

Broadway Newsletter

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NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

Following the recent council elections, the new Broadway Parish Councillors are:

Mr. David Folkes, Mr. Gordon Franks, Miss Dominique Hardiman, Mr. Graham Love, Mr. Barry Parmenter, Mr. Fred Perry, Mr. Nigel Robinson, Mrs Ros Rogers, Mrs. Sue Stephenson, Mrs. Connie Wilson, Mr. Tony Holmes, Mr. Gerry O'Brien and Dr. Rachel Clements.

At the first meeting, Barry Parmenter was elected as Chairman with Nigel Robinson elected as the Vice Chairman. The Chairman and Vice Chairman then welcomed all the councillors to this new term, especially Gordon Franks, Graham Love and Gerry O'Brien who are new to the Council. Special thanks were given to David Folkes for his many years' service as Chairman to the Council. Thanks were also given to Mrs. Joy Stock, Mrs. Anna Locker and Mr. John Williams who are no longer on the council, but have given many years of commitment to the village during their terms of office.

There were several important issues put forward for future further discussion: (a) the Neighbourhood Plan; (b) local contribution fundraising for the Flood Alleviation Scheme; (c) Section 106 payments (money given by developers to go towards local projects, schools and infrastructure when new homes are built); (d) improvements to the village CCTV, and (e) parking issues. Groups will be formed to look in greater depth at these topics, and report back to the Parish Council in due course.

We are aware that not everybody will know the Councillors, so we will have an event on the Village Green for

residents to meet the Councillors. And starting in the next edition of the Broadway Newsletter, we intend to have a short piece on the Councillors, one per issue, to introduce ourselves to you.

The terms for hiring the Village Greens have been amended; the changes were agreed between the Broadway Village Trust, who own the Greens, and the Parish Council, who facilitate bookings for the Greens. The updated terms include responsibilities regarding by-laws and hirers' obligations, for instance, public liability insurance, provision for toilets, restrictions on noise and duration of events etc. For bookings or for more information please contact the Parish Council Office.

Following a consultation at the library, a new design for the 'Welcome to Broadway' sign was chosen and the next few months will see replacement village boundary signs appearing. Changes will also be seen in the High Street, with many of the existing signposts being painted black; some of these will also have cycle stands added to them, offering greater opportunities for cycle parking in the village. And, as befits a conservation area, there will be a general decluttering of signs to make our village look more attractive.

As ever, if you would like any more information or you have any issues that you think the Parish Council could help you with, please don't hesitate to contact the clerk between 10am and 1pm Monday to Friday.

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CASS AND FRIENDS

Cass and Friends was founded by Mike Deakin in 2015 to assist young athletes in Broadway financially with their training and participation in sport.

Although entry into sport through schools and clubs is cheap and available to all, once budding athletes progress from foundation levels to compete at county, national and international level, the costs of participation start to rise and there is currently nothing in place to assist. National Lottery and Sports Aid funding is available for the elite but getting to the top levels is a long and arduous journey and the costs for a typical family can be prohibitive.

These costs include items such as training and associated coaching, equipment and the necessary kit, travel and entrance into events, including the cost of over night accommodation, attendance at elite training camps (sometimes abroad) and specialist support such as physiotherapy.

The Foundation is currently supporting one such talented triathlete who lives in the Broadway area. Casarena Ferreira is 14 and she is the youngest to gain a place in the West Midlands Regional Triathlon Academy. As a result she trains for 15 hours per week, which is reaping its rewards. Casarena finished in first place in her last competition, the Lincoln Duathlon at RAF Scampton. She kept the lead from the start of the 3km run and kept her advantage on the 10km bike section while competing with high winds. She then did the 1.2km run to finish 1 minute and 40 seconds in front of her nearest competitor.

Casarena is training towards competing at the European Championships and is a genuine hopeful for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. Such talent is here on our doorstep and the Foundation hopes to do all it can to support Casarena and others like her, achieve their Olympic dream.

