

Broadway Newsletter

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BADSEY BROOK FLOOD DEFENCE SCHEME MEETING

Following letters sent out in January, a public meeting was held at the Lifford Hall on February 15th, jointly chaired by Cllr David Folkes and Anthony Halling, Parish Clerk of Childswickham, to discuss the Badsey and Bunches Brook Flood Alleviation scheme for Broadway, Childswickham and Murcot. Co. Cllr. Liz Eyre and Kevin Beasley, Parish Clerk of Broadway, were also there to answer questions. An explanatory talk was given by Anthony Perry from the Environment Agency and maps were displayed to show the preferred scheme in detail. The estimated cost was £3m, of which £312,000 needed to be raised from the residents of the villages. That money would enable the project to proceed further in negotiations for Government funds, which have to be in place by autumn 2012. £15,000 has already been raised in response to the letter sent out, to which 95 people have so far responded.

A number of questions were raised from the 100 strong audience, many of whom had been victims of the floods in 2007.

There was a suggestion that a precept on the council tax would be a fairer way of raising the sum required. Cllr Folkes replied that because of Government restrictions on raising revenue in that way, there would need to be a referendum, which he doubted would be responded to by everyone and would be expensive to implement.

Other residents reported that their insurance premiums had increased dramatically since the last flood, but WR12 7 is now generally categorised as a flood risk area. A resident with insurance expertise pointed out that difficulty over property valua-

tions would inevitably arise if the flood alleviation schemes were not properly implemented.

Cllr. Eyre said there were three options:

- " Do nothing
- " Undertake a partial solution
- " Implement the full scheme with the help of householder contributions and community schemes to raise the amount needed - which would benefit everyone in future.

David Lavender, from Worcester CC, said he was involved in the investigation into the culvert problems which had caused flooding in the upper High Street. This would involve the National Trust and also private landowners.

No further meetings were announced but Anthony Perry said he would keep all residents informed.

More information can be obtained from the Environment Agency at

www.environment-agency.gov.uk or Lindsay Harper on 01684 864309. Maps are available from the Parish Office.

Broadway Parish Council

DIAMOND JUBILEE VINTAGE & CLASSIC CAR SHOW

SATURDAY 2ND JUNE 2012
12 NOON - 4 PM

As part of the Jubilee celebrations, the Broadway Parish Council will be holding a Vintage & Classic Car Show on Broadway village green on the above date.

British Motor Vehicles, registered before 1953, will be most welcome.

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SOME EASTER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

ART EXHIBITION - EASTER WEEKEND

A number of Broadway residents will be among those having their work on show at the Lifford Hall on Easter weekend (April 6-8) when the Evesham Art Society holds an exhibition of paintings. The exhibition will be open from 11-5 on Good Friday and from 10-5 on Easter Saturday and Easter day.

YOUTH ACTIVITY MORNING

- GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 6

9.30AM-12.30PM

URC HALL BROADWAY

5-16 year olds all welcome.

If you would like to take part, please phone either Yvonne (01386 424125) or Bill (01386 852618) beforehand - or just turn up on the day.



Here's how Totnes in Devon encourages owners to clean up after their pets. Does Broadway need one of these?

BROADWAY GRAVEL PIT TASTER DAY WORCESTERSHIRE WILDLIFE TRUST

On Wednesday the 25th January, a group of 16 volunteers headed to Broadway Gravel Pit, a small wetland reserve just north west of Broadway village. The reserve is a seasonally flooded gravel pit featuring open woodland, scrub and carr woodland which has been colonised by plenty of wildlife since no longer being used for gravel extraction. It became a nature reserve following a successful campaign to prevent the site becoming a lorry park. It now attracts birds like chiffchaffs, cuckoos, bullfinches and yellowhammers along with dragonflies, butterflies and a wide range of other insects. The reserve is owned by Wychavon District Council, but managed by Worcestershire Wildlife Trust. Mark Turner, the volunteer reserve manager for the site, has been involved in the reserve for over 23 years. With the need for more management, it was decided to run a volunteer taster day to raise awareness of the reserve and also to maybe start a regular work party. The taster day gave participants the chance to get involved with some hands-on practical conservation.

