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HISTORY IN THE MAKING – IMAGES OF EVESHAM AND THE VALE.

Can anyone help me?

I am one of 20 people taking part in a project to document life in and around the Vale of Evesham in 2010. We all know of times where we say, "That's changed," or "What was there before?". Well, wouldn't it be great to have pictures showing what is here now, so that people in the future can look back and see Broadway as it is in 2010?

I am looking to take pictures of anything that might undergo change: building projects, shop fronts etc. I am also interested in photographing events, activities on the Green and even people doing everyday things –

anything really that will be of interest to future generations.

At the end of the project all the pictures will be donated to the Almonry Museum in Evesham as a record of life in 2010.

If you would like to know more, think you can help, or you have any old photographs that you wouldn't mind me using in an exhibition at the end of the year then please get in touch; rachel@sproink.co.uk or 858035. You can read more about the project and see some of our pictures at www.ourevesham.net. (This project is supported by Evesham Town Council).



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'LET THERE BE LIGHT'.....AT NIGHT TIME'

Responding to a notice from the Parish Council (Broadway Newsletter January 2010) for residents to report streetlights not functioning correctly, one of our readers decided to thoroughly investigate the main roads of the village at various times to check which lights were on in daylight hours and which remained unlit. His investigations over a six week period revealed many lamps were on all day, some permanently unlit, some coming on and switching off for inexplicable reasons.

A 4-page report sent to Worcestershire Highways department was formally acknowledged by an official who stated, 'Following a site inspection on 4 March 2010, it can be confirmed that the switching on of the lights does seem to be earlier than usually observed. As a result of the inspection, the Clerk to the Parish Council has been contacted and it is suggested that, if funds allow, a programme of replacing the outdated equipment with new more energy saving photoelectric cells (light sensors) may be worth considering.'

Our local investigator, while welcoming this official response, said there was no comment on a reference in his report that perhaps Worcestershire CC should note what is happening in Gloucestershire where, in an effort to save on fuel costs and reduce carbon emissions, some street lights will be turned off between midnight and 5.30am. This is currently being tried in Chipping Campden after consultation with residents and police.

(NB: The Parish Council owns much of the road lighting in Broadway and Worcestershire Highways maintain it under agreement with the Parish.)

BROADWAY FIRST SCHOOL

Spring Term has been an interesting one for us. You will have seen the commencement of the building work in the playground near to Leamington Road; this is the start of the Children's Centre which will be a great asset to the village when it is completed.

What you will not have seen is that the School had an Ofsted inspection during the term, and this is always very stressful for all of the staff at the school. What we can proudly report is that the School was rated as "good" in almost every aspect; the only areas where it was only "satisfactory" were to do with community cohesion, and it is very difficult to demonstrate that we are an inclusive and outward-looking school when our intake does not include many from minority ethnic groups. In terms of what the parents want to know, the reports includes: "Standards have remained above average in reading, writing and mathematics at the end of Year 2 and Year 5 since the last inspection, and pupils continue to achieve well and make good progress throughout the school"; "Teaching was good in all the lessons observed during the inspection"; "Pastoral care for pupils is outstanding, as shown by one parent's comment, 'I love the way every child matters to the teachers.'" The full inspection report may be seen on Ofsted's website.

The school's governors are very proud of what Broadway First School has achieved, and Mr Appleby and the teachers and classroom assistants should be very pleased that Ofsted has recognised the excellence of their work.

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BIG JIM BALL

Big Jim was a village character. Born at the top of the hill, he lived and worked in and around the village throughout his whole life. In recent years, Jim was often to be seen watching the world go by from one of the village benches either outside Budgens or by the war memorial.

When Jim died, we wanted to make a permanent memorial to our good friend and a bench could not be more appropriate. Through a monumental effort from friends, family, customers and staff at the Swan, the Broadway Hotel, the Crown & Trumpet, the Horse & Hound, and the Snowhill Arms, the money has been raised and the bench is now in place on the edge of The Green.

