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## BROADWAY ARTS FESTIVAL

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June saw the community launch of Broadway Arts Festival, scheduled for June 2010. This event, staged in Russell Square, invited villagers to find out about plans so far, and to get involved – with ideas for Festival activities, practical help or sponsorship, whilst enjoying fizz and strawberries provided by Warner's Budgens. The *Friends of Broadway Arts Festival* scheme was successfully launched enabling people to become a Friend, Patron or Benefactor of the Festival. Significant numbers signed up on the day. Applications are open to all.

Current plans include an exhibition of works by John Singer Sargent, walks, talks, lectures and tours, theatre and music evenings, a Gala Ball and a village party.

Hugh Brewster, renowned historical author and expert on Sargent flew over from his base in Toronto to support the launch, and completed a number of engagements including book signings, lectures, an address at the launch dinner and talks to the children of Broadway First School and St Mary's Catholic Primary School.

If you feel you have skills that could be useful, please call get in touch. There is lots to do! If you would like to get involved or need more information, visit [www.broadwayartsfestival.com](http://www.broadwayartsfestival.com) or call 0845 1905450.



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## Broadway First School

Headteacher Mike Appleby and his team of teachers, classroom assistants and support staff ensure that this small school is a credit to Broadway. Not only is it a happy place for the children, the "added value" data shows that Broadway outperforms schools, both within Worcestershire and nationally in the advances which the pupils make.

Broadway First School has some impressive plans for

developments in the near future and we hope to keep you advised of these. But whatever the school does, you may be sure that the children are central to everything; we hope over future editions of the Broadway Newsletter, to bring you news of what the children are doing. What you may have noticed already is the improvement at the front of the school; the school's gardening club has been



at work (under the guidance of a skilled parent) to enhance our old-time building with some new planting. The Victorians would never have done that!

The picture shows Class 2. After a visit to Warwick Castle, they enjoyed a Mediaeval Banquet – and very noble they all looked!.

## Bertie R.I.P.

Since the sad demise of Bertie's column, the Newsletter has been inundated with regrets from many readers who found it the high spot of their reading. Here is a small sample of the comments received:

*-Is there any possibility that Bertie can be coaxed to change his mind? We live in hope.'*

*-Reading Bertie's Banter was a great reward every time the Newsletter dropped through my door.'*

*-He was one of the high points of the Newsletter.'*

*-The danger is no-one will be brave enough to write anything and we shall all be losers and the Newsletter will become little more than a Gradgrindesque list of facts.'*

## BROADWAY HORTICULTURAL AND CRAFT SHOW – SATURDAY 12 SEPTEMBER

This is the day when the 2009 Show will be held on The Green. Copies of the Show Schedule will be available in July from

Cotswold Building Supplies, Collins' Butchers, Signpost, Station Garage and Budgens - who, this year, is the Show's major sponsor.

As in previous years, there are classes in which only local (WR12) residents may exhibit.

Local traders have again been very generous with their advertising in the Schedule; please support them.

Any profit made at this year's Show will be donated to the Midlands' Air Ambulance and CLIC Sargeant.

### HOW TO SUBMIT:

#### Issues:

Sept/Oct 2009; Nov/Dec 2009, mid Jan/Feb 2010, Mar/Apr 2010

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1st of the preceding month for everything. Please send phone number with events.

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## FLOODING – PROGRESS REPORT FROM COUNCILLOR LIZ EYRE

Agencies involved have undertaken detailed technical investigations into the issues associated with the flooding in July 2007 and surface water problems in Broadway and a number of projects are underway.

**Upper High Street** - review of spring run off, culvert design issues, partial blockages within the stone culvert under private land and improvements to the grid on the culvert entrance.

Bypass Drainage System – design and maintenance.

**Leamington Road** - remedial Severn Trent scheme awaiting Severn Trent funding.

**The Retreat** – mainly a Church and Severn Trent issue

**Leamington Road North** -work scheduled for late August/September 2009.

**High Street and adjacent to No. 75** – several land owner issues  
**High Street – stone culvert replacement** - work is underway to plan a scheme, identify the size of the project, and understand its impact.