There are five species of willow on the reserve, white, grey, crack, goat and osier, which help support a wide range of wildlife, for example over 150 species of moth. However, some of the large willows take up large amounts of water. Those of you who know the site will have noticed how dry the gravel pits have been recently, due to a combination of factors, but it is hoped that reducing the number of large willows will help to retain water on site. Some of the large willows were felled, the large pieces of willow were stacked to form a valuable dead wood habitat and the debris was burnt. We also planted some hawthorn and blackthorn saplings in the new hedgerow by the car park so that there will be plenty of berries for birds to feed on in winter. One of the other tasks of the day was to construct a woven willow screen adjacent to the hide, to stop disturbance to birds feeding by passing visitors.

If you're interested in volunteering, whether at Broadway Gravel Pit or elsewhere, please do not hesitate to contact Anna Bunney, Conservation Assistant and Volunteer Coordinator - Worcestershire Wildlife Trust.

anna@worcestershirewildlife.org

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WHY DO VISITORS COME TO BROADWAY?

Last year, on behalf of the Visitor Management Group, Wychavon District Council commissioned a survey to determine why people visit Broadway. Surveys were carried out in August-September face to face and via self-completion questionnaires. 53.42% of people surveyed were over 55, mainly travelling in couples, 67.8% were of UK origin, and for 61.64% it was their first visit with 63.69% staying between one and 4 hours.

Overwhelmingly, tourists stated their main reasons for visiting were the picturesque scenery and the quintessential English character of the village, its architecture and cleanliness. Secondly, they cited the range of unique and individual shops as well as the walks available.

In addition, twenty-two businesses were mystery-shopped to determine first impressions, the quality of service, product and local knowledge and overall customer service satisfaction. Hotels and B & Bs were also mystery called, and interviews conducted with coach companies and other businesses. Despite visitors spending £77.05 on average, more than the national average, key issues arising included a need to improve initial contact with the customer, a more proactive approach to promoting products, particularly those sourced locally, and improved consistency and level of service amongst businesses. It was felt that local businesses should work together more closely, particularly recommending each other more frequently. It was suggested that customer service and sales training courses be staged for any interested businesses. Through improved service, merchandising and acting as a collective force for promoting Broadway, businesses could increase visitors' spend per head by 5%-10% and thus render the economic future of the village more positive and secure.

Overall, however, comments were very positive, many visitors feeling that Broadway should resist change and over-commercialisation, continuing to attract tourists by its charm and outstanding natural beauty.

Letter to The Editor

I wonder if any one else feels the same?

Whilst the drainage works were going on by the Green, as a pedestrian and as a driver, I believe that crossing or travelling on the High Street was much more pleasant and safe.

The obligatory temporary traffic lights meant that there was a definite stopping of traffic in one direction, with an additional short pause for the lights to change. The motor traffic in either direction was hardly affected, while the pedestrians had a much safer 'window' in which to cross the road (without having to walk to the pedestrian crossing). The traffic flow seemed to be slower, with less speeding.

Perhaps we should rethink our High Street traffic light position in Broadway?

Yours sincerely (Name and address supplied)

How do you feel about this suggestion? Let us know!

BROADWAY METHODIST CHURCH 200TH ANNIVERSARY.

There has been a Methodist witness in Broadway since 1810 when the club room at the Bell Inn was registered for public worship.

Over the next two years the present church was built, registered and dedicated on the 14th March 1812, little further is known about the church until major renovations were completed in 1904. As a result of the Deed of Union in 1932, the Broadway Wesleyan Methodist Church became known as Broadway Methodist Church.

In 1963 the Church Hall and toilets were added, and a kitchen added in 1976. Further improvements were carried out over the years, including a 'Millennium Project' when the size of the hall was increased, the kitchen and toilets upgraded and a ramp added outside. These improvements were rededicated in 2002. With all these alterations completed, the Church Council were happy for the Hall to be used by various groups in the community, which still continues today.

More recently, a decision was taken to upgrade and modernise the church (2007 - 2009). This included replacing the pews with comfortable chairs and the old organ was removed and replaced with a modern portable version.

For our 200th Anniversary this year, there will be a service on Sunday, March 11th at 10.30 a.m. led by Rev. Helen Bell (Superintendent Minister of the Stratford and Evesham Circuit). A warm welcome is extended to you to join this celebration, particularly those who have supported and have had associations with the Church in the past.



