has passed and summer will soon be here. How more sprightly we feel, giving us a renewed energy to cope with our daily routine.

As friends of Christ Church, a small part of our routine is to raise funds for the benefit of necessary repairs etc which may be required to keep our church and churchyard in good order. I am pleased to report that our secretary, Mrs Florence Rees, has organised a successful Winter quiz which raised a total of £290, helping to keep our cash balance on an even keel. Congratulations to the winner, Mr Pete Maclaren and thanks to those who took part.

Recently Margaret and Colin Kennard—committee members—organised a skittles evening at the Bell Inn. This was an enjoyable event and raised £162. Our thanks to those who helped in various ways and to those people who donated raffle prizes.

Our Annual General Meeting takes place on Wednesday 8th June. Nominations are needed for the committee and should be sent to Mrs F Rees by Wednesday 18th May.

We are a small organisation and are always looking for new members who wish to see the church in the village kept in a good condition. You will be made most welcome. The Annual Subscription remains at £10 or £20 for two persons.

**Eddie Hobday Vice Chairman 01905 640061**

FRIENDS OF CHRIST CHURCH  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
Wednesday 8th June 7pm for 7.30pm  
In Small Hall at the Village Hall.  
ALL ARE WELCOME





## NATIONAL FAMILY WEEK

National Family Week runs from Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May to Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2011, and now with it being in its third year of running, National Family Week is the biggest annual celebration of families and family life in the UK. National Family Week is backed by all major political parties and over 180 national and thousands of not-for-profit organisations showcasing their work and support of families in their community, throughout the country and around the world.

The week creates a wealth of opportunity for families to spend time together and works with brand partners and a network of not-for-profit organisations to provide fun activities and useful resources that actively combat the biggest barriers to positive family life. National Family Week 2010 saw over 5,000 events take place all over the country attracting more than 500,000 family members.

Teme Valley Children's Centre are holding three family picnics over half term in 3 different locations for families and all to attend. There will be lots of fun games and activities for families to take part in together, as well as time to enjoy a nice picnic lunch. The picnic events will be at The Burgage, Tenbury on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May, Clifton Playing Fields on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June and Lower Broadheath playing field on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2011. If you would like more details on National Family Week or about the picnics then please contact the children's centre on 01886 812982 or at [sam.billingham@barnardos.org.uk](mailto:sam.billingham@barnardos.org.uk).



### **GARDEN FETE**

Once again this year, a small garden fete is being held at **Torrington, Bell Lane** (almost opposite The Dewdrop), on Saturday afternoon 25 June from 2pm to 4.30pm. There will be a wide range of activities, stalls, & other attractions for all ages. All proceeds will go to Worcester Elim Church's continuing support for projects in Brazil and Honduras to feed & educate needy children. Donations of bric-a-brac & good clothing for sale will be very much appreciated, & can be brought to Torrington any time during the previous week. Past events have each raised over £500 on the day, which makes a tremendous & much appreciated contribution towards meeting great needs in those deprived communities. Everyone very welcome, & thanks so much.

# LOWER BROADHEATH

Our planned speaker for February let us down a few days before our meeting but we managed to get Mrs Noble who gave us a very interesting talk about Edward VIII and Mrs Simpson.

February was also the month of the annual quiz against the gardening club. We think the gardening club had deliberately come up with the hardest questions they could find! Scoring was very low. However they also found them difficult and we won by 2 points.

In March Mrs Annette Francis talked about and gave us a demonstration of Pyro-graphic Art. She is a very talented lady. A few of us 'had a go'

In April Mr Chris Smith talked to us about his journey 'UK to Beijing—by bicycle'

Future meetings:

May 16th National resolutions

June 20th (7pm) Boules & BBQ

July 18th 'Free Range' taking the packaging from our food. Mrs Liz Smith

Visitors and prospective members are always welcome at any of our meetings on third Monday of the month at 7.45pm at the Village Hall. Just come along or ring the Chairman 640139 or secretary 640776

**Joyce Wilson**



## *Letter from New Zealand*

*British television and newspapers will have shown you the severe damage done in Christchurch in mid February. Many people were buried and it will cost a fantastic amount of money to rebuild shops, factories, schools and houses in a wide area.*

*Most of the trees in New Zealand are evergreen and I miss the beautiful autumn colours of the trees and shrubs in England. It will soon be winter but luckily in Wellington we never see snow. I hope you enjoy a warm summer. Best wishes.*

*Dorothy Ricketts*

At our April meeting we were delighted to welcome back our President Florence Rees following her illness.

