



# Broadway Newsletter

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## Wychavon Parish Games - Your Village Needs you!!

The Parish Games, organised by Wychavon Sport, were started in 1978 and have been going from strength to strength ever since, with a number of new events added. The Games are entered by Parishes or Electoral Wards within Wychavon and participants must live within the Parish/Ward they are representing.



There are 2 types of event:

**One-Day Events:** Angling; Bell Boating; Bowls; Cross Country; Men's Five-a-Side Football; Petanque; Ladies' Rounders; Junior Table Tennis; and Senior Table Tennis.

**Knock-Out Events:** Crib; Ladies' Darts; Men's Darts; Dominoes; Pool; and Skittles.

In a typical year 15 events are organised over a 4 month period from June to October; 35 Parishes enter and over 1000 participants compete. Trophies, many of which have been in existence since the start of the Games, are awarded to the winners and runners up in each event, with the much-coveted Silver Salver being awarded to the overall winners.

Broadway has been taking part for the last 16 years and the highest place we have achieved so far is 4th. This year with your help we can do much better than that.

The dates for the **One-Day Events** are as follows:-

- Bell Boating:** Sat 24 June
- Ladies' Rounders:** Sun 2 July
- Five-A-Side:** Sun 9 July
- Petanque:** Sun 23 July
- Cross Country:** Mon 17 July (evening)
- Angling:** Sat 16 Sept
- Table Tennis:** Sun 8 Oct
- Bowls:** Sun 27 Aug

The **Knock-Out Events** commence late August through to October.

If you are interested in taking part in any of these events please contact Joan Parfitt on 01386 858714 or [jmparfitt43@gmail.com](mailto:jmparfitt43@gmail.com). The events we usually struggle to find participants for are Bell Boating, Cross Country, Ladies' Rounders and Junior Table Tennis.

**Don't leave it to others; be proud to live in the most beautiful village in the Cotswolds and ensure we end up CHAMPION PARISH this year!**

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## Broadway Station Update

The station building brickwork is nearing completion, with just some of the detail above the windows to be finished before the final courses can be laid. The internal blockwork is complete and all the ceiling joists are now in place. Fabrication of the steel roof trusses at the steam locomotive department at Toddington continues, and in order to speed up the delivery, a contract has been placed with an outside fabricator to make some of the sections.

Following the clearance of surplus materials from the northern end of the site during March, members of the railway's Permanent Way Department moved in to survey the area in preparation for laying an initial layer of ballast. This commenced at the end of March. At the same time preparations have been made to move our portacabins and storage containers from platform 1. Once this is clear we will be able to install the remaining lamp posts and conduct preparation work for surfacing. At the other end of the site, spear fencing is being erected on the top of the embankment at the rear of platform 1 and kerb installation for the footpath along the edge of the driveway continues.

The new track has reached Peasebrook Farm, and the trackbed has been ballasted up to the Childswickham Road bridge. At the end of April contractors are due to start work on stabilising the embankment between the Evesham Road and Childswickham Road.

### Open evening

This will take place on Friday 26 May from 6.30 to 8.30pm. Visitors will have the opportunity to view progress and speak to some of the volunteer workers. There will be a raffle, bar and barbecue. Because of work in progress on the site, the layout will be different this year. Therefore, **PLEASE** come on foot if you can. If you need to come by car, please park at the Childswickham Road car park. There will be a shuttle bus service between this car park and the site. On site there will be limited parking available for blue badge holders only.

For those of you with internet access who want to keep abreast of progress on a regular basis, a blog detailing our work at the station can be found at: <http://broadwaystationgroup.blogspot.co.uk> and a blog giving details of the track laying can be found at: <http://broadwayextensionblog.blogspot.co.uk>

## Broadway Players - Wizard of Oz



Broadway's Am-Dram group, the Broadway Players, is delighted to announce that its next production will be the RSC musical version of Wizard of Oz to be staged at the end of November/beginning of December.

The Broadway Players will host a preview meeting at the Lifford Hall on Sunday, 7th May from 2.00p.m. to discuss the production and hand out audition material. All those interested in taking part, whether on stage or backstage, are warmly invited to attend. Auditions for the cast will take place on Thursday, 11th May from 6.00p.m. For further information contact Lesley Wood on 01386 853530.