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Mon-Fri, term time 8:55am-2:55pm
 Mon-Fri, term time 8:45am-3pm
 Mon 9:30/10:30am
 9:45-10:30am
 Mon 10.15am
 Mon 10am-12noon
 Mon and Thurs 10am-3:00pm
 Mon 11-11:30am
 Mon 6:30/7:30pm
 Mon 7:00-8:30pm
 Mon 7:00-8:30pm
 Mon 7:30pm
 2nd Mon of the month 2:00pm
 3rd Mon of the month 8:00pm
 Last Mon of the month 7:30pm
 Tues 9:15am
 Tues 9:30/10:30am
 Tues 9:45am and 11.00am
 Tues 6:00-8:00pm
 Tues 6:30-8:00pm
 Tues 6:30pm
 Tues 7pm
 Tues 7:30-9:15pm
 Tues 8:00-9:00pm
 Tues 8:00-10:30pm
 2nd Tues 8:30am
 Tues 9:30-11:30am
 2nd Tues 10:00-11:00am
 2nd Tues 3:00-4:00pm
 3rd Tues 8:45 am
 Wed 9:15am
 Wed 10:00-11:30am
 Wed 9:30/10:30am
 Wed. 10am- 12 Noon
 Wed in term time
 Wed 6:00-7:15pm
 Wed 7:30-9:00pm
 1st Wed 7:30pm
 2nd Wed 7-8pm
 3rd Wed. 12-2 pm,
 3rd Wed 7:30pm
 Last Wed 7:30pm
 Thurs. 10:15am
 Thurs 10:30am-12:30pm
 Thurs. 2-3pm
 Thurs. 1:45-2:45pm
 Thurs 6:00-7:20pm/ 7:30-8:45pm
 Thurs 6:00-8:00pm
 Most Thurs 8:45pm
 1st Thurs 10:00am
 1st Thurs 3:00-4:00pm
 1st Thurs 8:00pm
 2nd Thurs 2:00pm
 Fri 6:30-8:00pm
 Thurs. 6:30-8:00pm
 Sat 10am-4pm
 Sat 7:00-10:00pm
 2nd Sat 10am-12 noon
 Regular meetings