Sincere thanks everyone who contributed.



You are invited to a

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Church Services

St Michael's C of E: 1st Sun 10:30, 2nd 8:00/10:30, 3rd 9:30/10:30, 4th 8:00/10:30, 5th 10:30. Wed 10:30

St Saviour's Catholic: Sat 6pm Vigil Mass, Sun 10am (Mass and Children's Liturgy). Tues/ Thurs 8am, Wed/Fri 9.15am mass

Methodist: Sun 10:30

United Reformed Church (URC): Sun 10:30am, 2nd Wed 12 noon Healing

Baptist Church: Chipping Campden: Sun 10:30 at Chipping Campden School (crèche and Junior Church 4-16 years), 6:30pm at the church



LUCIA NOVELS AND BROADWAY

Cllr. Liz Eyre tells us that in the Granada TV series Broadway was indeed used as 'Riseholme', Orchard Farm was the garden and the Eyre's Rolls was also prominently featured.

MOON CRATERS

Cllr. Eyre has also pointed out that as Back Lane is not an adopted highway, just a countryside right of way, it does not come under the same regulations as the main roads when it comes to repairing potholes – so be prepared to negotiate your way between the 'moon craters' for a little longer!

ACTIVITY PARK

The tree planting is now complete and three English oak benches have been added, thanks to funding by the Broadway Trust.