### MARY GRAHAM – MRS CHARLES WADE



Charles Wade, the owner of Snowhill Manor, eventually married in 1946 when he was 63 years old. His bride was Mary Gore Graham who was 20 years younger. She

worked in Broadway at Gordon Russell Limited, during the war, in the section which made model aeroplanes for training members of the Royal Observer Corps in aircraft recognition. Later, she helped at St Patrick's, the tearoom in the building now occupied by the Deli. Her home, while she was living in Broadway, was Fairview on the Green near the Swan.

She met Charles Wade when she went to look around the garden on one of the open days held in the summer of 1945. Their friendship blossomed and they were married at Cheltenham Register Office the following year. Charles Wade died in 1953 but Mary lived on until she was 97. She didn't want to stay at the Manor, which was by then being run by the National Trust. Although she had the right to remain there, instead, she moved briefly to the Lygon Arms and then to the Broadway Hotel. Her last move was to Brompton House, where she died in 1999.

As a volunteer at Snowhill Manor, I know that the National Trust is enthusiastic about bringing its properties alive by telling the story of the people who lived in them. If anyone has any information about Mary and her time in Broadway, I'd love to hear from you. Please email me:

[wakelindp@uwclub.net](mailto:wakelindp@uwclub.net)

### HOW TO SUBMIT:

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# BROADWAY MUSEUM & ART GALLERY

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## WOULD LIKE YOUR SUPPORT

After years of lobbying we have a Museum which tells the story of Broadway. Starting with archaeology, we follow Broadway's evolution as an important centre for the wool trade, in Medieval times. Coaching in the 17th century compensated for the decline of the prosperous wool trade but with the introduction of the railways the village fell into decline. The colony of artists, agriculture and, more recently, antiques and the hospitality trade have brought prosperity, in a different way, to Broadway.

We need your help to retain and progress with the history of our village:

**Through Friends** - ask for a form [friends@broadwaymuseum.org.uk](mailto:friends@broadwaymuseum.org.uk): add gift aid.

**Through events** - support us – email [events@broadwaymuseum.org.uk](mailto:events@broadwaymuseum.org.uk) or pop in for our events diary - there are talks every month and special events such as Wool Day on 23rd September 2017.

**Through learning** - sign up for our drawing class in the Art Department every Tuesday: [events@broadwaymuseum.org.uk](mailto:events@broadwaymuseum.org.uk)

**Buy a present** - our shop has a wide range of quality gifts.

**Become a volunteer** - join our loyal band – training is given and outings arranged: [volunteers@broadwaymuseum.org.uk](mailto:volunteers@broadwaymuseum.org.uk)

**Donate** - in the zig zag donation box in the shop or larger gifts (much appreciated) through [admin@broadwaymuseum.org.uk](mailto:admin@broadwaymuseum.org.uk). Think about a Legacy donation.

**Apply** - to be an operation assistant on days to suit – £7.50 per hour, regular work with holiday pay. Full training is given.

We are a charity run entirely with the support of visitors, the village, friends and donors. Special exhibitions and outreach to schools are funded by donations and grants. Please help in any way you can. There is so much more we want to do.

**STOP PRESS...** The Bredon Hoard (Roman coins) will be an exhibit from 8th April 2017.



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# What's On - Regular Events:

Mon-Fri term time 8am-5:30pm  
 Mon-Fri term time 9am-3pm  
 Mon/Tues/Wed t/time

Little Heroes Breakfast, Preschool and Afterschool club; Natalie 01386 853337  
 Broadway & Towerview Playschool, Jude 01386 853780 / **07922025902**  
 Aria Dance Company, classes for ages 5-17; Broadway Youth Club, Arianna 07951277847

## MONDAY

Mon 9:15 & 10:30am  
 Mon 10am-1pm  
 Mon 11-11:30am  
 Mon 5:00pm AND 7:00pm  
 Mon 7:00-8:30pm  
 Mon 7:00-8:30pm  
 3rd Mon 2:30pm

Cotswold Pilates; Methodist Church Hall, Michele 07929 035262  
 Signpost for help & information; 4 Russell Square, Broadway 01386 859029  
 Bounce & Rhyme for babies; Broadway Library, 01905 822722  
 Slimming World, Double Session; Lifford Hall, Emma 07762 740237  
 Girl Guides (ages 10-14) term time only; Ruth Jones 01789 772328  
 Yoga; Broadway 1st School, Marion Moore 01386 853715  
 Broadway Library Readers ; Broadway Library, Leamington Rd, 01905 822722

