

# Broadway Newsletter

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## DISCOVERING THE JOYS OF A WALK WITH THE WARDENS

The shadows of trees and hedges are longer at this time of year and the sunlight is softened to a honey colour, but otherwise the 30th September this year could have been a July midsummer's day-blue sky, high white clouds, temperature in the 20°C and the trees barely touched with golden or red as we set off from the Plough Inn with Cotswold Wardens Alison and Julie. This was a ten mile, figure of eight walk whose upper and lower loops crossed for lunch in the pub garden where a pint of Donnington's from the local brewery down the road gave strength for the afternoon. As we waited for lunch at the pub doorway, a lady told me she had celebrated her 89th birthday that week. "I used to do those walks, ten miles easily, but now I can only do a mile or two." But she was a fantastic advert for the life enhancing walks which the Cotswold Wardens lead.

One of the Wardens lived locally and we stopped in a lane to greet Irene and her dog, and later at a farm to warn John that we had passed a sheep in distress. We looked over the wall at lovely manor house gardens, into the local church where huge harvest festival carrots decorated the pulpit, saw giant puffballs and carpets of white and pink cyclamen beside a sunken pathway overarched with hedges and revelled in the wide open views over the hilly countryside. And as we wove along paths cleared by members of the Wardens' working groups or across bridges and walkways maintained by them, there was a hum of conversation amongst us as old hands and novices shared stories and walking experiences and local tips.

This week we were a large group - a bit of a record because we all wanted to snatch the last days of

summer - but more usually there are 10-20 for the walks, which continue all the year, up to four times a week. Two Wardens lead each walk and take care of all the practical details, checking the walk out a few days before to make sure all is in good order. They ensure that no-one gets lost or misses any of the interesting features of the countryside around. There is no charge for the walks but a donation of the 'price of a cup of coffee' is a modest contribution to the work which the Wardens do.

If you are new to the Cotswolds you will discover wonderful country, receive lots of good local advice and meet interesting people - single people, couples and small groups of friends mix very sociably. If you are a long-term resident, you don't need to be reminded what a great job the Cotswold Wardens do. Details of all walks are given in the Cotswold Lion or on the website [Escape to the Cotswolds](#). Do put them in your diary before all your other commitments crowd out this pleasure. **A. Barrett**



Sycamore in Winter by Barbara Baker



## THE BROADWAY HOTEL

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## BROADWAY FIRST SCHOOL

The autumn term was a very busy one. It saw the children making 'Guy Fawkes' in their house teams which were then judged by a team from Farncombe Estate and the best one was to go on the bonfire on the 5th November. When judging started, however, the team thought that the guys were so good they couldn't pick a winner, so all four made it to the bonfire. It was a wonderful evening up at Farncombe, and they had put on a wonderful firework display. Not only that, Farncombe invited all the children up to the Estate to go on their Nature Trail and have hot chocolate. Thank you so much to all at Farncombe, they really made the events special for the children.

November also saw us working on a banner to commemorate the First World War. Jude Simms and a small group of volunteers came in to teach the children the technique of felting. Each child made a felted poppy; not only was this great fun, it also allowed the children the time and space to tell stories about grand parents and great grand parents who fought in the World Wars. All the poppies were incorporated into a banner which has now been hung in the school hall.

The children in Years 4 and 5 were very fortunate to have the opportunity to work for a whole week with Prego, planning and creating their own pizzas. They not only decided what to have on the pizzas, they also worked out costings and decided how much to sell the pizzas for. As well as the pizzas, they designed pizza boxes, and presented their ideas to a panel of judges in a 'Dragons Den' style. The winning pizza was a turkey and cranberry pizza and Prego was so pleased with the idea that it made it on to their Christmas menu. Thank you to Barry and the staff at Prego for allowing the children the opportunity to take part in such an exciting project.

Following our Ofsted report, we had a visit from an HMI inspector, which is normal practice. We are very pleased to report that the inspector found that we are making good progress towards our goal of regaining our 'good' Ofsted rating.