To make a donation, read more, or sponsor the Foundation please visit www.cassandfriends.com.



Guess who this is? Answer on page 5

BROADWAY ARTS FESTIVAL STUDENT ARTS GRANT

Every year the Broadway Arts Festival Trust has a surplus of funds, some of which is divided and allotted as grants to arts students living within the Parish of Broadway or the WR12 postcode. This year we are inviting students studying Fine Art, Applied Arts, Music or the Performing Arts at degree or post degree level to apply for a Broadway Arts Festival Student Arts Grant to assist with further education costs for courses commencing September 2015.

To apply you must be:

- Aged 18 or over on 1st September 2015.
- Be a permanent resident or, if living away from home during term time, have maintained a residential address within the Parish of Broadway or WR12 postcode for a minimum of 4 months immediately prior to 1st September 2015.
- Be enrolled on either a full time degree level or post-graduate course at a university or college studying the Arts.

Grant applications will close on 1st September 2015. The grant amount awarded will be at the discretion of the Trustees of the Broadway Arts Festival Trust. Any grants will be awarded when students have accepted their university/college places for the academic year 2015/16 and will be for one academic year only.

If you would like to apply for a Broadway Arts Festival Student Arts Grant please contact www.broadwayartsfestival.com or contact Sonia Woolven, email: swoolven@btinternet.com tel: 01386 852211 for further information.

BROADWAY HORTICULTURAL & CRAFT SHOW SATURDAY 12th SEPTEMBER 2015

This is a large village Show and is held in two large marquees on Broadway Village Green. It opens to the public at 1pm and the entry fee is £1, with accompanied children free.

The show is made up of Sections for Flowers, Vegetables, Fruit, Pot Plants, Floral Art, Photography, Cookery, Preserves, Handicrafts (including woodwork, Painting, needle-craft plus other crafts), Eggs, Homemade Beverages and a Children's section.

There will also be a range of stalls, including Teas & Cakes, Raffle, Plant Stall, Pimms Stall and all visitors will be entertained by the celebrated Campden School Swing Band.

Show Schedules available at local outlets or from the Show Secretary.

For further information Please contact the Show Secretary Roger Bailey on 01386852872 or email broadwayshow@hotmail.co.uk

BROADWAY FIRST SCHOOL - GOVERNOR VACANCY:
All schools need dedicated people to help them develop and improve, and our Governors are core to these aims. We are looking for a new 'Co-opted' Governor to join the established Governing Body.

The role of governor is wide reaching and demanding, you'll need: great planning and organising skills, be a strategic thinker, have a keen interest in all elements of the school, be able to constructively challenge, and be willing to abide by the '7 principles of public life'.

Additionally, for this particular governor we are looking for one or more of the following skills: information technology, human resources, legal expertise (in the education sector) or finance.

Being a governor is challenging but is also highly rewarding; having a say in the strategic direction of the school and making a real difference to pupils' well-being and success.

So, if you think you have what it takes to be a governor please send your CV and a short explanation of why you are suitable for the role to the Governing Body via our Chair of Governors: Shellie Ward at Shellie.ward@broadwayfirstschool.org or send to the school marked FAO 'Governing Body' by 1 August. If you would like a confidential chat about the role then please contact Shellie by email as above or by calling 07780 002565.

HOW TO SUBMIT:

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BROADWAY FOOD FESTIVAL 2015

Building on the tremendous success of last year's inaugural Broadway Food Festival, this year's event promises to be even better! Make a note in your diary to come to The Green, Broadway on Sunday 13th September for a really special festival with the emphasis on top quality local produce. It's a unique opportunity to meet the local people who grow and create the top quality food and drink that can be found - all year round - in our local shops and eateries.

Local growers and farmers will be showing and sampling seasonal produce and meat, and artisan coffee roasters, brewers, cider makers, millers, bakers, bee keepers, jam makers, confectioners and cheese makers will explain their crafts - with plenty of opportunities for us to taste the delicious results!