**Back Lane junction with High Street** – a new connection is proposed from the existing Back Lane highway drain with a provisional date in September/October 2009. An additional extension to the scheme involving Station Road is being considered.

**High Street drainage gullies** – mostly cleansed. A “HOT SPOT” list for difficult areas has been created. A request has been made for the cleaning of gullies in the Upper High Street. The County is in the process of mapping all gullies and their condition for a review of the cleansing rota so that in the future problem areas are already known.

**Snowhill Road surface water** - run off from private land starts at an area near a cattle grid. This is being investigated; possible alterations may be made to ditch lines.

**NB**-Blocked or slow running gullies and ditches are to be part of the duties of the Broadway PC lengthsman, together with the cleaning of headwalls etc. Fault reports can be made directly to the Parish Clerk who can inform the Control Centre at County Hall.

## Special Flood Alleviation Projects

**Environment Authority Schemes for Badsey Brook** – modelling continues for the three villages :

**Broadway** Phase 1 upstream " Holding Reservoir" above Lifford Gardens and associated ditch works to Bunches Brook.

**Childswickham and Murcot** Phase 2 Enlargement of Stream to provide storage and to create overflow into Badsey Brook, together with the upgrade to culverts at Broadway road, Childswickham and road to Murcot.

**Wickhamford** Phase 3 provision of flood defences and construction of additional culvert under the private right of way at Wickhamford Lane (*Update in September*).

### PARISH COUNCIL NEWS:

At the recent AGM, Councillor David Folkes was re-elected as Chairman of the Parish Council; Councillor Red Haslam was also re-elected as Vice-Chairman. The committees were also all re-elected; details can be found on the Parish Council noticeboard.

Date for the next Parish Council Meetings is August 27<sup>th</sup> at the Parish Office in Broadway, starting at 7.00pm. All are welcome to attend.

The Parish Council agreed in principle, to joining up with other local parishes to purchase a mobile vehicle - activated speed sign. We will keep you informed on progress.

The County Council has agreed to install grit bins in the following roads: Sandscroft Avenue, Lime Tree Avenue, Bloxham Road, Church Street and Fish Hill. These bins should be installed during September/October in readiness for the winter.

WPC Greenhouse has reported a decrease in the overall crime figures for Broadway over the last three year period. To maintain this encouraging trend, all residents are asked to remain vigilant and to report any suspicious incidents to the Police, telephone number 08457 444888 ext 3777 or 999 if it is an emergency.

Would you like a memento of our fantastic new Activity Park? Yes of course you would! There are tee-shirts and shopping/carrier bags incorporating the Activity Park logo for sale at the Parish Office - open 10.00 to 1.00, weekdays. The prices are: Tee-shirts - Child £3.00, Adult £4.00 (all in various sizes). Bags are £2.

Kevin Beasley (Parish Clerk)

