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TREES ON THE GREEN

The mature horse chestnut standing on the south west corner of the green has been in decline for five years, as a result of essential excavation work by utility services. Root severance has made one side of the tree dysfunctional (*barely alive*) and the dead material and lack of bark is clear to see.

Fungi are also in evidence, as they feed on dead wood. However, this is not the cause of dieback. Last summer the foliage was quite sparse in the main part of the crown, since only part of the tree is now fully provided with sap.

We have to recognise the duty of care we owe to the users of the road, the Green and adjoining properties, and the stage has been reached where the risk of collapse is too great to justify keeping the tree.

In a location like this, severe pollarding, which might result in the tree living a little longer, would look very unsightly in a village renowned for its beauty, so the decision has been taken jointly by the Parish Council and the Broadway Trust, who own the Green, on the advice of the village tree committee, to fell the chestnut tree and replace it

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St Saviour's Catholic: Sat 6pm Vigil Mass, Sun 10am (Mass and Children's Liturgy). T/Th 8am, W/F 9.15am mass

Methodist: Sun 10:30; Fri 10.30am-12:00 noon Morning Coffee; 3rd Fri 10.45 -12:00 noon Good News Christian Library 01386852243

United Reformed Church (URC): Sun 10:30am, 2nd Tues 11am Service of Wholeness & Healing

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



POSSIBLE CHANGES FOR BLUE BADGE HOLDERS

Worcestershire County Council has been considering the national changes by Government to the Blue Badge Scheme, which will affect residents with mobility issues in the county

For current Blue Badge Holders whose badge expires on or after 1st January 2012, there will be a new process. Badges will not be handed out on the day of application anymore. Customers wishing to apply will need to allow up to two weeks, as badges are posted from a central location to applicants' homes.

There is also a proposed increase in the cost of Blue Badges from 1st January 2012. Worcestershire County Council's Cabinet will decide if the cost of a three year Blue Badge should increase to £10. The proposal is the first increase in almost 30 years. An increase is necessary to cover the additional costs to produce and administer the new style badge.

Earlier this year the Government announced its plans to modernise the Blue Badge Scheme, which aims to reduce fraud and misuse, which currently costs the country an estimated £46m per year.

Anyone wanting to find out more about the changes to the Blue Badge can go online at www.worcestershire.gov.uk/bluebadge

OLYMPIC TORCH IN BROADWAY

On 1st July 2012 (Day 44), the Torch will travel down from Birmingham through Evesham, Wickhamford and Broadway.

The times of the route and the exact route it will travel will not be published until 2 weeks before the Torch gets to Wychavon for security reasons.

It is hoped to organise a number of events to celebrate the occasion. There will be two initial open meetings to start the planning of activities and events. These will be:

- Wednesday 11th January 2012 at The Old Library, Droitwich from 6 – 7:30pm
- Thursday 12th January 2012 at The Rowing Club, Evesham from 6 – 7:30pm

The main aim of these meetings will be to discuss ideas and activities that could be run on the days to encourage public participation.

If you would like to be involved with this process please contact Kerry Bignell by emailing kerry.bignell@wychavon.gov.uk or phone 01386 565238.

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SNOWSHILL MANOR VOLUNTEERS

If you are looking to brighten up your life and get out more in 2012, some regular volunteering at Snowhill Manor and Garden could be the answer. On Saturday, 28th January, between 10am. and 1.00pm., there is a chance to meet staff and volunteers there to find out more.

Snowhill Manor is famed for its collection of craftsmanship and its garden designed by Baillie Scott, a well-known name in Arts and Crafts circles. Staff and volunteers are planning re-opening to the public in April, and are looking for new faces to join their friendly team.

If you are a people-person, you might enjoy welcoming and engaging visitors, bringing to life a room of the house or meeting and greeting people at Reception. Experienced green-fingered geniuses may love being part of the garden team. Bookworms might relish the chance to work in the second-hand bookshop. Selling, building, cooking, organising – almost any skill can be put to use somewhere. All that is needed is an enthusiastic, approachable and friendly manner, and some spare time.

Snowhill needs 15 volunteers each day just to open to the public, so they are the lifeblood of the place. It's sociable, good fun and very rewarding - which is why most of our volunteers come back year after year.

The Open Day takes place in the restaurant at Snowhill Manor and Garden. Potential volunteers can drop in for tea/coffee and biscuits any time between 10.00 - 1.00pm when there'll be a chance to meet staff and volunteers. There will also be the rare chance to have a tour of the Manor when it's closed to the public, and see how the team are progressing with vital conservation and cleaning work.