## TUESDAY

Tues 9:15am  
 Tues 9:30am  
 Tues 10am-1pm  
 Tues 10:15am-4:30pm  
 Tues 1-2pm t/time  
 Tues 4-8pm  
 Tues 6.30-8pm  
 Tues 6:45-9pm  
 1st Tues of the month 2-4pm  
 2nd Tues 8:30am  
 2nd Tues 10:00-11:00am  
 3rd Tues 8:45 am  
 Last Tues 7:30pm

Pilates@Childswickham village hall, info & other classes Tess 07815 949970  
 Cotswold Pilates; Methodist Church Hall, Michele 07929 035262  
 Signpost for help & information; 4 Russell Square, 01386 859029  
 Arts courses; Broadway Museum & Art Gallery, 65 High St, Broadway, 01386 859047  
 Parent & Toddler Group: Apple Vale Children's Centre, Jude 01386 853780/07922 025902  
 Relate (by appointment); Signpost 4 Russell Square, 01386 859029  
 T'ai Chi – Chen style, suitable for all; URC Hall Broadway, Val 07779 746346  
 Broadway Whist Drive Club; The Court, Russell's Estate, Patricia 01386 853110  
 Table Games Afternoon for all ages+Refreshments; URC Hall Mark 07949 296738  
 Breakfast Book Group; Russell's Restaurant, Elizabeth 01386 858588  
 Short Walks; from The Court Back Lane, followed by coffee, Kim 07854717430  
 Book Club; Margaret 01386 852120  
 Broadway Natural History Society; Methodist Hall, 01386 852747

## WEDNESDAY

Wed 10am-12 Noon  
 Wed 10am-4pm  
 Wed 6:00-7:15pm  
 Wed 7-8:30pm  
 Wed 7:30-9:00pm  
 Alt Wed 2-4pm  
 Alt Wed 2-4pm  
 1st Wed 7:30pm  
 2nd Wed 7:30pm  
 3rd Wed 2:30pm

Knitting Circle; Tisanes Tearooms High St Broadway, Pat 01386 852444  
 Bric a Brac stall; Broadway (GWR) Station, John 01386 584366  
 Broadway Beavers (ages 6-8); Anne 01386 830505  
 Yoga to Relax & Revive; All welcome, Lifford Hall, Enqs Aston 01386 870893  
 Broadway Music Makers Rehearsal; URC Hall, Martin 01242 603553  
 Neighbours online, Computer and Internet classes; URC hall, Mark 07949 296738  
 Family History Sessions; Broadway Library, 01905 822722  
 Childswickham Women's Institute; Childswickham Memorial Hall, Innes Cole 01386 852740  
 Savvy - social, informal networking for professionals; The Swan Broadway, 01386 853339  
 Broadway Library Readers; Broadway Library, Leamington Rd, 01905 822722

## THURSDAY

Thurs 10am-1pm  
 Thurs 10:30am-12noon  
 Thurs 2-4pm  
 Thurs 6:30-8pm  
 Thurs 6-8pm  
 Most Thurs 8:45pm  
 1st Thurs 10:00am-1pm  
 1st Thurs 3-4pm  
 Last Thurs 1-3pm

Signpost for help & information; 4 Russell Square, 01386 859029  
 Look After Yourself, Exercise to music & Tai Chi; URC hall info Mark 07949 296738  
 Today's Our Day, people with dementia & companions; URC hall, Mark 07949 296738  
 Broadway Cub Scouts (ages 8-10); Anne 01386 830505  
 Broadway Youth Club (ages 5-19); at Broadway Youth Centre, 01386 853013  
 Live Music (Jazz/Blues); The Crown & Trumpet, 01386 853202  
 Broadway Embroidery Group; Methodist Hall, Gill 01386 830604  
 Cancer Support Group; Signpost, 4 Russell Square, 01386 859029  
 Citizens Advice Bureau (appointment advised); Signpost, 4 Russell Square, 01386 859029

## FRIDAY

Fri 6:30-7pm  
 Fri 6:30-8:00pm term time  
 2nd Fri 10am-12noon

Metafit & 7-7:30pm Piyo; both @ Childswickham village hall, For info Tess 07815 949970  
 Pilots – fun & activities in a Christian environment ages 4-18, info tel. Mark 07949 296738  
 N. Cots U3A Garden Group;; Childswickham V.Hall, Pat Poulter 01386 852720

## SATURDAY

Sat 10am-4pm

Bric a Brac stall; Broadway (GWR) Station, John 01386 584366

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### That's all folks.....