Members had very much enjoyed their visit to the Swan Theatre to see Great Witley Operatic Society's performance of the Gondoliers.

We continue to be entertained by excellent speakers on varied topics.

In February Sandy Cale, an official guide for Worcester Walking Tours, dressed in a white gown and bonnet of the period, gave a memorable and fascinating talk on Georgian Worcester. This was enhanced by lovely slides shown by her husband. We were inspired to be more observant of our remaining heritage of beautiful buildings and to be proud of the most prominent and renowned Guildhall.

Another special talk by Mr R Hurcomb entitled 'A Man Worth his Salt' was the enthralling life story of John Corbett. Although connected to French aristocracy, he rose from a more modest family background in England, to great wealth and prominence as a benefactor and philanthropist. He was mainly responsible for the development of Droitwich into a thriving Spa town which began with building better houses for his salt workers. After this, he created the Chateau Impney, which took 7 years to build, for his wife, from whom he later became sadly estranged. He also converted mansions he owned into the Raven Hotel (named after his ancestral crest of ravens). The former Worcestershire Hotel and the Brine Baths complex.

The latest speaker, Dr M Mylechreest informed us of the various Trustees, Sponsors, Management and future of Gardens in Trust and gave a very interesting narration to a continuous projection of beautiful slides.

We are pleased to welcome anyone interested and able to join us. Meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 2.30pm in Broadheath Memorial Hall. Further details from Secretary, Gillian Love 01905 428255

**Daphne Hopkins**

# GARDENING SOCIETY



I wish I could say it was because I had to be away on the Monday evening of the Annual Quiz between the Society and the W.I. that accounted for yet another defeat for us by that group of intrepid ladies. How do they manage to master the art of instant recall so readily? It must be a gender thing! Enough excuses: congratulations to the W. I. for yet another win and a warning: I shall be back next year! The March meeting featured the usual Daffodil Competition. The joint winners of the Carwood Cup were Terry and Jill Witherall whose splendid blooms managed to outshine the other 17 competitors. The overall standard, as commented upon by our specialist speaker, was very high. Vic Aspland gave a fascinating talk on "Bulbs Through the Year". I became a little uneasy when after 35 minutes he had still only reached the month of March, but need not have worried; there are fewer bulbs for the summer and autumn than there are for spring! There were some wonderful slides and excellent advice. For example: always try and procure bulbs that have just been lifted and can be transplanted whilst still damp. Dry bulbs do not do as well, and yet we are all used to buying bulbs when they are dry! (This is particularly true of snowdrops which should not be planted when dry but when they are in leaf i.e. now!)

The big excitement was the Spring Show. Masterminded by John Steel as a new venture for the Society, there was some trepidation about the possible interest that would be generated. We need not have worried. Given that this was an experiment, it was very well supported and the perfume from the spring flowers which greeted one on entry to the Hall was an experience not to be missed. The afternoon was made all the more rewarding because of the really fabulous afternoon teas provided by the ladies from the church. What could possibly be better than homemade scones with jam and cream and a large slice of cake? I, for one, was in heaven! To complete the experience, Keith Boulton had a large selection of high quality spring and summer plants for sale. The Society is particularly grateful to 'The Bell', 'The Dewdrop', Heath Nurseries, Nina's Hairdressing, Anita Houlson Cakes and Broadheath Stores for their sponsorship and donations.

For the first time, the committee was delighted to have a large number of entries from Broadheath Primary School and this is a trend we should like to encourage. We shall shortly be reviewing the whole process of the Spring Show; if readers would care to make any suggestions which would help us to make it even better next year, please contact either John Norton or myself.