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Mon-Fri -term time 8:55-2:55pm Broadway & Towerview Playgroups, Jude 853780  
 Mon-Fri -term time 8:45-3pm Little Friends of St. Mary's playgroup; Deb/Sam 07798 610667  
 Mon 9:30-10:30am Cotswold Pilates; Methodist Hall 07734 934751  
 Mon 10am-3 pm Signpost open (5A Russell Square), including Age Concern services 01386 859029  
 Mon 6.30-7.30pm TaeKwonDo for families and grown ups; Neil Hall, 07517 437300  
 Mon 7-8:30pm Girl Guides (ages 10-14) Ruth Jones 01789 772328  
 Mon 7-8:30pm Yoga; Broadway 1st School Marion Moore 853715; 1st June-13th July & Sept onwards.  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Mon of the month 8pm 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 2pm Bible Study/Emmaus course; URC vestry 01386 852819  
 Tues 6:00-8pm Broadway Youth Club ages 5 - 19; Broadway Youth Centre; 01386 853013  
 Tues 6:30-8pm T'ai Chi; mixed ability class URC Hall; Val; 01608 652835  
 Tues 6:30pm Slimming World; Lifford Hall; Janet; 01386 765629  
 Tues 7.30pm Bible Study; Methodist Church 01386 852243  
 Tues 7.30pm-9.15pm Broadway Whist Drive Club; The Court - Russell's Estate; 01386 853110  
 Tues 8.00pm-9.00pm Fitness Pilates; Childswickham Memorial Hall; Jilly; 01386 442706  
 Alt Tues 2:15-3:45pm Broadway Evergreens; Methodist Hall; Sylvia; 01386 858755  
 Alt Tues 2:15pm Women's Fellowship; Methodist Church Hall (alt. w/Evergreens), 01386 852243  
 2nd Tues 8:30am Breakfast Book Group; Russell's Restaurant; Elizabeth 01386 858588  
 2nd Tues 10-11am Short Walks from the The Court, Back Lane; followed by coffee; Kim 01386 40040  
 2nd Tues 10:30am Civil Service Retirement Fellowship; Methodist Church, Evesham; 01386 421460  
 2nd Tues 3-4pm Come And Meet Each Other - tea at St Michael's Church 01386 852 352  
 3rd Tuesday 8:30am Small Talk Book Club; Small Talk Café; Margaret 01386 852 120  
 Weds 9.30am-11.30am Broadway Coffee Club; Methodist Hall - for over 55s; Marjorie; 01386 854627  
 Wed 9:30/10.30am Cotswold Pilates Courses (two levels); Lifford Hall, Rebecca 07734 934751  
 Weds 2:30-3pm Bounce and Rhyme for babies at Broadway Library 01386 858747  
 Weds 6.00pm-7.15pm Broadway Beavers (ages 6-8); Yvonne; 01242 620556  
 Weds 6.00pm-8.00pm Broadway Youth Club (ages 5-19); Broadway Youth Centre 01386 853013  
 Weds 7:30-9pm Broadway Music Makers Rehearsal, URC Hall; Charlie; 01386 424235  
 1st Weds 7-9pm Alzheimer Cafe for people with dementia and their carers; Evesham; Gill 01905 22195  
 1st Weds 7:30pm Childswickham Women's Institute Meeting, Childswickham Village Hall, Mary 859661  
 3rd Weds 7:30pm Broadway Wine Society; Lifford Hall; Liz 01386 854807  
 Last Wed.7:30pm Broadway Natural History Society; Methodist Hall 01386 852747  
 Thurs 10am-3 pm Signpost open (5A Russell Square) 01386 859029  
 Thurs 7-8:30pm Yoga (Hatha) with Sue Nash; St Mary's Catholic Primary; 07890 734782  
 Thurs 7pm Bible Study/Emmaus Course, United Reformed Church vestry; 01386 852819  
 Most Thurs 8:45pm Live Music (Jazz/Blues) The Crown & Trumpet 01386 853202  
 1st Thurs 10am Broadway Embroidery Group; Methodist Hall Jan 01242 603558  
 1st Thurs 3-4pm Broadway Cancer Support Group; Signpost, 5A Russell Sq. 859029 / Pat 41055  
 1st Thurs 8pm Royal British Legion; Bowling Green Clubhouse  
 2nd Thurs 2pm North Cotswold U3A Open Meeting; Willersey Village Hall; Phyllis; 01386 584100.  
 Alt Thurs 10am Broadway Probus Club; Willersey Village Hall 01386 584331  
 Fri 6:30-8pm Pilots (5years+) at URC Hall Mark 01386 442022  
 Fri 6.30pm-8.00pm Broadway Cub Scouts (ages 8-10); Anne; 01386 858056  
 2nd Sat 10am-12noon Jigsaw puzzle swap; Broadway Library (NB: the Library can provide services to the housebound) Ring Broadway Library; 01386 858747

**Parents of new babies (0-12 months) groups run regularly throughout the year; Dawn 01386 858056**

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## **CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE FOLLOWING!**

### **Liz Eyre**

has been re-elected as our County Councillor. She would like to thank everyone who went out and voted at the recent elections (for whatever party - that's democracy in action), and in particular those who voted for her and sent kind messages of support.