Listening to a programme on Radio 4 recently (22 February 2017, 'Today'), about the dreaded subject, the interviewee suggested that aggressive actions and sanctions were not the best solution. These deterrents include little flags indicating the location of sh\*\* (Boston Lincs), p\*\*p in the post (Spain) or money off the Council Tax for reporting/ filming dogs (Liverpool). Radio 4 talked about 'good not bad' approach being the best. This means respecting your neighbours and community. So, in a final appeal, I encourage you to pick up your dog's mess, please.



This is my last tract. Thank you to all those who have phoned, sent emails or stopped me in the street to say how much you have enjoyed my articles. Clinch 1 and 2 are following a new path, one without any dog p\*\*p, I hope! Best Wishes

Joan Clinch



I was shocked to receive a letter today from Lloyds Bank, advising that they intend to close the Broadway branch on 12th Sept this year.

You will probably have received the same letter. For more detailed information, go to [lloydsbank.com/branchreview](http://lloydsbank.com/branchreview) where you will find a 2 page letter, detailing various figures about the usage of the bank facilities. I find it difficult to believe some of their assertions, such as their estimate of the number of people using the branch on a regular weekly basis.

I have registered a complaint with Lloyds Bank, and I would encourage you all to do the same. If enough people complain, then it may persuade them to change their mind about the closure.

Neil Hilton

### CHURCH SERVICES

✠ **St Michael's C of E:** 1st, 3rd, 5th Sun 10.30am; 2nd & 4th Sundays 8am and 10.30am; Wed 11am.

**St Saviour's Catholic:** Vigil Mass Sat 5pm only. Daily Mass Tues 10am, Fri 11am.

**Methodist:** Sun Service 10.30am; open Fri & Sat 10am to 4pm for refreshments.

**United Reformed Church (URC):** Sun 10.30am.

**St Eadburgha's:** Services are held at 6:00pm on Sundays from Easter Day until Harvest Festival. Church open daily 10am to 4pm in winter, later in summer.

### A Mysterious Tombstone

*..in response to Vernon Smith (Newsletter Issue 65).*



I discovered Ponsonby's grave on my first visit to St Eadburgha's some years ago and was intrigued by it. I have since learnt quite a lot about the fellow. For now, I will intrigue further by providing (below) a contemporary, rather dramatic, account of the event for which he was made a Companion of the Distinguished Service Order, presented to him by King Edward VII on 29th October 1901.

Robin Goldsmith

### Newcastle Morning Herald & Miners Advocate Wednesday February 1901

"A Victoria Cross is pretty sure to be awarded Lt Ponsonby, of D Troop Thorneycroft's Light Horse. Mr. Ponsonby is well known in the Pilliga NSW district, having served in the Police Force there.

The conspicuous deed of gallantry which is going to earn him this distinction is described in the Natal 'Witness' of December 22, which giving an account of the battle of Colenso, says: -

Thorneycroft's provided a hero in the person of Lt Ponsonby, of D troop, who when his section was recalled, on account of the heavy fire remained behind with a wounded man, whose wounds he dressed. Then he tried to carry the man to safety.

Whilst so engaged his helmet was pierced with a bullet, but he stuck with his task and moved forward with his burden. The injured man's life was, however, short, as while being carried a bullet lodged in his stomach, causing almost instant death. The dying man's movements when writhing on the ground drew fresh fire and Ponsonby sought shelter for a short time. He then pushed on, receiving a flesh wound on the left arm, while his coat was perforated. Noticing his condition a Boer advanced to 80 metres to make sure of his victim, but Ponsonby drew his revolver, and shot him dead. When he returned to camp he received a well merited ovation from his friends.

Later on our hero went back to the fighting line, and again succoured a wounded comrade, this time saving him."