Our meetings in June and July are always visits to other gardens. On the 13th June, there is a coach trip to Powis Castle and Gardens; and on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> July, there is an evening visit to Wolferlow House, Upper Sapey, which includes an evening meal. If any non-member is interested in joining us for either or both of these visits you would be very welcome; please contact me on 640096.

Ian Edynbry, (Honorary Secretary).

**ANNUAL SHOW SEPTEMBER 3RD**  
**VEGETABLE AND FRUIT CATEGORY.**  
**CLASSES 1-29**

(Please state type or variety where possible)

1. Five potatoes (one variety)
2. Three carrots (one variety)
3. One marrow (Max.12" long)
4. Five tomatoes, indoor
5. Five tomatoes, outdoor
6. Five cherry tomatoes
7. Six runner beans
8. Three onions (dressed) State seed or set
9. One specimen leek
10. Three beetroot
11. One cucumber
12. Three courgettes (Max. 6" long)
13. One each of three kinds of vegetables
14. An unusual-shaped vegetable
15. An unusual kind of vegetable
16. Five shallots (Pickling size)
17. Bunch of mixed culinary herbs
18. Longest runner bean
19. Heaviest Marrow
20. Heaviest pumpkin
21. Twelve damsons on a plate
22. Six raspberries on a plate
23. Six berries, one variety (not raspberries) on a plate
24. Five plums
25. Three cooking apples
26. Three desert apples
27. Three dessert pears
28. An unusual fruit(s), one variety
29. A bunch of grapes

**FLOWER CATEGORY CLASSES 30—50**

- 30 A single gladiolus stem in a vase (any variety)
- 31 Three stems of dahlias (one variety)
- 32 Three stems of perennials (one variety, excluding dahlias)
- 33 Three stems of annuals (one variety)
- 34 One vase of three roses (any varieties)
- 35 Specimen rose in specimen vase
- 36 Single flower in specimen vase, excluding gladioli and roses
- 37 Three stems of foliage, all different (Min.6", max. 24" in length)
- 38 Pot plant in flower (Not orchid—see class 41)
- 39 Pot plant in foliage
- 40 A cactus or succulent
- 41 An orchid

- 42 A plate of floating fuchsia blooms
- 42 A selection of hosta foliage
- 44 A patio container with flowers in bloom
- 45 Three hydrangea blooms
- 46 Five stems of geraniums
- 47 Three stems of sedum
- 48 An indoor conservatory plant
- 49 A climbing plant
- 50 A trailing plant

**MAXIMUM POT SIZE IN ALL CLASSES 38-41 IS TWELVE INCHES**

### **FLORAL ART CATEGORY CLASSES 51—54**

***All exhibits to be viewed from the front. Accessories permitted***

- 51 An arrangement of five flowers and foliage Space allowed 20" X 20" No height limit
- 52 An arrangement in a watering can. No space restrictions
- 53 'Party Piece' . An arrangement for a party buffet table. Max. dimensions 24" x 24"
- 54 FOR JUNIORS (up to 16 years) ONLY  
'Party Fun'. Use your imagination (and accessories) to create an exciting, colourful design. Space allowed: 50cms x 50cms

### **DOMESTIC CATEGORY CLASSES 55—70**

- 55 One small bottle of homemade fruit gin (Propriety gin may be used)
- 56 A 1lb (approx) jar of orange marmalade
- 57 A 1lb (approx) jar of any other marmalade
- 58 A 1lb (approx) jar of strawberry jam
- 59 A 1lb (approx) jar of raspberry jam
- 60 A 1lb (approx) jar of any other jam
- 61 A small pot of lemon curd
- 62 A small pot of chutney
- 63 Six flapjacks
- 64 A decorated chocolate sponge cake. 7"-8" diameter
- 65 Five cheese scones
- 66 Five decorated cup cakes
- 67 A pizza. 6"-8" diameter
- 68 A shortbread 6"-7" diameter
- 69 A treacle tart approx 7" diameter
- 70 Banana bread

*In the interests of hygiene, classes 63-70 should be on a plate/dish and suitably clear-covered.*



## **CREATIVE CATEGORY CLASSES 71—79**

- 71 Embroidery—any type—any article
- 72 An embroidered picture—any type of embroidery
- 73 A picture—any medium (except embroidery)
- 74 Any knitted item
- 75 A woodcraft item
- 76 A greetings card (maximum size 7" x 9")
- 77 An original poem, six lines, on an aspect of gardening
- 78 An animal made from vegetable(s) and/or flowers (which may be purchased.)