Chefs from the finest hotels, restaurants and pubs in the area will show us great ways to use fantastic local products in a programme of practical cooking demos, and there will be a fun competition for children, with judging on the day (visit our website for details). A splendid collection of vintage and classic cars will be on show, and of course Broadway's own eating places will provide their usual delicious food and drink, supplemented by food-to-go on The Green.

**Sunday 13 September 2015, 10am-4pm,
The Green, Broadway WR12 7AA.
Admission FREE.
[www.broadway-](http://www.broadway-cotswolds.co.uk/food-festival)**



[cotswolds.co.uk/food-festival](http://www.broadway-cotswolds.co.uk/food-festival)

Broadway Food Festival is sponsored by Cotswold Life, Wychavon District Council and Broadway Parish Council.

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT....

Writing this in early June, I am pleased to say we have had one really hot day; up to this point the only bit of 'flaming June' had been from a bonfire lit near the Kiel's workshop. One long-time resident of Broadway approached me and said she used to take meals on wheels to Meadow Cottage with her mother when a child, using The Alley, and often felt the path creepy and dark. At present the verges either side of DS Alley are covered in cow parsley - the new must have for gardens (at least when I visited the RHS at Chelsea this year, many show gardens seemed to use the stuff) so little sh** is visible.

Not so elsewhere.....On a recent visit to Germany - Lutherstadt-Wittenberg - home of Protestantism, I was amazed. Picture a neat town, tidy straight streets, uniform houses, little signage, no litter, quiet people. I turned the first corner and 'Gott im Himmel', wass ist zat (you have to read that with a German accent) dog sh**. It was all over the place - we are not alone!

And finally, while visiting the aforementioned place, we went out one morning to find all the shops closed, a Thursday, it was a German National holiday - 'Vatertag' - Fathers' Day. I pointed to the sky thinking it was The Father's Day but no, in Germany it is a day when the men go out together and do a bit of male bonding and return home at around 10pm. I am surprised it hasn't caught on here..... Well, that's it for now.

Here's to a few more hot and sunny days.

Best Wishes from the now out of debt with a certain shop in Broadway, reliably,

Joan Clinch

BROADWAY STATION UPDATE

First of all thank you to all those who came to our open evening on 22 May. The weather was kinder to us this year! Visitors were entertained by the 'Rambling Boys', see the progress which has been made on the signal box and view the footbridge span which is being refurbished on site. The wall of platform 2 is now complete (apart from the gap in front of the signal box), and the hunt is now on for suitable edging slabs to finish it off. Much dirty work has been carried out to clear the drains as far as our northern boundary near Springfield Lane bridge, and this work will continue northwards with the agreement of the owner of the trackbed to ensure that there is a clear flow to the outfall into a stream to the north of the A44 bypass.

Unfortunately, budgetary constraints have forced a rethink of our plans to have the station completed in readiness to run trains in 2018. Funds have had to be diverted elsewhere for essential engineering work, including the repair of a culvert near Laverton. The current plan is to run a service starting in 2018 with reduced station facilities in place, and a reappraisal of the project is in progress at the time of writing.

Another setback is that the anticipated tracklaying north from Laverton has not yet commenced because a colony of lizards has established itself on the trackbed. However, now that hibernation is over, the lizards will be captured and rehomed with the assistance of wildlife experts, so the tracks should be moving northwards soon. If you are interested in following the progress and have internet access periodic updates will be posted at: <http://broadwayextensionblog.blogspot.co.uk/>

What's On - Regular Events:

Mon-Fri term time 8am-5:30pm	Little Friends of St Marys Breakfast, Preschool and Afterschool club; Rachel 01386 853337
Mon-Fri term time 9am - 3pm	Broadway & Towerview Playschool, Jude 01386 853780 / 07922025902
Mon/Tues/Wed t/time	Aria Dance Company, classes for ages 5-17; Broadway Youth Club, Arianna 07951277847
Mon-Sat 10am-4pm	Tourist Information Centre. Also open Sundays; Russell Square, 01386 852937
Mon 9:15 & 10:30am	Cotswold Pilates; Methodist Church Hall, Michele 07929 035262
Mon 10am-3pm	Signpost/Age UK alternating; 4 Russell Square, 01386 859029
Mon 11-11:30am	Bounce & Rhyme for babies; Broadway Library, 01905 822722
Mon 6:30-7:30pm	TaeKwonDo with LCTKD for the experienced; Broadway Youth Centre, Neil 07517 437300
Mon 7:00-8:30pm	Girl Guides (ages 10-14) term time only; Ruth Jones 01789 772328
Mon 7:00-8:30pm	Yoga; Broadway 1st School, Marion Moore 01386 853715
Alt Mon 10am	M4C - for men to share coffee & chat; Tisanes Coffee Shop, Nigel 01386 858097
Last Mon of the month 7:30pm	Broadway Garden Club; URC Hall, Jo Love 01386 859131
Tues 9:15am	Pilates @ Childswickham village hall, for info & other exercise classes Tess 07815 949970
Tues 4-8pm	Relate (by appointment); Signpost 4 Russell Square, 01386 859029
Tues 6-8pm	T'ai Chi mixed ability class; URC Hall, Val 01608 652835
Tues 6:30pm	Slimming World; Lifford Hall, Janet 01386 765629
Tues 6:45-9pm	Broadway Whist Drive Club; The Court, Russell's Estate, Patricia 01386 853110
1st Tues of the month 2-4pm	Table Games Afternoon for all ages+Refreshments; URC Hall, Enqs 852618 Transport 854759
2nd Tues 8:30am	Breakfast Book Group; Russell's Restaurant, Elizabeth 01386 858588
2nd Tues 10:00-11:00am	Short Walks; from The Court Back Lane, followed by coffee, Kim 07854717430
2nd Tues 3:00-4:00pm	Come and Meet Each Other (tea); St Michael's Church, 01386 853061
3rd Tues 8:45 am	Book Club; Margaret 01386 852120
Wed 10am-12 Noon	Knitting Circle; Tisanes Tearooms High St Broadway, Pat 01386 852444
Wed 6:00-7:15pm	Broadway Beavers (ages 6-8); Anne 01386 830505
Wed 7:30-9:00pm	Broadway Music Makers Rehearsal; URC Hall, Martin 01242 603553
Alt Wed 2-4pm	Neighbours on Line, Computer and Internet classes; URC hall, Mark 07949 296738
Alt Wed 2-4pm	Family History Sessions; Broadway Library, 01905 822722
1st Wed. 12-2 pm	Evesham Dementia Café; St Mary's Parish Hall, St Egwin's Rd, Evesham, Helen 01684 891455
1st Wed 7:30pm	Childswickham Women's Institute; Childswickham Memorial Hall, Marilyn 01386 854661
Last Wed 2:00pm	Broadway Library Readers group, 01905 822722
Last Wed 7:30pm	Broadway Natural History Society; Methodist Hall, 01386 852747
Thurs 9:15am	Insanity; Childswickham village hall, For info & other exercise classes Tess 07815 949970
Thurs 10am-3pm	Signpost; 4 Russell Square, 01386 859029
Thurs 10:30am-12noon	Looking After Yourself, Tai chi/musical exercise alt. weeks; URC hall info Mark 07949 296738
Thurs 10:30am-12noon	Rural Read Book Group; Stanton Guildhouse, For current book phone Susan 01386 584357
Thurs 1:30-3pm	Babytime; Apple Vale Children's Centre, 01386 859039
Thurs 6-7:15pm	Broadway Cub Scouts (ages 8-10); Anne 01386 830505
Thurs 6-8pm	Broadway Youth Club (ages 5-19); at Broadway Youth Centre, 01386 853013
Most Thurs 8:45pm	Live Music (Jazz/Blues); The Crown & Trumpet, 01386 853202
1st Thurs 10:00am-1pm	Broadway Embroidery Group; Methodist Hall, Gill 01386 830604
1st Thurs 3-4pm	Cancer Support Group; Signpost, 4 Russell Square, 01386 859029
Last Thurs 1-3pm	Citizens Advice Bureau (appointment advised); Signpost, 4 Russell Square, 01386 859029
Fri 6:30-8:00pm	Pilots (ages 4-18); Also on Sundays 10:30am, info tel Mark 07949 296738
Sun monthly 8.45am-12noon	Boot Camp; local venue. Book in advance Tess 07815949970

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PET OWNERS BEWARE!