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 Mon-Fri -term time 8:45-3.00pm Little Friends of St. Mary's playgroup; Deb/Sam 07798 610667
 Mon - term time 11.30-12.20pm Sing and Sign (baby signing for 5-20 months old); Wickhamford Village Hall; Sally 01789 721003
 Mon 9:30-10:30am Cotswold Pilates; Methodist Hall 07734 934751
 Mon 10am-3.00 pm Signpost open (5A Russell Square), including Age Concern services 01386 859029
 Mon 6.30-7.30pm TaeKwonDo for families and grown ups; Neil Hall, 07517 437300
 Mon 7-8:30pm Girl Guides (ages 10-14) Ruth Jones 01789 772328
 Mon 7-8:30pm Yoga; Broadway 1st School Marion Moore 853715; from 7th Sept.
 2nd Mon 2.30pm Broadway Library Readers' Group; 01386 858747
 3rd Mon of the month 8.00pm Broadway Football Club Prize Bingo (eyes down!) 07818 046738
 Last Mon of the month 7:30pm Broadway Garden Club; URC Hall 01386 852428
 Tues 9:30/10:30am Cotswold Pilates Courses (two levels); Methodist Hall, Rebecca 07734 934751
 Tues 9.30-11.30am Peek-a-Boo Baby & Toddler Group; Lifford Hall; Hattie; 01386 852788
 Tues 6:00-8.00pm Broadway Youth Club ages 5 - 19; Broadway Youth Centre; 01386 853013
 Tues 6:30-8.00pm T'ai Chi; mixed ability class URC Hall; Val; 01608 652835
 Tues 6:30pm Slimming World; Lifford Hall; Janet; 01386 765629
 Tues 7.30pm Bible Study; Methodist Church 01386 852243
 Tues 7.30pm-9.15pm Broadway Whist Drive Club; The Court - Russell's Estate; 01386 853110
 Tues 8.00pm-9.00pm Fitness Pilates; Childswickham Memorial Hall; Jilly; 01386 442706
 Tues 8-10:30pm Ballroom/sequence dancing; Willersey Village Hall, Mike Brennan 01386 859155
 Alt Tues 2:15-3:45pm Broadway Evergreens; Methodist Hall; Sylvia; 01386 858755
 Alt Tues 2:15pm Women's Fellowship; Methodist Church Hall (alt. w/Evergreens), 01386 852243
 2nd Tues 8:30am Breakfast Book Group; Russell's Restaurant; Elizabeth 01386 858588
 2nd Tues 10-11am Short Walks from the The Court, Back Lane; followed by coffee; Kim 01386 40040
 2nd Tues 10:30am Civil Service Retirement Fellowship; Methodist Church, Evesham; 01386 421460
 2nd Tues 3.00-4.00pm Come And Meet Each Other - tea at St Michael's Church 01386 852352
 3rd Tuesday 8:30am Book Club at Avery's; Margaret 01386 852 120
 Weds 9.30am-11.00am Broadway Coffee Club; Methodist Hall - for over 55s; Marjorie; 01386 854627
 Wed 9:30/10.30am Cotswold Pilates Courses (two levels); Lifford Hall, Rebecca 07734 934751
 Wed 10.30am Broadway Artists - a class with Doug Eyre; Lifford Parlour; 01386 854 807
 Wed 11am-1pm Knitting Circle at Tisaners Tearooms; Ring Pat at the Wool Shop in Cotswold Court, 01386 853296
 Weds term time Rhythm Time (Toddlers 1-1.30pm; Babies 1.40-2.20pm); Lifford Hall, Tracy 01527 401711
 Weds 2:30-3pm Bounce and Rhyme for babies at Broadway Library 01386 858747
 Weds 6.00pm-7.15pm Broadway Beavers (ages 6-8); Yvonne; 01242 620556
 Weds 6.00pm-8.00pm Broadway Youth Club (ages 5-19); Broadway Youth Centre 01386 853013
 Weds 7:30-9.00pm Broadway Music Makers Rehearsal, URC Hall; Charlie; 01386 424235
 1st Weds 7.00-9.00pm Alzheimer Cafe for people with dementia and their carers; Evesham; Gill 01905 22195
 1st Weds 7:30pm Childswickham Women's Institute Meeting, Childswickham Village Hall, Mary 01386 859661
 3rd Weds 7:30pm Broadway Wine Society; Lifford Hall; Jim; 01386 898162
 Last Wed.7:30pm Broadway Natural History Society; Methodist Hall 01386 852747
 Thurs 10.00am Broadway Probus Club; Willersey Village Hall 01386 584331
 Thurs 10.00am-3.00 pm Signpost open (5A Russell Square) 01386 859029
 Thurs 7.00-8:30pm Yoga (Hatha) with Sue Nash; St Mary's Catholic Primary; 07890 734782
 Most Thurs 8:45pm Live Music (Jazz/Blues) The Crown & Trumpet; 01386 853202
 1st Thurs 10.00am Broadway Embroidery Group; Methodist Hall; Gill 01386 830604
 1st Thurs 3.00-4.00pm Broadway Cancer Support Group; Signpost, 5A Russell Sq. 859029 / Pat 41055
 1st Thurs 8.00pm Royal British Legion; Bowling Green Clubhouse
 2nd Thurs 2.00pm North Cotswold U3A Open Meeting; Willersey Village Hall; Phyllis; 01386 584100.
 3rd Thurs time tbc Memory Cafe for people with Dementia & families; Methodist Church Hall; Signpost 01386 85902
 3rd Thurs 8.00pm Campden & District Historical & Archaeological Soc; Campden Town Hall; 01386 848840
 Alt Fri 6:30-8.00pm Pilots (ages 5-18) at URC Hall Mark; 07850 856764
 Fri 6.30pm-8.00pm Broadway Cub Scouts (ages 8-10); Anne; 01386 858056
 2nd Sat 10am-12noon Jigsaw puzzle swap; Broadway Library; Ring Broadway Library; 01386 858747
 Regular meetings Parents with new babies (0-12 months); Dawn 01386 858056

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FRANCIS MILLET AND THE BROADWAY CONNECTION

Visitors to the Churchyard on Snowhill Road may have missed something as they passed under the Lychgate, where the following inscription appears:

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 QVI NAVI TITANICA FRACTA DVM SPEM TIMIDIS AFFERT MORTEM LAETVS OPPETIVIT
 HOC MONVMENTVM SVAVIS AMICITIAE MEMORES SODALES PONENDVM CVRAVERVNT