Anyone interested who can't make the Open Day should get in touch with Colin Davidson, Visitor Services Manager on 01386 842810, or email snowhillmanor@nationaltrust.org.uk.

RNLI ANNUAL EVENT

This year's RNLI lecture will be given by the Rt. Hon. the Lord Dear. As in previous years, it will be in the Torrington Room of the Lygon Arms, and the date is Friday 3rd February. Tickets (£7) will be obtainable from Shopwright or by phoning 01386 852240.

Lord Dear's talk will be on the House of Lords – Past, Present and Future. At a time when the composition and function of the House of Lords is being debated, this should provide a fascinating insight into what the upper house is really like.

Lord Dear is a well known local personality since he retired to Willersey after a distinguished career in the police service. He was described by broadcaster Sir Robin Day as 'the best known and most respected police officer of his generation'.

From: Anthony Higham & Darren Findlow,
Windrush Guest House, Broadway 01386
853577

BROADWAY is now firmly on the map after George Osbourne, Chancellor of the Exchequer, gave a big thumbs-up to the recent launch of the new Broadway visitors' guide.

The guide was co-produced by Darren Findlow and Anthony Higham, owners of the multi award-winning Windrush Guest House in Broadway.

"We had barely mentioned the guide when Mr Osbourne picked up a copy from the coffee table and started to leaf through it," commented Anthony. The Chancellor commended them on a "very enterprising" publication, and asked what had inspired them to give their time to the project: "We could see how involved the traders are with the local community and we also wanted to contribute," he added.

Before leaving for Brussels minutes later, Mr Osbourne went on to call Broadway a "lovely village" which he had frequently visited.

In the line at the supermarket the cashier told an elderly lady that she should bring her own bags because plastic bags weren't good for the environment. The lady apologised and said, "We didn't have the 'green problem' in our day." The shop assistant responded, "That's the problem, your generation didn't care enough to save our environment."

She was right – in those days we returned milk bottles, soft drink bottles and beer bottles to the store. The store sent them back to the factory to be washed and sterilised and refilled. It was called recycling.

We walked up stairs because there were no escalators in every shop. We walked to the shops and didn't climb into 2000 horsepower machines every time we wanted to go round the corner.

We washed babies nappies because we didn't have the throw-away kind. We dried clothes because solar power worked on a line not in an energy-gobbling machine. In the kitchen we blended and stirred food by hand, not in an electric machine.

We had one TV or radio in the house, not one in every room. We didn't fire up an engine and burn petrol to mow the lawn. Lawn mowers worked on human power. We had one electrical outlet in each room instead of a bank of sockets to power dozens of appliances.

When we were thirsty we drank water from a tap not from a plastic bottle. Children cycled or walked to school instead of travelling in a four-by-four and we didn't need a computerised gadget to receive a signal beamed from satellites out in space to find the nearest pizza parlour.

What's On - Regular Events:

Mon-Fri, term time 8:55am-2:55pm	Broadway & Towerview Playschool, Jude 01386 853780
Mon-Fri, term time 8:45am-3pm	Little Friends of St. Mary's Playgroup, Deb/Sam 07798 610667
Mon 9:30/10:30am	Cotswold Pilates; Methodist Hall, Rebecca 07734 934751
NEW Mon 10am-12noon	'Computing for Improvers'; Broadway Library, 01905 822722; from 19 Sept
Mon and Thurs 10am-3:00pm	Signpost open; 5A Russell Square; including Age Concern services 01386 859029
Mon 11-11:30am	Bounce & Rhyme for babies at Broadway Library. 01905 822722.
Mon 6:30/7:30pm	TaeKwonDo for families and grown ups; Neil 07517 437300
Mon 7:00-8:30pm	Girl Guides (ages 10-14); Ruth Jones 01789 772328
Mon 7:00-8:30pm	Yoga; Broadway 1st School, Marion Moore 01386 853715
2nd Mon of the month 2:00pm	Broadway Library Readers group 01905 822722 begins 8 November
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 9:45am	Little Signers for babies 6 months to 2 years old; Broadway Library, Emi 07796 267473
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 7:30-9:15pm	Broadway Whist Drive Club; The Court, Russell's Estate, Patricia 01386 853110
Tues 8:00-9:00pm	Fitness Pilates; Childswickham Memorial Hall, Jilly 01386 442706
Tues 8:00-10:30pm	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 Hall (alt. w/Evergreens), 01386 852243
2nd Tues 8:30am	Breakfast Book Group; Russell's Restaurant, Elizabeth 01386 858588
Tues 9:30-11:30am	Peek-a-boo Baby & Toddler group; Broadway Youth Club, Louise 01386 858981 / 07788971332
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 852352
3rd Tues 8:45 am	Book Club; Margaret 01386 852120
Wed 10:00-11:30am	Broadway Coffee Club; Methodist Hall; for over 55's, Marjorie 01386 854627
Wed 9:30/10:30am	Cotswold Pilates Courses (two levels); Lifford Hall, Rebecca 07734 934751
Wed 10:30	Broadway Artists, a class with Doug Eyre; Lifford Parlour 01386 854 807
Wed. 10am- 12 Noon	Knitting Circle at Tisanes Tearooms; Ring Pat at the Wool Shop in Cotswold Court, 01386 853779
Wed in term time	Rhythm Time (Toddlers 1:00-1:30pm, Babies 1:40-2:20pm); Lifford Hall, Tracy 01527 401711
Wed 6:00-7:15pm	Broadway Beavers (ages 6-8); Anne 01386 830505
Wed 6:00-8:00pm	Broadway Youth Club (ages 5-19); Broadway Youth Centre 01386 853013
Wed 7:30-9:00pm	Broadway Music Makers Rehearsal; URC Hall, Charlie 01386 424235
1st Wed 7:30pm	Childswickham Women's Institute; Childswickham Village Hall, Vicki 01386 858838
2nd Wed 7-8pm	Evening Readers' Group; Broadway Library
3rd Wed. 12-2 pm,	Evesham Dementia Café; St Mary's Parish Hall, St Egwin's Rd, Evesham, Helen 01684 891455
3rd Wed 7:30pm	Broadway Wine Society; Lifford Hall, Jim 01386 898162
Last Wed 7:30pm	Broadway Natural History Society; Methodist Hall 01386 852747
Thurs. 2-3pm	Babytime; Apple Vale Children's Centre, 01386 859039
Thurs. 1:45-2:45pm	Ensodo- martial arts for adults; URC Hall during term time, Neil 07517 437300
Thurs 6:00-7:20pm/ 7:30-8:45pm	Yoga (Hatha) with Sue Nash; St. Mary's Catholic Primary Hall; 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 Square 01386 859029/ Pat 01386 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
Fri 6:30-8:00pm	Pilots (ages 5-18); URC Hall, Mark 07542 245560
Thurs. 6:30-8:00pm	Broadway Cub Scouts (ages 8-10); Anne 01386 830505
Sat 10am-4pm	Bric a Brac sale; Broadway (GWR) Station; John 01386 584366
Sat 7:00-10:00pm	Happy Hour at the Broadway Football Club
2nd Sat 10am-12 noon	Jigsaw puzzle swap; Broadway Library. Ring 01905 822722 for services to the housebound.
Regular meetings	Parents with new babies (0-12 months); Dawn 01386 858056
	Evening book club; housebound readers' service. Just ring the library 01905 822722

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**LOCAL WALKS WITH THE
COTSWOLDS VOLUNTARY WARDENS
JANUARY 2012**

**Along the Border – Thursday January 05 –
Moderate**

A hidden area of the Cotswolds on the Oxfordshire/Gloucestershire borders, with fine scenery and a gruesome story. Optional pub lunch at the end. 2.25 hours; 4.5 miles.

Start: 10.00 am Merrymonth Inn on A425 Burford to Stow Road. OS Map ref 231 185

**You think today's teachers have problems?
– Saturday January 07 – Moderate**

Short walk, true story. The woeful tale of a string of teachers who couldn't handle the pressures of running a Gloucestershire village school in the mid 19th century. Pub lunch available. Suitable for teachers! 4hours; 5 miles.

Start: 10.00 am Hidcote Manor National Trust car park. OS Map ref 177 430

**A Winter's Walk whilst Nature is Resting –
Saturday 21 January - Moderate**

Follow the Winchcombe Way towards the Salt Way and Little Farmcote. God views but keep a weather watch as we return along the edge of Guiting Wood and Deadmanbury Gate. Please bring a packed lunch. 4 hours; 8 miles.

Start: 10.00 am Winchcombe Back Lane car park. OS Map ref 023 284.

PLEASE use appropriate footwear as some walks may be steep and muddy in places. MODERATE - includes some hills and rough ground. We welcome guide and hearing dogs but sorry, others are not allowed.

