Broadway Newsletter

Reaching over 2000 households in the Parish of Broadway Issue 37: July/Aug2012

Photo: Jane Brown

Steven Storey from Cambridgeshire carries the Olympic Flame through Broadway. Steve has raised a substantial amount of money for charity over the years, taking part in the London Marathon and several Microsoft Challenge events .He and his wife also look after his sister in law's two young children after she died suddenly.

THE ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM OPENING

Plans for the opening of the Broadway arm of Oxford's Ashmolean Museum are now well under way and a prospective date of Sunday 31st March, 2013 has been announced.

BROADWAY HORTICULTURAL AND CRAFT SHOW

The annual Horticultural and Craft Show will take place on Saturday September 8th. Schedules will shortly be available from all the usual outlets round the village. This hasn't been the best of summers for fruit and vegetable growers, but nevertheless, the Show's organisers look forward to as many of you as possible entering for the many different categories and making it a thoroughly enjoyable occasion. So, if your carrots are less than perfect this year, why not try making the coffee and walnut cake (men only) or taking a photograph for one of the several categories listed?

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CHAIRMAN CLLR DAVID FOLKES PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT

At the recent annual general meeting, I welcomed all present stating that since the elections last May it has been my pleasure to welcome two new Council members, Dr. Rachel Clements and Mrs. Ros. Rogers, both of whom I hope havesettled in well to their role as Parish Councillors. I thanked Tim Greig, who stepped down in May since moving away from the area, for all his hard work and commitment during his time as parish councillor. I continued with a summary of all that had been achieved in the past year in Broadway:

The new toilet block in the Activity Park is well underway to completion;

In June, Councillor Mrs. Stock and the Clerk accompanied me to attend the official opening of the Shear House development which has created twelve new affordable homes for people with local connections;

A presentation in the Lifford Hall outlined plans for the South Worcestershire Development Plan for Broadway with sites for homes proposed in Station Road, Leamington Road and Kingsdale Court;

A public meeting was held in February to update the villagers on the proposed Badsey and Bunchers Brook flood alleviation scheme for Broadway, Childswickham with Murcot and to highlight the need for local community support towards the cost of this project;

Drainage work took place in the High Street during October and November, and the workmen must be commended for carrying out the work with as little inconvenience as possible, for the tidiness of the work, and the way everything was restored upon completion;

I hope that everyone will benefit from the new trees planted along Station Road as they mature;

Our thanks must go to Maurice Parkinson, our lengthsman, and Mrs. Dottie Friedli, for all their help in keeping the Millennium Garden looking so good by carrying out a make-over during the year, and also installing a new seat in place of one which had collapsed;

Two grants of £250 each were again made available to complete litter picks in the village undertaken this year by members of Broadway United Youth Football Club and Broadway Cricket Club, both of whom carried out such a wonderful job in clearing rubbish that the grants will be made available again during 2012;

Thanks to the persistence of Mrs. Dennis of Bricknell Cottage and with the co-operation of the Parish Council, the area at the bottom of Springfield Lane, formerly known as China Square, now has a plaque marking its location;

I accepted two invitations to Broadway Library during the year to make presentations to village children who had taken part in local competitions;

Although the village thankfully did not suffer adverse winter weather as it had previously experienced, additional grit bins have been purchased and installed by the roundabout in the High Street, Morris Road, and Bibsworth Avenue. Our lengthsman, Maurice Parkinson, and his brother have been appointed to clear the roads in Broadway on behalf of the County Council, and they have also agreed to clear the minor roads around the village;

The penultimate phase of the painting of the village light columns has now been completed;

The Parish Council, together with several organisations with which she was associated, and members of her family, marked the sad loss of Mrs. Jill Cross during the year with the purchase of a seat in her memory which was placed along Station Road;

Following the withdrawal of part of the route of the 559 bus service, Cresswell Bus Company has started a service to Evesham from Childswickham via Broadway on Tuesdays and Thursdays which has been well supported. I would like to encourage everyone to continue to support this vital link into Evesham for those who have no transport of their own. Our thanks must go to Councillor Mrs. Stephenson for her help in getting this project off the ground. The Evesham Volunteer Centre gave a presentation to the Parish Council highlighting how its services can also help such residents with assistance in getting to hospital, doctors, shopping, etc., and I would ask that this service be made known to anyone who you feel may benefit;