# What's On, May - July 2017 Events:

Till Sept 10<sup>th</sup> 10-5pm Embroidered Bodies Exhibition; (closed Mon), Broadway Museum & Art Gallery 01386 859047

## May

Sat 13 May 7.30pm Cass&Friends fundraiser party; Prescott Hill Climb Club Hse, info/tickets website/Mike 584555  
 Sat/Sun 13/14 May GWR Bricks & Trains Week End (Lego) Toddington station 01242 621405  
 Thurs/Fri 18/19 May 7.30 Broadway Music Makers Concert; Lifford Hall Broadway, tkts TIC, Neil Hilton, or Shopwright  
 Fri 19 May 5-7pm May Fayre, families, games/stalls/face-painting/fish&chips etc; Broadway First School 852485  
 Sat/Sun 20/21 May GWR Steam & Real Ale Week End Toddington/Winchcombe stns 01242 621405  
 Fri 26 May 6.30-8.30pm Broadway Station Open Evening (use bus from Football Club car park) John 01386 584366  
 Sat-Mon 27/28/29 May GWR Cotswold Festival of Steam (all stns) 01242 621405

## June

Sat 10 June 10 to 3pm Signpost Summer Fayre, Stalls/refreshments; the Small Green Broadway, 01386 859029  
 Sun 11 June GWR Classic Vehicle Day Toddington station 01242 621405  
 Sun 18 June 2 - 6 pm Stanton Village Gardens NGS Open Day. Plant stall. Teas. Free parking. 07714 282130  
 Sat/Sun 24/25 Jun GWR Day Out With Thomas (Toddington/Cheltenham stns) 01242 621505  
 Tues 27 June 7pm Cinema Club; Lifford Hall  
 Fri 30 Jun 7.30pm Horticultural Show Quiz evening fundraiser; Lifford Hall Broadway, Dottie 01386 853247

## July

Sat/Sun 1-2 July 10-4pm COFE churches 'Celebrate our Community' art, organisations & open gardens, 01386 852352  
 Sun 9 Jul GWR 10th Classic Bus Rally Toddington station 01242 621405

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## Broadway Youth Club Update

Twelve months ago we were fortunate (and grateful) to obtain a substantial grant from the Lottery Fund. This has enabled us to re-equip the Club with sports, craft, cookery and kitchen items and musical instruments. We can now offer our young people a wider range of activities, including outdoor games and sports thanks to Broadway First School allowing us the use of their playing field adjacent to the Club. We have recently joined the Nomads community bus scheme enabling us to take children on day-trips and weekend jaunts at very reasonable cost.

Musical instruments constituted part of the re-equipment of the Club. We are now looking for volunteers to give guitar, keyboard and drum lessons to our youngsters. If you are able to give up an hour or two a week to teach any of these instruments, please contact me on 01386-853941. An inspirational demonstration by a musician, to encourage an interest in music, would also be fantastic.

We wish to extend the activities at the Club by adding a deaf signing class for all age groups. If anyone is interested in starting such a class please contact our chairman, Betty Phillips on 01386-853013.

We are very grateful to the dedicated band of young Mums who regularly help at the Club. We could do with a few young (or older) Dads for occasional help inside and outside the Club. Please contact me if you could help.

The Club can be hired by groups, organisations or privately for meetings, parties, etc. Cost - £8-50 per hour. Please contact Tony Holmes (Vice Chairman of the Broadway Youth Club, and a member of the Broadway Parish Council) for further information.



The successful and friendly Aria Dance Company, designed for girls and boys between the ages of 4 and 18, use the Club for fun and enjoyment in a range of different dance styles. We would like more boys to join so come along, potential Billy Elliotts, and enjoy the experience. For more information [www.ariadancecompany.co.uk](http://www.ariadancecompany.co.uk).

Betty Phillips



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## Willersey Wednesday Club

Willersey Wednesday Club meets on alternate Wednesday afternoons from 2:30pm in Willersey Village Hall. We have very interesting talks followed by a substantial tea. You do not have to live in Willersey to be a member and we welcome people from all the surrounding villages. On 29th March Dr. Sue Ablett gave a talk on The Waterways of Russia. On 26th April Richard Kendrick's subject was Behind the Scenes with a T.V. and Film Caterer. On 10th May Paddy O'Brian will give his amusing and informative talk on Moths and Butterflies. For more information contact Marie Dow on 01386 859258.