Roughly and freely translated, this reads:

IN TRIBUTE TO FRANCIS DAVIS MILLET A MAN OF EXCELLENCE IN THE ARTS AND IN LITERATURE
 HE MET HIS DEATH WITH FORTITUDE AS THE SHIP TITANIC SANK
 WHILST STILL GIVING HOPE TO THOSE WHO FEARED FOR THEIR LIVES
 HIS DEAR FRIENDS SOUGHT THE DEDICATION OF THIS MEMORIAL IN FOND MEMORY OF HIS
 TREASURED FELLOWSHIP

Francis Davis Millet was the host of a small group of artists, including Americans, who congregated in Broadway at the end of the 19th Century; Millet lived at both Farnham House and Russell House; the group included John Singer Sargent, whose painting 'Carnation, Lily, Lily, Rose' is famed for its Broadway setting.

Millet was born in Massachusetts, USA in 1846. He was a drummer boy with the Union forces in the Civil War and graduated from Harvard with a Degree in Literature in 1869. He became a correspondent on the Russian-Turkish War (1877-1878) for several newspapers and married Elizabeth or 'Lily' in 1879; Millet's most famous painting is perhaps 'Between Two Fires', which like many others of the period, was executed in the 14th Century Abbot's Grange, which Millet salvaged from complete disrepair, apparently with the help of William Morris, and which became his studio for many years.

In April 1912, Millet booked first class passage on the maiden voyage of the Royal Mail Ship Titanic en route home to the United States. She sank on 15 April, having struck an iceberg. Millet was last seen helping women and children into lifeboats. His body was recovered and he is buried at East Bridgewater Central Cemetery, Plymouth County, Massachusetts.

Steve Williams

BRICKS FOR BROADWAY STATION

Further to the report featured on the front page of the last edition of the newsletter, the Gloucestershire and Warwickshire Railway is pleased to have received a most generous offer of good quality imperial bricks which can be recovered from the old church school at Christchurch in Coleford, in exchange for a suitable donation to their church funds.

This means that we are now able to put part of our brick fund to good use in a most efficient manner and we thank all those who donated funds a couple of years ago when the prospect of rebuilding Broadway was first given support. This fund is carefully banked and we are always on the look-out for suitable bricks.

If anyone knows of good quality imperial size red or blue engineering bricks that could be recovered for re-use, please contact Alan Bielby, via email to enquiries@gsr.com or by mail at The Railway Station, Toddington, GL54 5DT. You can also call the station on 01242 621405 if you prefer, or contact John Blofield on 01386 584366.

BROADWAY ARTS FESTIVAL – STARTING SOON!

For further information about the events during the inaugural Broadway Arts Festival and how to book tickets through the Everyman Theatre Box Office, please see the enclosed Programme of Events.

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What's On, One-Off Events:

Tues/Wed 25-26 May Thurs 6 May 6pm	Broadway Music Makers Concert; Lifford Hall, Charlie 01386 4242357 Evening Bluebell walk ; meet at war memorial, see <i>Cotswold Lion</i> or cotswoldsaonb.org.uk , David 01386 858166
Fri-Sat 14-15 May 7:30pm Sat 15 May 9:30-4:30pm Sat 22 May 9:30-4:30pm Sat 22 May 11am-3pm Tues-Wed 25-26 May	Broadway Players present 'The Cemetery Club'; Lifford Hall, Dave 01386 858586 'Plant Two Containers for Summer' with Andrew Mikolajski; Farncombe 01386 854100 Shakespeare with Angela Day; Farncombe 01386 854100 Fete in aid of St Mary's Catholic Primary; The Green, Samantha 07970 719119 Broadway Music Makers Concert, in Aid of Acorns Hospice; Lifford Hall, Charlie 01386 4242357 for 7:30pm
Thurs 3 Jun 6pm	'Broadway's Broad Canvas' a talk by Jeremy Houghton in aid of the Broadway Arts Festival; Russell's, 07981 655 515
Fri-Sun 11-20 June	Broadway Arts Festival; Tickets from the Everyman Theatre (01242 691190), BAF info line 0845 1905450
Mon-Thurs 14-18 June	(Mon 2-4pm, Tues-Thurs 10am -4pm) Be Active and Creative in Retirement': an Exhibition of Arts & Craft; Broadway Methodist Church
Thurs-Mon 17-21 June	Giffords Circus; Kennel Field, High Street, Broadway, 17/18 June: 5, 7:30pm; 19/20 June: 11am, 2:30pm, 7:30pm; 21 June: 4pm 0845 459 7469
Mon 21 June 2pm Sat 26 June 10am Sat 3 July	Midsummer Corporate Training Showcase; Cotswold Conference Centre, 0845 230 8580 URC Fayre; The Green, Michael, 01386 831 779 Solo Singers Day with Jo Sercombe; Farncombe 01386 854100
Fri-Sun 23-25 July Fri-Sun 23-25 July	Drawing and Sketching: A course for beginners with Doug Eyre; Farncombe 01386 854100 Make a Lap Quilt or Wall Hanging with Georgina Oldham; Farncombe 01386 854100

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LOCAL WALKS WITH THE COTSWOLDS' VOLUNTARY WARDENS – MAY

Dowdeswell's Ancient Woodlands - Saturday May 01 - Strenuous

Dowdeswell and Lineover Woods, Ravensgate Common and the villages of Whittington and Dowdeswell. Pub lunch available or bring packed lunch (7 hours, 11 miles).

Start: 10.00 am at Andoversford Station Road by the bus stop. OS OL Map 45/023198

Bluebells in 'Fox Holes' - Wednesday May 05 - Easy

From Shipton-under-Wychwood passing by Bruern Abbey reaching the beautiful Foxholes Nature Reserve where bluebells should be in flower. Returning by woodland and fields paths (4 hours, 7 miles).

Start: 10.00 am at Village Hall, Shipton-under-Wychwood. OS OL Map 45/278181

Cotswold Bluebells: A Search for "Crowtoes" - Thursday May 06 - Easy

Good views over the Vale of Evesham and a wander through a bluebell wood - Crowtoes is a 16th century folk name for bluebells (2 hours, 4 miles).

Start: 18.00 at Broadway War Memorial on the village green. OS OL Map 45/094375

Two Tons and a Hill - Tuesday May 11 - Moderate

From Stanton to Snowhill returning via Laverton. Fine views, valleys and inclines (3.5 hours, 7 miles).

Start: 10.00 am at Stanton village car park. OS OL Map 45/068344

Views of Long Compton, Better than a King's - Tuesday May 11 - Strenuous

The borders of Oxon and Warwickshire with views from the top of the scarp. Includes Rollright Stones and Little Rollright area before dropping into Long Compton. Pub lunch available (5.5 hours, 9.5 miles).

Start: 10.00 am at Great Rollright Village Hall. OS Map 191/322314

Wardens' and Windrush Way 2 - Thursday May 13 - Moderate

Second of four circular walks covering all the Wardens' and Windrush Ways. Windrush Way from Guiting Power to Roel Hill Farm returning via the Wardens' Way. Bring packed lunch (4.5 hours, 8 miles).

Start: 10.00 am at Guiting Power Village car park. OS OL Map 45/095248

Donnington 'Eights' No. 2 - Around the Comptons - Thursday May 27 - Moderate

Second in a series based on the Donnington Way and some of its pubs, taking in the three manors of Little Compton, Chastleton and Cornwell as well as Long Compton (5 hours, 9.5 miles).

Start: 10.00 am at Red Lion, Little Compton. OS OL Map 45/257302

PLEASE use appropriate footwear as some walks may be steep and muddy in places. EASY - terrain is mainly level; MODERATE - includes some hills and rough ground; STRENUOUS - may be rough underfoot and ascents/descents may be steep. No dogs allowed except guide and hearing dogs.

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