A number of grants and annual donations have been made over the past twelve months -

Wychavon C.A.B.	200.00
Broadway Bowling Club	1,750.00
St. Mary's Catholic School	1,000.00
Broadway P.C.C.	500.00
Signpost	250.00
Tourist Information Centre	500.00
Evesham Volunteer Centre	250.00
Evesham & Pershore Neighbourhood Watch	200.00
Broadway Traders Association	250.00
GWR Broadway Area Group	1,000.00

There have been seven Parish Council meetings over the past twelve months, but I must also thank councillors for their commitment to other committees they serve on – Planning, Finance Working Group, Activity Park, Flooding, and Tree Committee, together with those who represent the Parish Council on the Visitor Management Group and P.A.C.T.;

Finally, I would like to thank both Kevin and Gwen, our Clerk and Assistant Clerk, without whom the Parish Council would not run so efficiently.

HOW TO SUBMIT:

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'TOP SECRET BOEING'

The RAF Airfield at Defford, which was built partly in the grounds of Croome Park, the seat of the Earls of Coventry (who built Broadway Tower), was one of the most secret places in Britain during the Second World War. For it was at Defford that the radar systems which helped win the war for the Allies, were tested and proven. A new book by Broadway author Bob Shaw, 'Top Secret Boeing' lifts the veil of secrecy by telling the life story of a unique and remarkable aircraft, a Boeing 247D, which flew with the RAF at Defford to play a key part in winning the Radar Battles of the Second World War. The old airliner earned the affection of scientists and airmen alike, who found it to be the ideal tool for radar research. They all called it simply 'The Boeing'.

A secret mission to Washington in 1940, approved by Winston Churchill and agreed by President Roosevelt, plucked 'The Boeing' from obscurity. It was chosen as a demonstrator for the prototype American 10cm air intercept radar (based on the British invention, the magnetron), and sent to Britain, where it became serial number DZ203 with the RAF. Thereafter it was flown intensively on a variety of radar projects.

In its ultimate achievement, in January 1945 at Defford, 'The Boeing' achieved the World's First automatic orbit, approach and blind landing, pointing the way to the ability of airliners to operate in all weathers and darkness which we take for granted today.

This book will appeal to anyone who is an aircraft 'buff' and anyone interested in aviation history, especially with its local connections. Many local people will have family or know someone who served at Defford, and would like to know more about 'The Secret Airfield'.

'Top Secret Boeing' is on sale at Blandford Books in Broadway, or in the National Trust shop at Croome Park.

MEMORIAL SEAT

The Cotswold Wardens have now installed a seat in memory of David Jelfs. The seat is at the top of the first field of Tower Farm, alongside the Cotswold Way and the wall now being rebuilt. Both of these were close to David's heart, so the location makes a fitting tribute.

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: Sat 6pm Vigil Mass, Sun 10am (Mass and Children's Liturgy).
Methodist: Sun 10:30; Fri 10.30am-12:00 noon Morning Coffee; 3rd Fri10.45 -12:00 noon Good News Christian Library 01386 852243
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.
St Eadburgha's: Services recommence from 15th April 6pm.

WANTED

Compiler for the What's On section of the Broadway Newsletter. Training Provided. You need a computer and access to email and the internet. If interested email calendar@broadwayvillage.org.uk or ring 01386 898162

Panna cotta with Summer Fruits (Serves 4)

I hear rumour of an Italian Restaurant due to open soon in Broadway!
Perhaps this typically Italian dessert might be a suitable introduction to Italian cuisine.
Panna cotta is such a simple dish to make. You can change its character with all sorts of flavours.

