

# Broadway Newsletter

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## CELEBRATING FIVE FANTASTIC YEARS !

It is 5 years since the opening of Broadway Village Activity Park and what a roaring success it has been, benefiting the village in many ways: it is an asset to be proud of.

We need to remind ourselves that 8 years ago the village playground in Broadway had just a few pieces of outdated equipment on a 3 acre site owned by the Parish Council.

Despite being the largest village in Worcestershire there was very little to offer our teenagers and the Parish Council felt they were being penalised by not having any outdoor recreation facilities.

This was the motivator in the setting up of a small dedicated and independent Committee who spent 2 years designing, raising funds, purchasing equipment and finally managing the site works for the activity park as we see it today. Over £300k was raised from numerous sources including local donations, every penny of which was spent and accounted for by the Parish Council. We are indebted to Kevin Beasley whose financial background was helpful in the smooth running of the project.

Sadly Gordon Paul, a member of the committee whose accountancy skills were integral to the success of the project, died 3 years ago but his grandchildren visit the Park regularly. and have planted a tree in his memory. The other 2 committee members were Pamela Street whose marketing expertise was invaluable and Connie Wilson who ably represented the Parish Council.

The scheme was such that 4 areas were designated for different age groups and in particular, a Challenge Zone for

teenagers. Even today some of that equipment is still challenging them. The distance between the areas is open grassland and provides safe areas for play without interference from different age groups. All of the equipment was chosen after lengthy consultations with a number of local schools. This trail blazing approach and design has been studied and emulated by many other communities, both regionally and nationally and we are anxious to retain these very qualities to ensure its original integrity and popularity.

The original vision and hope was that the park would deter negative activity and promote positive interactions between parents and children. It really is a beautiful area that the whole community can use and enjoy: parents spend considerable time there with their children and are able to use the equipment as well. On a good weekend over 500 people can be seen using the park and we estimate that over the five years, 150,000 people have benefited from the facility.

Contrary to public opinion at the time, we have experienced very little vandalism. Maintenance, which is very considerable due to the high level of use, is presently part funded by the Parish Council and partly by volunteers. Any voluntary assistance from parents whose children or grandchildren enjoy the park would be very much appreciated: anything from an hour a week to an afternoon a month particularly during the summer school holidays. Please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council, Kevin Beasley on 01386 854 813.

Thank you in advance, John Hankinson chairman of BVAP

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## NEWS FROM ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our Class 5 children have spent a week working with staff from Warners Budgens on a very inspirational Bread Project. The children had the opportunity to visit the bakery and then created their own bread. These were pitched to Damien and Lucy from Budgens, in a special version of Dragons Den. The winning bread was created by Mia and Maddy, rolls with a strawberry / Wimbledon theme. We enjoyed the opportunity to sell these in store. Thanks to Budgens for providing us with such a wealth of learning opportunities.

Our Class 4 pupils were also fortunate to take part in Pizza Week run by Prego. The children have spent a week learning how to make pizza and have been creating their own pizzas and boxes. Barry and his team were then given the difficult task of choosing a winner to be sold in the restaurant! We would like to thank the whole team at Prego for allowing us to have such a fantastic experience. We have learnt many skills as a result.

*We are very fortunate to be supported by the community and businesses in Broadway and we thank you for your continued support of our school. Mrs Sarah Munn - Head of School*



## BROADWAY HORTICULTURAL SHOW

This year's Show will be held on Saturday 13th September and will open to the public at 1pm. The Chipping Campden Swing Band will again be entertaining visitors to the Show. We have some new classes this year and we also welcome two new Judges to the Show. Show Schedules will be available at the usual outlets from mid July or from the Show Secretary on 01386 852872.

This year entry forms for exhibits must be with the Secretary by 6pm on Saturday 6th September at the latest. The Show Society is also holding a QuizNight at the Lifford Hall on Friday 25th July at 7pm. The proceeds from the night go directly to the staging of the Show. Teams of Six can be made up on the night. Ham and cheese summer salad is included in the admission price. For further information and to book a table please contact Dottie Friedli on 01386 853247.