Broadway & Towerview Playschool, Jude 01386 853780
 Little Friends of St. Mary's Playgroup, Deb/Sam 07798 610667
 Cotswold Pilates; Methodist Hall, Rebecca 07734 934751
 Fun and inspiring weekly music classes; Broadway Youth Club, Hannah 01386 710658. Starts 12 Mar.
 Zumba, Lifford Hall, Tess 07815 949970
 'Computing for Improvers'; Broadway Library, 01905 822722; from 19 Sept
 Signpost open; 5A Russell Square; including Age Concern services 01386 859029
 Bounce & Rhyme for babies at Broadway Library. 01905 822722.
 TaeKwonDo for families and grown ups; Neil 07517 437300
 Girl Guides (ages 10-14); Ruth Jones 01789 772328
 Yoga; Broadway 1st School, Marion Moore 01386 853715
 Zumba; Lifford Hall, Tess 07815 949970
 Broadway Library Readers group 01905 822722 begins 8 November
 Broadway Football Club Prize Bingo (eyes down!) 07818 046738
 Broadway Garden Club; URC Hall 01386 852428
 Pilates; Lifford Hall, Tess 07815 949970
 Cotswold Pilates Courses (two levels); Methodist Hall, Rebecca 07734 934751
 Little Signers for babies 6 months to 2 years old; Broadway Library, Emi 07796 267473
 Broadway Youth Club (ages 5-19); Broadway Youth Centre 01386 853013
 T'ai Chi mixed ability class; URC Hall, Val 01608 652835
 Slimming World; Lifford Hall; Janet 01386 765629
 Zumba, 8.15 Men's Pilates; Childswickham Village Hall, Tess 07815 949970
 Broadway Whist Drive Club; The Court, Russell's Estate, Patricia 01386 853110
 Fitness Pilates; Childswickham Memorial Hall, Jilly 01386 442706
 Ballroom/sequence dancing; Willersey Village Hall, Mike Brennan 01386 859155
 Breakfast Book Group; Russell's Restaurant, Elizabeth 01386 858588
 Peek-a-boo Baby & Toddler group; Broadway Youth Club, Louise 01386 858981 / 07788971332
 Short Walks from The Court, Back Lane; followed by coffee, Kim 07854717430
 Come and Meet Each Other (tea); St Michael's Church 01386 852352
 Book Club; Margaret 01386 852120
 Zumba, Lifford Hall, Tess 07815 949970
 Broadway Coffee Club; Methodist Hall; for over 55's, Marjorie 01386 854627
 Cotswold Pilates Courses (two levels); Lifford Hall, Rebecca 07734 934751
 Knitting Circle at Tisanes Tearooms; Ring Pat at the Wool Shop in Cotswold Court, 01386 853779
 Rhythm Time (Toddlers 1:00-1:30pm, Babies 1:40-2:20pm); Lifford Hall, Tracy 01527 401711
 Broadway Beavers (ages 6-8); Anne 01386 830505
 Broadway Music Makers Rehearsal; URC Hall, Charlie 01386 424235
 Childswickham Women's Institute; Childswickham Village Hall, Vicki 01386 858838
 Evening Readers' Group; Broadway Library
 Evesham Dementia Café; St Mary's Parish Hall, St Egwin's Rd, Evesham, Helen 01684 891455
 Broadway Wine Society; Lifford Hall, Jim 01386 898162
 Broadway Natural History Society; Methodist Hall 01386 852747
 Body Conditioning 11:15 Pilates; Lifford Hall, Tess 07815 949970
 Rural Read Book Group; Stanton Guildhouse, Susan 01386 584357
 Babytime; Apple Vale Children's Centre, 01386 859039
 Ensodo- martial arts for adults; URC Hall; Neil 07517 437300
 Yoga (Hatha) with Sue Nash; St. Mary's Catholic Primary Hall; 07890 734782
 Broadway Youth Club (ages 5-19); Broadway Youth Centre 01386 853013
 Live Music (Jazz/Blues); The Crown & Trumpet 01386 853202
 Broadway Embroidery Group; Methodist Hall, Gill 01386 830604
 Broadway Cancer Support Group; Signpost, 5A Russell Square 01386 859029/ Pat 01386 41055
 Royal British Legion; Bowling Green Clubhouse
 North Cotswold U3A Open Meeting; Willersey Village Hall, Phyllis 01386 584100
 Pilots (ages 5-18); URC Hall, Mark 07542 245560
 Broadway Cub Scouts (ages 8-10); Anne 01386 830505
 Bric a Brac sale; Broadway (GWR) Station; John 01386 584366
 Happy Hour at the Broadway Football Club
 Jigsaw puzzle swap; Broadway Library. Ring 01905 822722 for services to the housebound.
 Parents with new babies (0-12 months); Dawn 01386 858056
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BARRY HANCOCK'S COOKERY COLUMN

Shivering on the coldest night of the year so far, and I have been asked to put together an idea for a spring recipe. By the time you read this, I hope the weather will have improved.

Perhaps I am not the world's greatest cook but I simply love cooking, especially for my hypercritical family! I also love eating out and have huge enthusiasm for the London restaurant scene. London is probably one of the most innovative cities in the world as far as food is concerned. If you want to follow the trends, there is a local boy (well Great Comberton is fairly local) who has a brilliant blog on eating out and in. If you want to keep apace of what's new I urge you to look him up at www.rocketandsquash.com.

Spring means lamb for me and The Cotswolds couldn't be a better source for my favourite meat. This recipe is not mine, nor is it original, but I've cooked it numerous time and it is delicious. I am an avid fan of slow cooking and this method of cooking works perfectly with lamb. It's also very, very simple and meltingly delicious.

Very Slow Shoulder of Lamb

- 1 largish or 2 small pieces of lamb shoulder
 - 2 large tins haricot beans
 - 2 large onions, peeled and quartered
 - 10 shallots, peeled
 - 6 tomatoes, quartered
 - 10 whole cloves of garlic, peeled
 - 1 tin anchovy fillets
 - 2 bay leaves
 - 3 sprigs rosemary
 - Salt and freshly ground black pepper
 - 3 tablespoons tomato purée
 - 300-400 ml or 1/2-3/4 pint dry white wine
- Heat the oven to 220°C.

Place all the ingredients into a large casserole, cover and cook for an hour at 220°C followed by 6-8 hours at 100°C.

You may want to skim off some of the fat which will have dispersed from the lamb.