Panna cotta

2 x 2g leaves gelatine (be sure to use leaves, available in major supermarkets and The Broadway Deli!)
300ml double cream 115g castor sugar
100ml full fat milk 50ml buttermilk
1 vanilla Pod, split lengthways, seeds scraped out

For the sauce:
175g sugar 175ml water
12oz raspberries
splash of cherry liqueur, Cointreau or something similar

Soak the gelatine leaves in cold water. Pour the cream into a saucepan, add the sugar, vanilla pod and seeds and heat gently, stirring until the sugar has dissolved. Bring just to a simmer and remove from the heat and discard the vanilla pod.
Squeeze the water out of the gelatine and stir it into the cream mixture to dissolve. Pour through a sieve into a clean bowl and stir in the milk and buttermilk. Add more sugar if needed.
Grease this inside of 4 small ramekins and divide the mixture between them. Cool and then refrigerate for at least 4 hours or overnight.
For the sauce, place the sugar, water and liqueur into a pan and bring to the boil. Reduce the heat and simmer until the sugar has dissolved.
Remove the pan from the heat, blend until smooth and pass through a sieve.
Stir the remaining raspberries into the sauce.
To serve, briefly dip the ramekins into boiling water and invert on to plates.
Spoon the cooled sauce over and decorate with a sprig of mint.
Enjoy this little plate of delights!

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
Mon 9:45-10:30am	Fun and inspiring weekly music for mothers & toddlers; Broadway Youth Club, Hannah 01386 710658
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 10am-4pm	Bric a Brac sale; Broadway (GWR) Station; John 01386 584366
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, , Sonia 01386 852211
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 COTSWOLD VOLUNTARY WARDENS

Flower Foray on & around Cleeve Common – Thursday July 05 – Moderate

A fabulous foray with Conservation Officer, Ellie Philllips. We hope to showcase the wonderful range of wildflowers both on the Common and nearby butterfly reserves. Please bring a packed lunch & sturdy footwear for scrambling over rougher areas. 5 hours; 5 miles.

Start: 10:00 am at Cleeve Hill Quarry Car Park. OS Map ref SO 989 272.

Figure of Eight from Ford – Tuesday 10 July - Easy

Choose morning or afternoon - or both! Two gentle walks from Ford making a delightful figure of eight and exploring the Upper Windrush Valley. Pub lunch available at the Plough Inn. AM 2 hours; 4miles. PM 2.5 hours; 4.5 miles.

Starts: 10:15 AM and 2:00 PM at the car park opposite the Plough Inn at Ford. OS Map ref SP 088 294.

The Wardens and Windrush Ways No 3 – Friday 13 July

Third in a series of four circular walks covering the whole of the Wardens and Windrush Ways in sequence. We follow the Windrush Way from Guiting Power to Naunton Downs returning via the Wardens Way. Please bring suitable refreshments. 3.5 hours; 6.5 miles.

Start: 10.00 am Guiting Power Village Hall Car Park. OS Map ref SP 095 246

Scent to Snowshill – Saturday July 21 – Moderate

The lavender fields will be in full bloom at this time of year! Join us on this delightful walk from Blockley to the escarpment, which promises splendid views along the way. Bring a packed lunch. 6 hours; 11 miles.

Start: 10:00 am Blockley Village Green. OS Map ref SP 164 350

St Kenelms Walk and Play – Sunday July 22 – Moderate

Winchcombe Walkers are Welcome will lead a 'pilgrimage 'walk from Winchcombe to Hailes Abbey for lunch, then follow the St Kenelm's Way to the Well to watch the St Kenelm's play, before walking back via Sudeley Castle. Bring drinks and a packed lunch or buy lunch at the Orchard tea rooms. 6-7miles.

Start: 10:00 am at Back Lane car park Winchcombe (Pay & Display £1 all day.) OS Map ref SP 023 284.

Diamond Way Sampler with a Pitstop No 2 – Thursday July 26 - Moderate

Second in a series of walks incorporating sections of the Diamond Way. A figure of eight taking in the delights of Adlestrop, Daylesford and Bledington. Optional pub lunch. 5 hours; 9 miles.

Start: 10:00 am at Adlestrop Village Hall car park (Trust the Motorist). OS Map ref SP 242 272.