*Roger Bailey Show Secretary*

## CONCERT IN AID OF THE BRITISH NEPAL MEDICAL TRUST

Many thanks to all who came to my March 22nd concert at the URC in Broadway, contributed and made such a lovely audience! Elliott and I thoroughly enjoyed the event and the reaction to the "pot pourri" of music!

We were delighted to be able to send £363.60 to the Britain Nepal Medical Trust and £150 to our URC Church Overseas Emergency Fund, excluding any Gift-Aided tax refunds.

Should we decide to do another one in Broadway, we will let you know! *Ann Walters*

## BROADWAY FOOTBALL CLUB NEEDS YOUR HELP!

We need a new Saturday Senior Side Football Manager - it's an adult team which play on a Saturday afternoon, currently in the Stratford-upon-Avon Alliance League, division 1 but without a manager, the team will be unable to continue next season.

It's a volunteer position open to anyone who is enthusiastic, dedicated and passionate about football. Attributes such as the ability to collect money, maintain basic record keeping and manage people are desirable as well.

If you're interested then please contact the Club Chairman, Adam, on 07793047757.

The Under 8's Junior Team is also looking for a coach/manager and new players for next season are most welcome. Similar attributes are desirable in this junior manager as well.

Anyone interested should contact the Junior Chairman, Paul, on 07974180945.

Help from other coaches and the committee and FA accredited courses for coaching badges will all be available.

If you would like any further information please do not hesitate to contact us. Any help you maybe able to provide so that we can keep these teams going will be very much appreciated by the club, players and committee.

## .... AND ANOTHER THANKYOU

*Thank you very much to all the people in Broadway who supported my daughter Rachel's Charity Bike Ride in May on behalf of the British Heart Foundation. Everyone was extremely generous and she is most grateful to you all. Hanna Christie*

## HOW TO SUBMIT:

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## BROADWAY ARTS FESTIVAL 2014

Broadway was bedecked in joyful bunting for this year's Arts Festival. Musical events kicked off with the enlightening and enjoyable Florentine Arts Ensemble. Other highlights included the charismatic violinist, Michael Bochmann, who, in one concert, wowed with his moving rendition of Vaughan Williams, joyous Bach and virtuoso Paganini.

Marion Mako's garden tours started on a day of torrential rain. Nevertheless, in true British fighting spirit, 44 people turned up, umbrellas in hand, and made the most of two outstanding gardens. Luckily, the weather improved as the festival wore on and sunshine bathed Broadway. The charming artists' gardens benefited from this and proved very popular.

Lectures, too, all went well. For example, Sir Hugh Strachan fascinated a full house, with views that the Great War should be considered in an educational and global context, rather than as a parochial remembrance of the dead. World authority on John Singer Sargeant, Colin Harrison, was both informative and amusing, as was Muriel Pilkington, in her lively lecture on The Mitfords.

The artists' workshops and demonstrations, all in beautiful locations, were inspirational; the musicians' visit to schools was wonderfully received, with all the delighted children singing a rousing song for the performers; and all the exhibitions in the village were very much appreciated.

One of the final events was a festive children's parade down the High Street. Led by a horse-drawn cart and conjurer on stilts, each child proudly carried a lantern they had made. The lanterns were hung on the village green, the children were entertained by the conjurer and sung songs learnt at school, and everyone had fun.



"Children's parade with lanterns" by Barbara Baker

All in all, the 2014 Broadway Arts Festival exceeded expectations. It was diverse and of a very high standard. An event like this is costly to mount, but this year, the festival actually made a small profit, which will roll over to BAF 2016, enabling more bursaries for art students, and more inspirational, educational and entertaining events.

None of this would be possible without the help of numerous volunteers. Simon Williamson, who has worked tirelessly, is stepping down as Festival Director; he must be very proud of his achievements. We look forward to Broadway Arts Festival 2016, with Sonia Woolvern at its helm.

### BROADWAY STATION UPDATE

Firstly, thank you to all who ventured out despite the indifferent weather to attend the open evening on 23 May. We hope you found the event interesting and informative. Currently the most significant activity is the refurbishment of the five bridges between Laverton and Broadway.