## YOUR BROADWAY TRUST

Recently, I moved to Broadway. I had been living near the challenging cultural and ethnic mix of Bradford, and that enclave of West Yorkshire, for twelve years. How utterly different is the gentle, peaceful life of the Cotswolds. I wanted to get to know the village, its people and its very different issues, so I volunteered to become the Honorary Secretary of the Broadway Trust. I discovered that the Trust was founded in 1963, when Broadway was still emerging from the austerity of the war, before the boom in house prices. Life would have been slower and more rural and the Trust was seen as the best method of preserving the nature of the small rural and artistic community that lived here. Everyone acknowledged that our village's architecture was special and worth preserving. Over the intervening 50 years it has been successful in maintaining many of those aspects that visitors and tourists love to visit.

Today, the Trust is involved in projects, both big and small, that enhance our village. Many will be aware of the efforts that have gone into preventing large, inappropriate developments that would swamp our infrastructure. Our doctors are very busy, with a large area to cover that goes as far as Evesham and our schools are full with children from Broadway and the villages around.

But smaller, less visible, projects also take our time. We own the Greens and some of the tracks that go over them. These have to be maintained and managed for the benefit of the village as a whole. We work with the Parish Council to maintain the trees on our land so that they are safe and attractive to look at.

We are a Charity committed to what is best for our village and we answer to our members. We take heed of their wishes and work closely with the Traders Association, District Council and Parish Council in their discussions and planning.

If you have just arrived in the village, or if you are reading about us for the first time, why not join us in our determination to help the 'Jewel of the Cotswolds' to continue to thrive well into the future? It costs £10.00 a year to be a member. Have a look at our web-site or drop me a line at [secretary@broadwaytrust.org.uk](mailto:secretary@broadwaytrust.org.uk).

We would love to welcome you as a member.

**Robin Goldsmith**

## WANTED!

### Advertising Manager, Broadway Newsletter:

This is a good voluntary position for someone who wants to build experience in ad management but with a light workload. You need to be computer literate with some ability to deal with graphics and attachments, and be good at keeping to deadlines. Some phone and email follow ups required.

**Ring 01386 898162**

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## NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

We, the Parish Council, want to let you know what we do and what issues and events we are involved with, so we have decided to write a regular column in the Broadway Newsletter. We hope you find it informative.

In the last Broadway Newsletter we called for nominations for the Broadway Community Award. We received six nominations (we had hoped for a few more, but maybe next year). The people nominated include: John Hankinson, for his work in the Activity Park, Mark Riley for his contribution during the Tour of Britain Cycle event, Graham Love for his work in opposing housing developments in the village, Debbie Williamson for her book "Broadway Remembers", Terry Reid for his many activities around the village, and John Hinks for his work editing the Broadway Grapevine magazine and Church website. The Parish Councillors will vote and the result of this year's Community Award will be announced in at the Parish Council meeting in January.

We always welcome members of the public to the Parish Council meetings, the next two are on the 15th January and 19th March (this meeting is followed by the annual Parish meeting at 8pm), please come along if you are able, 7pm at the Parish Office.

One thing that the Parish Council do every year is to give grants and donations to worthy causes within the village. Recently, grants and donations were given to the following associations: the Broadway Communication Group (for this very newsletter you are reading) £500, Broadway Parochial Church Council (for the upkeep of graveyards) £1500, Signpost £500, Broadway Tourist Information Centre £500, Evesham Volunteer Centre £500, Wychavon Citizen's Advice Bureau £250, and Broadway Trader's Association (for the Christmas lights) £500.

Did you know that a dedicated group of Broadway people take part in the Wychavon Parish Games each year? During the 2014 Games Broadway came a very respectable 6th out of 31 Parishes. We won the bowls competition, and were runners-up in the ladies' darts competition. The Parish Council has agreed to sponsor the crib event again, and if anyone would like to take part in any of the events, please let us know (especially if you play table tennis as we don't have anyone who does) and we will put you in touch with the organiser.