I want to give a warning to pet owners in the Broadway and Childswickham areas to be extra vigilant over what their dogs (and cats if possible) may pick up and ingest. I have just lost my cat, Ra, to antifreeze poisoning. He absorbed so much that the Broadway vets were able to positively identify the poison from blood analysis. I cannot find the source, no leaking car radiators in the area. It could have been from bait soaked in antifreeze to control foxes who then carry the poisoned bait away and it is then attractive to pet cats and dogs. I hate to think of the third option - deliberate poisoning. I would like to say thank you to the Broadway vets for their care of Ra and their help afterwards.

Patricia Beadle

CONCERTS AT ST EADBURGHAS THIS SUMMER

There will be two concerts at St Eadburgha's church. The first is Music For All The Family by Cantanti, on Saturday, July 4, at 3pm. This will include 20th century classics from stage and screen, as well as music to complement the building's setting.

Entrance is free.

Following that, on Saturday July 18 at 7pm, The Elgar Chorale will be giving a Summer Concert of music by Elgar, Parry and Finzi.

Tickets are £10 at the door.

'SAVVY' NETWORKING FORUM FOR PROFESSIONALS

There was an excellent response to the article in the previous issue of the Newsletter.

Our future meetings will be on the following dates: 15 July, 12 August, 9 September

Meetings begin at 7.30pm, are free and are held in the Swan hotel.

BROADWAY POSTMAN GARY HANCOCK

Barbara Baker

I have always been intrigued by the work of postmen so I spoke with Gary to find out more. This is what he told me:

'I became a postman 15 years ago. Before that I worked in different shops and factories - all sorts. My brother was a postman for a while and he told me what a good job it was. I love working outdoors. I am one of the unusual postmen in that I don't particularly like the summer - hot weather has never agreed with me. It's all right if I can sit in it, but not work; it wears me out. My favourite season is autumn, then spring, then winter, with summer last.

My mum was a Broadway girl, born and bred, though she moved to Evesham, where I live, when she got married. My granddad lived in Rickfield, on the corner of Station Road and owned land right down to the football club. I spent very many happy weeks there, especially when I was a toddler, so I have an affinity with the village. My auntie Brenda used to work in St Patrick's, now the Deli, and they used to make a fuss of me, because I was quite a cute little boy, though you wouldn't believe it now! They used to give me cakes, which also made me enjoy my visits, so it is quite apt that, years later, I got the Broadway postal delivery.

The mail comes from Birmingham. I start at 7.00 am preparing my round. We have a delivery board in Evesham and each address has its own slot, set out in the order of the delivery. After sorting, my colleague, who delivers to Leamington Road and the estate, takes me out in his van, because wheels and me didn't get on. Then I'm on foot with my trolley - that is the best bit. There are some lovely people in Broadway, and I like the fact that I've got my own round. I started as a relief, covering different rounds, but when Broadway came up for grabs about eight years ago, I put in for it and got it, and have been the Broadway postman ever since.

I cover the whole of the centre from Lower Green to the top of the High Street, with everything to the left and right, such as Church Mews, the Huntings, and Gordon Close. Many houses have names rather than numbers, so at first I went out with another lad who knew the round. Butcher's Row, for instance, has six houses, but is tucked away and you could miss it. A lot of mail is not addressed properly, particularly at Christmas, when people send an annual card, but if you recognise the name, you think, "I know where that is supposed to go." I know everyone and I suppose they know me.