Walks are free although donations help to fund our conservation work and improvement projects.

The Wardens run a full programme of guided walks throughout the Cotswolds. For more information see www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk or Tel: 01451 862000, also for any changes to arrangements such as due to extreme weather.

Broadway Arts Festival...stop press!

Calling all budding young actors: if you are interested in taking part in a production of "Peter Pan" in June as part of the Festival week, then we are interested in you! Parents please check out details on the BAF website. Details will also be sent to schools with a full list of rehearsal dates and times.

We are delighted that Sir Roy Strong has agreed to open our Festival. More details will be released in future editions and there is more information on the website.

Our guest speakers and presenters for the week include Professor David Ingrams who will be co-ordinating a study day at Farncombe; Marion Mako, well-known for her research on Parsons Gardens, Court Farm and Luggers Hall and a welcome return of Hugh Brewster who will explore further the links with the Titanic.

We anticipate a high level of participation in the Art Competition which was such a success in the Festival of 2010 – if you wish to take part, all details can be found on the Festival website.

We will be looking for volunteers who want to help in any way, big or small either before the Festival or during the week in June. Watch this space.

And a reminder to all – do not throw out your old wellies!

For details and an up-date, visit the BAF website. If you cannot find what you are looking for, contact any member of the BAF committee or e-mail Tez and Jane (see newsletter contacts) and we will do our best to rectify the situation.

**FAREWELL TO A MUCH LOVED
BROADWAY CLUB**

The EverGreens club was started by the WRVS in 1952 as a Darby and Joan club and carried on by a succession of committees. In its early days there were up to 60 members but this has now declined to an average attendance of 12. Also the members are less able to help in the running of the club due to ill health and advancing years and so the decision has been taken reluctantly, to close the club. We would like to thank all those who have supported us over the years. Sylvia Mould-Waller

What's On, One-Off Events:

Mon 2 Jan 1pm	GWR Fish & Chips Special, dep Winchcombe Station (booking required), John 01386 584366
Wed 18 Jan 7pm	Rural Cinema shows 'Jane Eyre', Laverton Village Hall, Bob 01386 584280.
Wed 1 Feb 12-2pm	Evesham Dementia Café: 'Gentle Seated Exercise'; St Mary's Parish Hall, Evesham 01684 891455
Fri 3 Feb 7pm	'Moscow Drug Club' – 30's cabaret, gypsy jazz, etc; Laverton Village Hall, Roland on 01386 584396.
Fri 3 Feb	RNLI lecture by the Rt. Hon. the Lord Dear. Torrington Room, Lygon Arms, Tickets (£7) from Shopwright or by phoning 01386 852240.
Wed 7 Mar 12-2pm	Evesham Dementia Café: "Medical aspects of dementia; St Mary's Parish Hall, Evesham 01684 891455

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GO AHEAD FOR THE ASHMOLEAN IN BROADWAY

The Launch Event, trailed in November's Newsletter, went ahead in the Lifford Hall on 7th December. A large and enthusiastic audience heard Dr Christopher Brown, the Director of Oxford's world famous Ashmolean Museum, outline the history of this venture and describe the exhibits of furniture, fabrics and silver that will fill the rooms of Tudor House, one of Broadway's landmark historic buildings, which has generously been made available by Mr John Keil. The displays, all from the Ashmolean's collection, will link with both the period in which the house was built and more widely with the Cotswolds area. Visitors will have the opportunity not only to see the collection but the chance to learn more about its history and context.

Financial support from national and local sources is well advanced and planning applications have been submitted. If all goes well, it is hoped that the museum will open in late 2012.

Once established here, the Ashmolean in Broadway, together with the Gordon Russell Design Museum, Court Barn Museum in Chipping Campden and the National Trust's Snowhill Manor, will substantially increase Broadway's profile as a major tourist attraction.

Cllr Eyre writes:

'Our last newsletter highlighted a potential new venture in Broadway: The Ashmolean at Keil's Tudor House. Progress is being made. The planning change of use process has begun. Fundraising has reached £213,000 of the required £301,000, to convert the property to a museum of the right quality linked to the ethos of Broadway. Following a community meeting on 7th December, a good number of residents and some businesses have come forward to volunteer some of their time, help with fundraising or to be a Friend. The Company is almost set up and the charity will follow.

The Committee is seeking volunteers with suitable skills to lead on Benefactor, Patron, and Sponsor and Friends programmes.

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