We regularly consider issues throughout the village, but lately there have been a lot of decisions regarding the High Street.

" We recently were consulted about the coach-parking bays, and the Parish Council were strongly in favour of them remaining in their current position. Subsequently, the County Council decided that in the wider interests of the village, the coach drop off points should remain as they are.

" We are pleased to be able to tell you that new litter bins will be installed in the High Street in the New Year. The current ones have been getting tatty and it will be good to see smart new ones in their places.

" We also have a new bench to replace a worn-out bench on the small green opposite the Swan car park. This bench has been kindly donated by the family of Major Dennis Eggleton, who loved Broadway.

" Some of you might have noticed that the Millennium Garden has been tidied, and going forward, it will now be maintained on a quarterly basis.

As residents in Station Road will be aware, yellow lines have now been installed down the length of Station Road, restricting the parking on the residents' side between the hours of 8am and 6pm. We hope that this will make it safer for people when getting out of the driveways on this very busy road. We would like to remind people that parking on the grass verges is not allowed, and may result in a parking ticket.

As a result of the parking restrictions in Station Road, cars are now parking in Mill Avenue, Lifford Gardens and the Sands estate. Residents of these areas would really appreciate it if car drivers could park in the public car parks please (season tickets are available).

In anticipation of the local elections which are being held in May 2015, residents are being encouraged to "Stand for what you believe in - be a Parish Councillor". If you would like more information about being a Parish Councillor, please contact Kevin Beasley at the Parish Office.

Many people ask at the Parish Office how to report things to Worcestershire County Council. If you have web access, it is very easy. Go to [www.worcestershire.gov.uk](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk) and click on the 'report' button, the next page lists the things you can report: potholes, flooding on a road, overgrown shrubbery causing an obstruction, empty grit bins, street lighting problems or traffic light problems to name just a few. We hope this helps.

If you need anymore information or you have any issues that you think the Parish Council could help you with, please don't hesitate to contact the clerk between 10am and 1pm Monday to Friday.

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### THE VIEW FROM THE BACK PASSAGE.....

Great news, from the self-appointed custodian of Dog Sh\*\* Alley - the Big Society is alive and well. On 26 November 2014, the Cotswold Wardens were seen raking, strimming and tidying DS Alley. Thank you to you all. The Wardens and I agreed that dog sh\*\* is less visible (but still there, well hidden in the grass) and what an improvement the new surface has made. Fantastic! - a stellar start to the season of Good Will!

It is of concern that I hear people are getting 'WW1 fatigue', not much of it around Broadway, I am pleased to state - we have Gallipoli and the end of WW2 to remember next year. However, I do think we could tire of the Sainsbury's advert, how did the RB Legion be persuaded to give their name to that bit of commercialization at the expense of WW1?

And finally...another first for Broadway..... Talking Sheep! I was told by the owner of the sheep, who have been resident in the field behind the Back Passage this summer, that the sheep prefer the field with the 5 bar gate at the end of Morris Road.

'How do you know that?' I asked.

'They tell me', was the reply. So, when the sheep return to the field next summer, ask them about issues of the day - for example - have they any ideas for reducing the deficit or any further suggestions about 'net migration'..... These issues will still be with us next summer and no one has any solutions, so why not ask a sheep?

Happy New Year from all at the Back Passage, Dog Sh\*\* Alley.