The 'Bridges to Broadway' share appeal, although not yet fully subscribed, has raised sufficient funds for this work to go ahead. At the time of writing work has commenced at Little Buckland, and contractors are making prepara-

tions to start work on the bridge on Station Road in Broadway. The road closure to enable this work to take place will inevitably cause some disruption and inconvenience, which is regretted. The Railway is working closely with the contractor to ensure that mitigation using good signage and attention to prompt progress is actively pursued so that the road will be reopened at the earliest possible time.

If you are interested in the progress of the work and have Internet access two of the railways volunteers are maintaining a blog, which can be found at:

<http://bridgestobroadway.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 t/time 8:55am-2:55pm	Broadway & Towerview Playschool, Jude 01386 853780
Mon-Sat 10am-4pm	Tourist Information; 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 for families and grown ups; 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
Last Mon of the month 7:30pm	Broadway Garden Club; URC Hall, Susan Morris 01386 852428
Tues 9:15am	Pilates; Lifford Hall, For info & other classes Tess 07815 949970
Tues 4-8pm	Relate (by appointment); Signpost 4 Russell Square, 01386 859029
Tues 6-8pm	Broadway Youth Club (ages 5-19); Broadway Youth Centre, 01386 853013
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
Wed 10am-4pm	Bric a brac sale; Broadway (GWR) Station; John 01386 584366
Wed 6:00-7:15pm	Broadway Beavers (ages 6-8); Anne 01386 830505
Wed 6:30pm	Tabata/muscle mania; Childswickham Village Hall, Tess 07815 949970
Wed 7:30-9:00pm	Broadway Music Makers Rehearsal; URC Hall, Martin 01242 603553
Alt Wed 2-4 pm	Family History Sessions; Broadway Library, 01905 822722
1st Wed 7:30pm	Childswickham Women's Institute; Childswickham Memorial Hall, Marilyn 01386 854661
3rd Wed. 12-2 pm,	Evesham Dementia Café; St Mary's Parish Hall, St Egwin's Rd, Evesham, Helen 01684 891455
Last Wed 2:00pm	Broadway Library Readers group, 01905 822722
Last Wed 7:30pm	Broadway Natural History Society; Methodist Hall, 01386 852747
Thurs 10am-3pm	Signpost; 4 Russell Square, 01386 859029
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 6-8pm	Broadway Youth Club (ages 5-19); at Broadway Youth Centre, 01386 853013
Thurs 6-7:15pm	Broadway Cub Scouts (ages 8-10); Anne 01386 830505
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 3-4pm	Cancer Support Group; Signpost, 4 Russell Square, 01386 859029
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
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, info tel Mark 07949 296738
Fri Monthly 10am-3pm	Quiet Days; Stanton Guildhouse, For info & dates call 01386 584357
Sat 10am-4pm	Bric a brac sale; Broadway (GWR) Station; John 01386 584366
Sun 11am-3pm	Tourist Information; Russell Square, 01386 852937

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## NEXT ISSUE OF THE NEWSLETTER

To avoid disappointment, please get any items for the next Newsletter, due out at the beginning of September, to the editor as early as possible in August. Late items can sometimes be squeezed in, if there is room, but the earlier we receive your news, the more sure you will be that it gets included.

## STATION ROAD CLOSURE

Station Road will remain closed until mid September for the strengthening of the railway bridge. Traffic wanting to reach the Cheltenham Road is advised to go via Pennylands Bank and the Childswickham Road.

**BROADWAY UNITED CHARITIES with  
SIR ARCHIBALD DENNIS FLOWER'S TRUST**

Registered Charity Number 227676

Did you know that the pretty terrace of three cottages just to the right of Broadway Hotel with gardens fronting onto the Green are owned by Broadway United Charities.? This is a registered charity and overseen by a group of trustees drawn from the Parish and the Parish Church, including the vicar of the parish of Broadway as Ex-officio Trustee.

For the historians among you, there were originally ten charities; a number of which were founded in the 1800s, but the earliest going back to 1729 ! The charities listed were Sir Archibald Dennis Flower's Trust, which had purchased the almshouses in 1939, Church House, William Dave's Gift,

John Knowles, Thomas Fewson Eagles, Miss Rebecca Coombe's Gift, Ann Bedford, Thomas William Wilson, Lady Hilda McNeill Memorial Charity and Dr Beadles Bequest. These trusts were generally formed by bequest made by each individual named in their will.