About two and a half years ago, my granddaughter, Olivia, now nine, who has cerebral palsy diplegia, needed a new trike, and we wanted to raise £1200. It was October and I had already discarded my shorts, but I said I would wear them for two weeks from the middle to the end of November, which I did and it raised £2,500! I never got the chance to thank everybody, so I would like to take this opportunity now. I banked the money, because I knew Olivia would eventually need a massive operation, which she has

just had, and we will need about £50,000 for physiotherapy - we have already raised around £30,000 for "Olivia's Dream Appeal".

Apart from fundraising, I was also the lead singer in a band - The Ferret Convention. We used to practice in the adventure playground, about 15 years ago, when I was in my early 40s. One day one of the band said, "We can't practice here next week, they've got a ferret convention on" and I said, "That's it! That's what we'll call the band!" Then I got a bit old for the rock and roll lifestyle, with too many aches and pains. I packed it in about four years ago, but I still get up and sing Karaoke. I love listening to music, watching football and I am a massive Beatles fan and love everything Liverpoolian.

One thing I am less keen on is dogs. In 15 years I have been bitten about eight times, but nothing serious. So I have no complaints about my job. I like to think I am a good postman and go the extra mile. If no one is in and an item doesn't need signing for, I leave it with neighbours, or in an ingenious place I find. There are fewer letters now, but rounds are bigger and parcels have gone through the roof. When I started, you had three or four parcels on your round, but with the Internet, I deliver 50-60. When I can, I have a chat. The thing I really like about my job is the Broadway people. I love them and they seem to appreciate me.'

Answer to photo on page 2 is Gary Hancock performing at the Railway Hotel, Evesham, in 2006.

Church Services and other events

St Michael's C of E: 1st, 3rd, 5th Sun 10.30am; 2nd & 4th Sundays 8am/10:30; Wed 10.30am

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

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

United Reformed Church (URC): 10.30am, 2nd Tues 11am Service of Wholeness & Healing

Baptist Church, Chipping Campden: Sun 10.30 at Chipping Campden School (crèche & Junior Church 4-16 years), 6.30pm at the church

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.



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What's On, One-Off Events:

Tue-Sun till 18 July 11am-6pm	'Teaching the Machine Manners' Exhibition; Gordon Russell Museum Broadway, 01386 854695
Tue-Sun till 20 Sept 10am-5pm	'The Secret Life of Chinese Gardens'; Ashmolean Museum Broadway, Louise 01386 859047
Sat 4 July 3pm	Cantanti - Music for all the family; St Eadburgha's. Free admission
Sun 12 Jul	GWR Bus Rally Toddington Stn 01242 621405
Sat 18 July 7pm	The Elgar Chorale - Summer Concert; St Eadburgha's, tickets 01386 852570
Wed 22 Jul 10am-2pm	Bonhams Valuation Day; Ashmolean Museum Broadway, Louise/Karen 01386 859047
Fri/Sat/Sun 24/25/26 Jul	GWR Heritage Diesel Weekend (all stations) 01242 621405
Sat 25 July 11am-2pm	Youth Club fund-raising Mini-market; on the Green outside Russell's Restaurant, info 01386 853013
M-Fr 27-31 July 9.30-12.30pm	Youth Activities Week for 5-17 yr-olds; at URC, for details Judith 853255 / Bill 852618
Sat 1 Aug 6.45pm	Broadway Arts Festival Dinner & Xuefei Yang Concert; Broadway Golf Club. Tickets 01386 852211
Tue 4 Aug	GWR Teddy Bear Tuesday railcar specials (all stations) 01242 621405
Sat/Sun 8/9 Aug	GWR Steam & Real Ale Weekend Toddington/Winchcombe 01242 621405
Tue 11 Aug	GWR Teddy Bear Tuesday railcar specials (all stations) 01242 621405
Tue 18 Aug	GWR Teddy Bear Tuesday railcar specials (all stations) 01242 621405
Tue 25 Aug	GWR Teddy Bear Tuesday railcar specials (all stations) 01242 621405
Sat 29 Aug 11am-2pm	Youth Club fund-raising Mini-market; on the Green outside Russell's Restaurant, info 01386 853013
Thurs-Sat 3-5 Sept 7.30pm	Broadway Showstoppers songs from the shows+supper; Lifford Hall, Tickets Lesley 01386 853530
Sun 13 Sep	GWR Classic Vehicle Day Toddington Station 01242 621405
Sun 13 Sept 10am-4pm	Broadway Food Festival; Village Green, 01386 859100
Sat 19 Sept 11am-2pm	Youth Club fund-raising Mini-market; on the Green outside Russell's Restaurant info 01386 853013
Sat/Sun 19/20 Sep	GWR Day Out with Thomas (all stations) 01242 621405