*Joan Clinch*

# 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 term time 9am - 3pm	Broadway & Towerview Playschool, Jude 01386 853780 / 07922025902
Mon/Tues/Wed term time	Aria Dance Company, classes for ages 5-17; Broadway Youth Club, Arianna 07951277847
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 10.15am	Zumba; Childswickham Village Hall, For info & other classes Tess 07815 949970
Mon 11-11:30am	Bounce & Rhyme for babies; Broadway Library, 01905 822722
Mon 6:30-7:30pm	TaeKwonDo with LCTKD for the experienced; Broadway 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
Alt Mon 10am	M4C - for men to share coffee & chat; Tisanes Coffee Shop, Nigel 01386 858097
Last Mon of the month 7:30pm	Broadway Garden Club; URC Hall, Jo Love 01386 859131
Tues 9:15am	Fitness 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 High St Broadway, Pat 01386 852444
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 7:30-9:00pm	Broadway Music Makers Rehearsal; URC Hall, Martin 01242 603553
Alt Wed 2-4pm	Neighbours on Line, Computer and Internet classes; URC hall, Mark 07949 296738
Alt Wed 2-4pm	Family History Sessions; Broadway Library, 01905 822722
1st Wed 7:30pm	Childswickham Women's Institute; Childswickham Memorial Hall, Marilyn 01386 854661
1st 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 6-7:15pm	Broadway Cub Scouts (ages 8-10); Anne 01386 830505
Thurs 6-8pm	Broadway Youth Club (ages 5-19); at Broadway Youth Centre, 01386 853013
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 10:30am, info tel Mark 07949 296738
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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## **RNLI WINTER LECTURE - FRIDAY 30th JANUARY 2015**

### **DAME JANET TROTTER, LORD LIEUTENANT OF GLOUCESTERSHIRE**

We are delighted that Dame Janet Trotter has kindly agreed to come and talk to us about her life as the lord lieutenant of Gloucestershire.

Her first and foremost duty in that role is to uphold the dignity of the crown and to receive members of the royal family or heads of state when they visit, but previously she is best known for the major part she played in the foundation of the University of Gloucester.

We shall look forward to hearing some tantalizing snippets of her interesting and varied life and day to day experiences.

The Torrington Room at The Lygon Arms at 10.30.

Usual RNLI stall and fabulous bucket raffle.

Tickets (£8) from Shopwright in The High Street or Katy on 01386 852240

## **Broadway Youth Club** *By Barbara Baker*

Betty Phillips MBE can most often be found dispensing medicines at Barn Close Surgery. Every Thursday evening, she runs the Youth Club: a large hall next to Broadway First School in Lime Tree Avenue, filled with a pool table, computer, play station, table tennis, floor mats, a drum kit, craft materials, and a kitchen. Opening the door, one is greeted with the sound of children's excitement and laughter. First, I talked to Betty:

"The Youth Club has been going for about 40 years, and I have been involved for 35 years. I am chairperson of the committee - we are all volunteers - some, (Lucy and Melissa) are just 16 or 17 years old. Volunteers get training in first aid, diversity, bullying and health and safety. On Thursdays I am usually here from 5.30 till 9.00 and I come and clean at the weekends. We are self-funding, but we are supported by various local organisations and trusts, for whose help we are extremely grateful. Also, to raise funds each year we do a night walk (10.00 pm to 6.00 am) and have lots of fun, seeing glow worms at Snowhill, getting chased by horses and spooked by owls. We sleep at Broadway Tower and then go back to the Club for breakfast. We raise about £300.

Originally I helped because my children came here. Members can come from age five and there is no upper age limit, though they have so much homework when they are older, we loose some. If many of the children were not here, they would be walking the streets. They have told me that in summer they go to the park, but in the winter they hang around outside or if they are at home they just go on Facebook. The juniors come from 6.00 to 7.30. They get a hot meal (made by Trevor), for which we charge 60p, just to cover our costs. Then they might play tag, or wrestle and sometimes they get stuck into salt playdough we make for them, or we divide them into pairs and they do face painting.

The seniors come from 7.00 till 8.30. They often sit on the sofas drinking coffee, playing their music, chatting and meeting people who don't necessarily go to school with them. I love seeing the children integrate and able to express themselves. Boy meets girl and they have the space that they wouldn't have at home. They can let their hair down and I never mind how much noise they make. It is a place where children are given a freedom they don't get anywhere else and, actually, I wish more came."