PLEASE use appropriate footwear as some walks may be steep and muddy in places. EASY – Length may vary but terrain is mainly flat (level); MODERATE - includes some hills and rough ground. We welcome guide and hearing dogs - sorry, others not allowed.

Walks are free although we do invite donations to help fund our conservation and improvement work.

BACK ON TRACK!

The Old Station House is welcoming guests to Broadway again. Following a change of ownership, the Old Station House has been closed for refurbishment prior to opening in time for the Cheltenham Festival week.

New owners, Jenni Morrison and Andy Stevens moved into the area last year and are delighted that they chose to come to Broadway.

Jenni comes from a strong customer service background having started as an air stewardess, progressing to senior management posts in travel related companies. "I decided to try bed and breakfast in a small way a few years ago and enjoyed it so much I wanted to try on a larger scale" said Jenni. "We travelled around staying in B&Bs looking for our ideal place and narrowed it down to the Cotswolds and then Broadway. We have been made very welcome by people from all walks of life here and have had lots of help and support from business people in the area. Now that we are up and running I'm really looking forward to playing a part in the life of Broadway."

Andy joined the Royal Air Force at eighteen and flew the Jaguar, mostly in Germany during the "Cold War". Forty years after his first flight he is still up there but now flies the Boeing 777 for a major airline in the Middle East. "When we started to look for a place I remembered that I'd liked the Cotswolds when I'd spent some time at RAF Kemble in the early seventies. I brought Jenni here and we both fell in love with the area. I still live and work overseas but get back when I have leave and really enjoy Broadway. I've been hugely impressed by the quality of work and good humour of the great guys who have helped us to bring The Old Station House up to the standard we wanted. You know who you are and thanks a million from both of us."

"I hope it won't be too long before I can return permanently to the UK to join Jenni and our guests, I'm especially excited about the rebuilding of the station and the return of steam to The Old Station House and hope we can contribute to the continued success of this great village."

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10-11 July	Watercolours with Peter Hodge; Stanton Guildhouse 01386 584357
Until 31 July	Display of photographs by resident photographer Jack Boskett; GWR Toddington: John 01386 584366
Sat 7 July 7pm	GWR Fish & Chip Special, dep Winchcombe Stn (booking required) John 01386 584366
Sun 15 July 7:30pm	Cheltenham Symphony Orchestra concert; Toddington Village Hall, Andrew 01684 772272
Mon 16 July	"Thomas Hardy" Literature Course; Stanton Guildhouse, Susan 01386 584357
Sat 21 July 7pm	GWR Fish & Chip Special, dep Winchcombe Stn (booking required) John 01386 584366
Sun 22 July	GWR Classic Bus Rally: classic buses on display at Toddington Station John 01386 584366
Sat 28 July	"Sincerely Abba, 70's & 80's Fancy Dress; Lifford Hall, Sue 01386 858725
Sat/Sun 18-19 Aug	GWR Carriage & Wagon Dept Open Weekend Winchcombe Station John 01386 584366
20-24 Aug	Creative Writing with Marion McCraith; Stanton Guildhouse 01386 584357
1-6 Sept	Wood and Stone carving with Dick Onians; Stanton Guildhouse 01386 584357
From Sept	Stained Glass and Kiln Fired Glass; Stanton Guildhouse 01386 584357

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Thousands turn out to see the Olympic Flame Relay pass through Broadway

Photo: Tez Brown

TIME SHIFT – CAN YOU REMEMBER?

Several artefacts have been found whilst digging in the earth bank and on Saturday 2nd of June one of the three volunteers searching for bricks on the old No 2 platform made a find. These were coping slabs buried beneath the soil, placed as though they were two steps; it is thought leading to the footbridge that spans the track between platforms 1 & 2. Dave on the right in the photo below, who made the find can be seen with his two colleagues and the coping slabs after digging them out.

We wondered if any resident in Broadway that used the station back in the 1950/1960's, may remember whether the stones near the waiting room, were part of the footbridge or used for another purpose. Further details and pictures can be found on Steaming to Broadway Blog accessed via GWSR web –links-affiliated sites.

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