In 1965 the Charity Commissioners approved a scheme to administer all the charities under the title of Broadway United Charities and the funds were to be used for the general benefit of the poor in Broadway, and comprised a long list of benefits, including gifts of coal! To simplify matters a resolution was passed in 1996 that grants of money could be made, or items, services or facilities could be purchased or provided, which it is calculated to reduce the need, hardship or distress of persons resident in the parish of Broadway.

Today the interest from the funds is used to make such payments and although not a large fund, Broadway United Charities are able to assist in a modest way and every request is considered. The cottages are each let to a tenant and although small, they provide a comfortable and convenient dwelling place in the heart of the village.

The trustees would like to draw the attention of residents in Broadway to this charity, so that where there is a need, this can be considered. All requests are treated in a confidential manner. Of course, should you wish to remember Broadway United Charities in your will, then, we will be very pleased to hear from you! Our treasurer is Kevin Beasley, who, as you know, is also the Parish Clerk. He can be found in the Council offices and should anyone wish to know more, please do contact him or speak to me. *Margaret Deakin Chairman, Broadway United Charities*

**JOHN SINGER SARGENT: PORTRAITS AND TRAVELS EXHIBITION**

There's still time to catch The Ashmolean Museum Broadway's first exhibition, 'John Singer Sargent: Portraits and Travels' on display until Sunday 27th July. John Singer Sargent (1856-1925) was one of the most cosmopolitan artists of the nineteenth century. The scandal surrounding the exhibition of his Portrait of Mme X in 1884 led him to come to England to seek a more broad-minded public. His celebrated picture, Carnation, Lily, Lily, Rose (Tate) was painted at Broadway, where he spent the autumn months of 1885 and 1886.

This is a small display of rarely exhibited drawings and watercolours belonging to the Ashmolean Museum and to private collections. They range from intimate pencil studies of his family and close friends, luminous watercolours of landscapes in Venice and elsewhere, as well as a remarkable study of Crocodiles.

**We are looking for volunteers**

Have you enjoyed your visit? We are looking for volunteers to help and join our existing friendly team, all of whom make a huge contribution to the Ashmolean Museum Broadway.

As a registered charity we have limited resources and we have volunteers who help with the shop and ticket desk as well as room guiding. We would like to broaden our roles too, to include support in Fundraising, Marketing and in the office.

If you are interested in helping out even for an hour or two please get in touch or if you are unsure about it and would like to have a go first, then let us know. If you love talking and engaging with the public then this could be the ideal place for you and it's a great place to meet new people.

For more information, call in to the museum, (65 High Street, Broadway) telephone on 01386 859047 or email [housemanager@ashmoleanbroadway.org](mailto:housemanager@ashmoleanbroadway.org)

**Key Dates**

To Sunday 27th July - John Singer Sargent: Portraits and Travels Exhibition

Friday 1st August to January 2015 - Jeremy Houghton Exhibition 'Retrospective'

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# What's On, One-Off Events:

Runs until Sun 27th July	John Singer Sargent: Portraits and Travels Exhibition; Ashmolean Museum Broadway
Sat 5 July 11am-5pm`	'Circus Pazaz' Children's Circus in aid of St Marys School on The Green, tickets Nikki 07713349536
Thurs /Fri 10/11 July 7.30pm	Broadway Showstoppers Cabaret & Ploughman's Supper; Lifford Hall, tickets Lesley 01386 853530
Fri 11 July 7pm	GWR scenic rail cruise by diesel railcar Toddington Stn 01242 621405
Sat/Sun 12/13 July	Broadfest, a weekend of entertainment featuring Ray Quinn. Info Gary Thompson 07850 699990
Sun 13 July	GWR Bus Rally Toddington Station, 01242 621405
Fri 18 July 7pm	GWR scenic rail cruise by diesel railcar Toddington Stn 01242 621405
Fri 25 - Sun 27 July	GWR Heritage Diesel Weekend all stations 01242 621405
Fri 1st Aug-Jan 2015	Jeremy Houghton Exhibition 'Retrospective'; Ashmolean Museum Broadway
Fri 1 Aug	GWR Toddington Stn - Auction by Richard Edmonds Car Auctions 01242 621405
Every Friday in Aug 7pm	GWR scenic rail cruise by diesel railcar Toddington Stn 01242 621405
Sat 9 Aug	GWR 'Gangsters & Molls' Jazz + Fish & Chips Evening (pre-book) 01242 621405
Mon 11-Fri 15 Aug 9.30am	Broadway Youth Activities Week for 5-17 year olds; URC Hall, Judith 01386 853255 or Bill 852618
Sat/Sun 16/17 Aug	GWR Steam and Real Ale Weekend 01242 621405
Sat 23 Aug 7pm	GWR Fish & Chip Special Toddington Stn (pre book) 01242 621405
Thur 28 Aug-Thur 4 Sept	Wood and Stone Carving Summer School with Dick Onians; Stanton Guildhouse, 01386 584357
Sat 6 Sep 7pm	GWR Fish & Chip Special Toddington Stn (pre book) 01242 621405
Mon 8 Sep	Autumn Courses. Printmaking, watercolour, woodwork etc; Stanton Guildhouse, 01386 584357
Sat 13th Sept 2-4pm	Childswickham WI Table Top Sale; Childswickham Memorial Hall. To book a table tel 01386 854661
Sun 14 Sep	GWR Classic Vehicle Day Toddington Stn 01242 621405
Sat/Sun 20/21 Sep	GWR Day Out with Thomas 01242 621405
Sat 27 Sep 7pm	GWR Murder Mystery Fish & Chip Special Toddington Stn 01242 621405
Thurs 2 Oct	Mosaics with Victoria Harrison; Stanton Guildhouse, Info & booking 01386 584357

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## VIV HALL

Viv Hall is Library Manager at Broadway Public Library. I interviewed her in a small office, amongst books, a desk, plastic crates, cardboard boxes and a sink. It was the only part of the library not to be damaged by the recent arson attacks in the village, and so anything that was to be kept was put in there. However, despite setbacks, the library, like a phoenix, has regenerated, helped by Viv's positive attitude.

"I have worked in Broadway Library for six years; before that I was at Evesham, but this was a step up for me. I enjoy working with books and with the public; I find it very rewarding because you are always helping people - every day is different - whether it is, for instance, finding a train time, or information about a best-selling writer. We used to rely on reference books to get the answers but now it is more often a case of typing a key word into a computer.

We have two first schools that visit quite regularly, and some children do their homework here. We also run a very popular mums and toddlers session, and one to one computer courses. Many of our clients are retired, but we have a middle range as well. We stock a mix of fiction and nonfiction; a regular supply of newly published books, which we shelve facing out, so people can come in and make a quick choice. Sometimes we get very odd things left as bookmarks - from soles of shoes, to shopping lists, to bank statements.

Unfortunately, there were no clues left about the five arson attacks in the village, and nobody knows who was responsible. As well as burning the front door to the library, there was extensive damage inside: the entrance hall carpet, alarm panel, and mechanism for the automatic door, have had to be replaced. Smoke managed to seep over the internal doors and covered the library. Every book and all the shelving had a slight film of soot on it.

These were sent away for cleaning, and during that time, the walls, ceiling and entrance hall were all redecorated.

It was dreadful, and I was very upset, but it enabled us to look at the way the library was set up, and we have changed it. We've made it much more open and flowing; there are no barriers when people come in, and it seems much lighter now.

We are overcoming financial cuts too. Libraries are being remodeled, and in Broadway, there will be a community group raising funds to meet all the costs of running the building. There will still be some library staff, but we will be relying much more on volunteers. We desperately need more - some come regularly, and some just occasionally, but all are appreciated."

*Barbara Baker*

## CYCLING FANS NOTE THE DATE!

We may not have the Tour de France here but the Round Britain Cycle Race will pass through Broadway on September 10th. The route for the day will start in Worcester then continue through Pershore and on to Broadway. It will leave via the Snowhill Road and finish over in Gloucestershire.

## **Church Services and other events**

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

**St Saviour's Catholic:** Sat 5pm only - Vigil Mass. Daily Mass: Tues 10.00am; Fri 11:00am.

**Methodist:** Sun 10:30; Fri 10am Payer; 10.30am-12:00 noon Morning Coffee

**United Reformed Church (URC):** Sun 10:30am, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 are held at 6:00pm on Sundays from Easter Day until Harvest Festival