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Fri 2nd March 2pm	Women's World Day of Prayer with Rev Helen Bell; Methodist Church
Fri 2nd March 10:30-4:30pm	'Angel' Healing Painting Workshop; Christine; 01386 858086
Sat 3rd March 6:30pm	"Bangers & Mash Quiz Night"; United Reformed Church Hall; Frank; 01386 833494
Wed 7th Mar 12-2pm	Evesham Dementia Café: "Medical aspects of dementia; St Mary's Parish Hall, Evesham; 01684 891455
Sun 11th March 10:30am	200th anniversary celebration, Broadway Methodist Church
12th March	'From Page to Screen' Literature Course; Stanton Guildhouse, Susan; 01386 584357
Sat 17th March 10:30-4:30pm	'Inner Peace' Healing Painting Workshop; Christine; 01386 858086
Sun 18th Mar 2:35, 4:05pm	GWR Mothering Sunday Cream Tea Specials; dep Winchcombe Stn, book with John; 01386 584366
Sat 24th March 7:30pm	Cheese, Wine & Quiz Night; Broadway Bowling Club; Bridget Cresswell; 01386 831280
Sat 31st March 10:30-4:30pm	'Sacred Mandala' Healing Painting Workshop; Christine; 01386 858086
Wed 4th April 11am - 12 noon	Easter Children's Activity; Broadway Library; 01905 822722
Fri 6th -Mon 9th April TIME TBC	Evesham Art Society Exhibition of Paintings; PLACE, Paulette; 01386 833277
Mon 9th April	GWR Easter Eggspress; Winchcombe Stn (from Cheltenham Racecourse Station), book with John 01386 584366
Thurs 12th -Sat 14th April 7:30pm	Southern Nights Cabaret Show; Lifford Hall, Shopwright or Linda; 01386 858654
19th April	'Shakespeare' Literature Course; Stanton Guildhouse, Susan; 01386 584357
27th April 7:30pm	Mission Impossible - The Opera Dudes; Laverton Village Hall, Roland ; 01386 584280.
Sat 12th and 19th May 7pm	GWR Fish & Chip Special, dep Winchcombe Stn, book with John; 01386 584366
Sat 19th -Sun 20th May	GWR Spring Ale & Steam Weekend; Winchcombe Stn, book with John; 01386 584366
Sat 26th -Sun 27th May	GWR Day Out With Thomas; Winchcombe Stn (from Cheltenham Racecourse Stn), John 01386 584366
Sat 2nd June 12.00-4.00pm	Diamond Jubilee Vintage & Classic Car Show; Broadway Village Green; Neil; 01386 858054
16th July	'Thomas Hardy' Literature Course; Stanton Guildhouse; Susan; 01386 584357

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LOCAL WALKS WITH THE COTSWOLDS VOLUNTARY WARDENS MARCH 2012

Walking from Longborough -4 - Thursday March 20 – Moderate

Fourth in series to celebrate Longborough's achievement of "Walkers are Welcome" status. Eastwards to Little Compton and return, taking in the villages of Evenlode and Chastleton. Pub lunch available. 5.5 hours; 11 miles.

Start: 10.00 am Cotswold Food Store car park, Longborough (on A424). OS Map ref 170 296

Spring on the Scarp – Thursday March 22 – Moderate

Welcome the first signs of Spring with wonderful views exploring some of the background to this glorious part of the Cotswold escarpment. Please bring a packed lunch. 6 hours; 10 miles.

Start: 10.00 am Dover's Hill car park (about a mile to west of Chipping Campden). OS Map ref 137 395

A Swell view of Stow – Wednesday March 28 – Moderate

A super walk through some of the villages near Stow-on-the-Wold followed by a visit to a local hostelry for an optional lunch. 3 hours; 6 miles.

Start: 10.00 am Tesco car park, Stow-on-the-Wold. OS Map ref 191 262

Secrets of the School Punishment Book – Saturday March 31 – Moderate

A true story. Sitting in the classroom of an old village school you will learn what life was like and how discipline was kept 100 years ago. Pub lunch available afterwards. 2.5 hours; 4 miles.

Start: 10.00 am Ilmington village school, Back Street, CV36 4LJ. OS Map ref 210 438

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 are invited to help fund our conservation and improvement works.

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

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