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BROADWAY YOUTH CLUB

The Broadway Youth Club has been in existence for over 40 years and a lot of people born and bred here who are reading this will have been a member of it. However, there will be many people who are "new" to the village who do not even know it exists, where it is, or how it is run -

So here goes.

The Club is, in fact, off the Leamington Road next to Broadway First School and meets every Thursday evening (but not during the summer holidays). We have two sessions; the first session, from 6.00 to 7.30, is for the 5 to 12 year olds, and the other one is from 7.00 to 8.30 for the 13 to 18 year olds.

We are extremely fortunate, courtesy of Broadway First School, in having the use of their field, which is adjacent to our clubhouse, for football and other activities and games. We hope to be able to extend the activities at the Club to include, for example, archery and air rifle shooting, both, of course, under strict and expert supervision.

The Club is run, as it has been for the last 38 years, by Betty Phillips, who was deservedly awarded the MBE for her outstanding years of service. She has the help of an able and enthusiastic team of mixed-age committee members and helpers, including young mums Becky Parmenter and Kelly Horne, and young helpers Melissa Phillips, Lucia Cotton, Alex Foster, and Megan Funck, all of whom are there every week providing the help and support that is vital to the success of the Club. In addition we have Betty's son Trevor (head cook and bottle washer) who cooks hot meals every week for any youngster who wants one, at the extremely reasonable price of 60p, Carol Halling, who is the Club's Secretary and who is present every week and Liz Eyre, who is our Treasurer and who, as our representative on the County, District, and Parish Councils, is able to provide behind-the-scenes influence and support. We also have David

Owen who gives us very useful technical information and assistance, and Nigel Page who provides help and financial support.

The Club has struggled financially in recent years but determined reorganisation and effort during the last 12 months is starting to achieve positive results. We have received generous donations from the Broadway Music Makers, the Broadway Trust, the Good Lunch Club, and Russell's Restaurant, for which we are extremely grateful. In addition, Broadway Parish Council is providing ongoing support and financial help which is enabling us to start carrying out much needed repairs and refurbishment to the clubhouse. However, we will not merely be relying on donations and grants for funding and will, therefore, be having fund raising activities of our own. This summer, for example, we will be having a number of "mini markets" on the Green outside Russell's Restaurant, on the 20th June, 25th July, 29th August, and the 19th September. If you can provide suitable items to sell on the stalls, or for the Tombola etc please contact me on (01386) 853941 and I will be happy to collect. We will be very grateful.

The aims of the Club are to provide informal educational and leisure opportunities for the youngsters, to widen their interests, and to get them involved in the running of their club, the community, and society. We will try our very best to achieve these aims, but we do need as much help as we can get. So if there is anyone out there who can help in any way, whether on a permanent or occasional basis, please contact me on the above phone number. Also, materials such as paint, thick plastic sheeting for a membrane for parts of the land to keep the weeds in check, etc will come in very useful. If you have any items that are surplus to requirements but have doubts as to whether they will be of use to us, do give me a call. We will be very grateful for all the help we can get !!

Antony Holmes (Vice Chairman of the Broadway Youth Club, and a member of Broadway Parish Council)