Carol Halling, a volunteer, added: "I mainly help with cooking and crafts for the children in winter; football and rounders outside in the summer. About two years ago I read an article in the Evesham Journal saying the Youth Club was going to close because there weren't enough volunteers, so I got in touch with Betty. I enjoy being with the children now that mine are at university. I went to a youth club when I was a child - someone gave up their time for me, so I felt it was time for me to do something for the community; but we still need more volunteers."

Next, I talked to some of the children. Mackenzie Russell, aged nine, said: "I go to Broadway First School and I have been coming to the Youth Club for about a year. Most weekends I go to the park, but here, I like the pool table and playing tag with all my friends. Usually there is a

## **NEWS FROM ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, BROADWAY.**

We have enjoyed a very busy Autumn term. We were very pleased to be successfully awarded Teaching School status from the Department of Education, which will create a variety of opportunities to support other schools as well as providing many experiences for our pupils. The launch event at The Lygon Arms in December enabled us to share the objectives of the Teaching School with the wider community.

The new curriculum has seen exciting topics being taught from Penguins and Chocolate to Ancient China and the Stone Age. Our PE curriculum has included both Quicksticks and Cross Country tournaments. This term the pupils in KS2 began lessons in both Spanish and Mandarin and were enjoying the challenges this brought! We have received a class set of Ukeleles to enhance our music curriculum during the Spring Term.

We are celebrating the first anniversary of Little Friends Pre School being a part of our school. We have been very pleased to include the children in our Christmas performance with I SING POP at St Saviour's church and staff are received joint training together.

Mrs Sarah Munn - Head of School

group of girls running around screaming, which is a bit annoying. I don't play with the girls because boys are much better to play with. The food here is really nice too. We sometimes have shepherd's pie, jacket potatoes, or pizza; today we had sausages and chips.

Finally, Summah Hope, aged ten, told me: " I have been coming here about five years. I go to St. Mary's Primary School in Broadway. One boy, not in my year, comes here, but none of my best friends from school. I don't think they know about it, though I have tried to tell them, but some live in Childswickham or Willersey or Evesham, so I play with other children. Now I am drawing a picture for my Mum, because she is a bit poorly. I also like playing on the mats and making food here - today we made little chocolate cakes.

On the back wall are pictures [caricatures by Doug Eyre] of people that used to come here. The girl in the hat is my auntie! She doesn't look like that now. Maybe there will be a picture of me one day. If I wasn't here I might be practising dance or just chilling in my room. I have an older sister, but she is 27 and lives in Birmingham. I like living in Broadway: it is a really nice village - and it is very pretty, especially at Christmas with all the lights, but I don't have many friends round where I live. When I come here every moment is so much fun."

If your child would like to go to the Youth Club, or if you could volunteer to help, or provide guidance in dress-making, jewellery-making, art, drama, woodwork, music, sport, or any activity that children enjoy, please contact Betty Phillips on 01386 853 013 or email [hallingc@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:hallingc@tiscali.co.uk).

# What's On, One-Off Events:

Fri 30 Jan 10:30am	RNLI Winter Lecture - Dame Janet Trotter, Lord Lieutenant of Gloucestershire, The Lygon Arms, Tickets from Shopwright or Katy on 01386 852240
Sat 21/Sun 22 Mar	9.30am-4.30pm GWR Volunteer Recruitment Fair Toddington Strn; 01242 621405
Sat 18 April 3-5pm	"Sister Edie Appleton-A nurse at the Front", talk & sing-song at URC Hall, Michael 01386 854759

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## SUPERFAST BROADBAND IS IN BROADWAY

It may not have been widely advertised but businesses and residents in Broadway can now access superfast broadband. You might have noticed shiny new green cabinets appearing in the vicinity of the old ones. These new cabinets are mini exchanges, and they contain the fibre that has been pulled, threaded and blown via ducts from the Evesham exchange. They give a superfast 'kick' to the existing copper, and the result is a much faster download speed to your home or business. If you want to check that you are connected to a newly enabled cabinet, put your number into the BT checker at [www.dslchecker.bt.com/](http://www.dslchecker.bt.com/) Picking a High St business number shows this result:

### BT BROADBAND AVAILABILITY CHECKER

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FTTC Range B (Impacted)	80	70.2	20	17.7	--	Available
WBC ADSL 2+	Up to 18.5		--		17 to 20.5	Available
WBC ADSL 2+ Annex M	Up to 18.5		Up to 1.5		17 to 20.5	Available
ADSL Max	Up to 7.5		--		6.5 to 8	Available
WBC Fixed Rate	2		--		--	Available
Fixed Rate	2		--		--	Available
<b>Other Offerings</b>						
FTTP on Demand	330		30		--	Available
Fibre Multicast	--		--		--	Available
Copper Multicast	--		--		--	Available

For all ADSL and WBC Fibre to the Cabinet (FTTC) services, the stable line rate will be determined during the first 10 days of service usage.

Throughput/download speeds will be less than line rates and can be affected by a number of factors within and external to BT's network, Communication Providers' networks and within customer premises.

The Stop Sale date for Datastream is from 30-Jun-2012; the Formal Retirement date for Datastream is from 30-Jun-2014. The Stop Sale date for IPstream is from 31-Oct-2013; the Formal Retirement date for IPstream is from 30-Jun-2014.

If the End User wishes to migrate from their current Broadband supplier they will need to contact them in the first instance to obtain a MAC (Migrations Authorisation) Code, and then contact their new Broadband supplier to arrange for the service to be migrated.

**Note:** If you decide to place an order for a WBC fibre product, an appointment may be required for an engineer to visit the end user's premises to supply the service.

Please note that postcode and address check results are indicative only. Most accurate results can be obtained from a telephone number check.

80mbps is pretty impressive and, for retailers, will do practical things like speed up the use of card payments, and the upload speeds will also enable quicker sending of emails or uploading changes to your website. You should also find it possible to run several different devices, eg streaming music directly from on line services, very much easier. But this doesn't happen by magic - you need to call your ISP and enter a new contract. For more information on the whole process, including which cabinets are and are not yet enabled, please visit [www.superfastworcestershire.com](http://www.superfastworcestershire.com) which has a wealth of information. Or alternatively, call Chris Brooks at Wychavon District Council on 01386 565343 or on [chris.brooks@wychavon.gov.uk](mailto:chris.brooks@wychavon.gov.uk)

## 2015 NEW LOOK 'SIGNPOST - BROADWAY'

Signpost has decided to redefine its service to be more accessible and to meet the changing needs of Broadway and the surrounding villages. From talking to local people we have identified that some people need help to use the internet whether collecting information, completing online forms or accessing local authority services. We are also aware that more people would prefer to contact us by email. Therefore from 1st January 2015 we are offering more ways to contact us and a greater range of services.

We remain a friendly face that provides information on a wide range of topics enabling you to access advice, information and resources. We are able to :

- Lend a sympathetic ear
- Put you in contact with the most appropriate organisations
- Download and complete forms online with you
- Access the Internet for you

We also offer black and white and colour copying, printing from email or memory sticks and scanning facilities.

Age UK, the Citizen's Advice Bureau, Relate and the Cancer Support Group continue to hold regular sessions at Signpost.

There will also be monthly drop in sessions from different organisations. The first two dates in 2015 are as follows:

Thursday 15th January between 11am and 12pm - The Cancer Support Group

Thursday 19th February between 11am and 12pm - The Multiple Sclerosis Society (Future dates will be displayed in the Signpost window, around the village and on our website).

We are open on Mondays and Thursdays between 10am and 3pm. Do come in and see how we can help you. We can also be contacted as follows:

Phone - 01386 859029

Email - [help@signpost.info](mailto:help@signpost.info)

Our website - [www.signpost.info](http://www.signpost.info)

## 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 Service 10:30; open Fri & Sat 10am to 4pm for refreshments

**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