## **PHOTOGRAPHY CATEGORY CLASSES 80—89**

- 80 A portrait of a flower
- 81 An urban scene
- 82 A view
- 83 A tree or shrub
- 84 A winter scene
- 85 A portrait of a person
- 86 In the Garden
- 87 On holiday
- 88 A summer scene
- 89 An animal

## **JUDGES SCORING (ALL CLASSES)**

Points are awarded for each class as follows:

1st.:4 points 2nd: 3 points 3rd: 2 points 4th: 1 pointA 1lb (approx)

**Broadheath Stores**  
**Tel 01905 640203**  
**Post Office Counter Opening Times**  
**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9.00 am to 5.30 pm**  
**(closed 1.00 pm to 2.00 pm)**  
**Wednesday 9.00 am to 1.00 pm,**  
**Saturday 9.00 am to 12.30 pm**

### **ROBUS CLUB OF WORCESTER WEST**

This is a club for retired professional and businessmen and whose catchment area mainly covers the westside of the river. Probus clubs were originally formed so that such people could meet others with similar interests and maintain an active life during retirement. We meet on a Tuesday morning when we have an interesting programme of speakers, either from our own members or from outside the club. We also arrange social occasions when wives and partners are invited. If you would like to know more about the club please call me on 01905 640543.

John Harrison

### **BROADWAS CROQUET CLUB**

Commencing on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May the club will be having open evenings every Friday 5-8pm to introduce you to the game and the club. All are welcome equipment is available.

If you are interested in a game please call John Steel 01905 641311

**BLUEBELL COUNTRY RIDE WICHENFORD**  
**(next to church**  
**In aid of St Richard's Hospice and local charities**  
**11 mile pleasure ride**  
**Enquiries [gblwichenford@aol.com](mailto:gblwichenford@aol.com)**



# **WHAT'S ON IN LOWER BROADHEATH**

**See inside for more details**

## **MAY**

**17th May      Coffee Morning at 26 hallow Lane**

**20th May      Cannily, Cannily at Village Hall**

## **JUNE**

**8th June Friends of Christ Church AGM at Hall**

**11th June      School fete**

**25th June Garden fete at Torrington**

## **JULY**

**8th July Pet Service on Vicarage Green**

# **LIST OF USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

## **Parish Council**

Chairman: Barbara Beard, Tel 01905 640139

Clerk: Mike Davis Tel 01684 569864

Vice Chairman: Paul Simmonds. Tel 01905 640122

## **Other Members:**

Roger Bass 01905 641105 Miranda Davies. 01905 333562

Alan Forrest. 01905 333258 Neil Fox 07767672471

Adrian Parry. 01905 640589 Julie Plant. 01905 333253

Veronica Swinburn. 01905 333358 Maurice Wedd. 01905 640861

## **Malvern Hills District Council Members:**

Don Hull 01905 425136

Aubrey Tarbuck 01905 640849

## **Worcestershire County Council Member:**

Alwyn Davies. 01886 888263

## **West Mercia Police:**

Sarah-Ransome Williams 0300 3333000 Ext 66610

## **Schools:**

Broadheath Cof E Primary School. 01905 640285

Chantry High School, Martley. 01886 887100

Lower Broadheath Pre-School 07929432266/07879645942

## **Local Councils:**

Malvern Hills District Council. 01684 862151

Worcestershire County Council. 01905 763763

## **Memorial Hall**

Alan Williams 01905 640727

## **Mobile Library**

The County Mobile Library visits  
Broadheath on a Monday every 3 weeks

'The Bell' 10.20 –10.50 Crown Meadow 11.00 –11.30  
Grange Road 11.35—11.50 Peachley Gardens 11.55—12.15  
Future dates: 23rd May, 13th June, 4th & 25th July