### **Tisanes Tearooms**

has been voted into the top 40 tearooms in Britain after being given an award of excellence for the second year running by the Tea Council.

### **Broadway Guest House 'Windrush'**

has scooped three accolades in the first Worcestershire Welcome Awards. Judith and Evan Anderson, in Station Road, were declared overall winners of the new tourism competition after coming first in the Worcestershire Nights' category and being voted runners-up in the Best Worcestershire Breakfast category.

### **Broadway Educationalist Brian Heap**

featured recently in the 'Guardian' newspaper with an article clarifying current university admission procedures. He is the author of three books on this subject, all of which are available in the local Library.

### **Broadway United Under 14 Football Team**

has had an amazing year, winning the County Cup, League and League cups and losing only once in the process. The celebrations will continue at the end of season presentations on Saturday, June 6th at the Milestone Ground, Childswickham Rd.

*If you want to promote your sporting activities, get your details into the 'sportezine'*

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## **ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY**

As the school year comes to a close, it is wonderful to look back and celebrate another successful year. Parents, teachers, governors and staff are all firmly committed to continue the excellent practice the school is known for.

For the first time the school is holding a speech day in the village, so look out for the children processsing down the village in their caps and gowns!

We would also love to have any information on past pupils and their successes in their professions. We wish to create a Record of Achievement wall to inspire the children in their future careers. If you are a past pupil please could you email the school a photograph of yourself and a few words about your achievement?

[head@st-marysrc.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:head@st-marysrc.worcs.sch.uk).

Mrs. Jacqui Le Maitre, our current head teacher, will be on maternity leave from September 2009 to July 2010 when she will return to continue as head teacher. The cover will be provided through the secondment of Mrs Louise Bury, who comes from a school in Worcester. She has already met the children and their parents and is looking forward to working with everyone in September.

## **Church Services.**

### **St Michael's C of E:**

1st Sun 10:30, 2nd 8:00/10:30, 3rd 9:30/10:30,  
4th 8:00/10:30, 5th 10:30. Wed 10:30  
Evensong at St. Eadburgha's, Snowhill Rd,  
Sun. 6pm, as from 19 April

**St Saviour's Catholic:** Sat 6pm, Sun 10am

**Methodist:** Sun 10:30, 5pm

**United Reformed Church (URC):** Sun 10:30am,  
2nd Wed 12 noon Healing

**Baptist Church:** Chipping Campden:

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Sat 5th July, 10.00am	Hawk Walks; Farncombe; 01386 854100
Thurs 9 July 3pm	Claire Jones, harp (Cheltenham Festival); St. Eadburgha's Church; 0844 576 7979
Sat 11th July, 11am	Fete; The Green; run by St Saviour's; Dominique; dom577@aol.com
Sat 11th July, 7.30pm	Rolling Stock Theatre Co; Journey Through the Musicals; in aid of Sue Ryder; Lifford Hall; 0121 288 9933
Sat 25th July	Map Reading Course - A Beginner's Guide; Farncombe; 01386 854100
Sun 2nd Aug, 5.00pm	Songs of Praise; outside URC; 01386 831779
Mon 3rd - Fri 7th Aug, 9.30-12.30	Children's Activity Week; URC; apply to Yvonne; 01386 424125
Sun 8th Aug, 7.00pm	Organ Recital; Marion Tunwell; URC; 01386 831779 or 01386 552622
Sat 15th Aug	Train Your Golfing Brain - a one-day course; Farncombe; 01386 854100
Sat-Sun 22-23 Aug	Exhibition of Paintings by Jeremy Houghton; St. Eadburgha's Church
Sun 13th Sept, 11-00am-4.30pm	Free Open Day; Farncombe; 01386 854100
Fri 25th Sept, 7.00pm	Harvest Barn Dance; Lifford Hall; 01386 831779
Sun 27th Sept, 10.30am	Harvest Festival Service; URC; 01386 831779
Mon 28th Sept, 6.00pm	Broadway Girl Guides; 90th Anniversary Service; URC; 01386 831779
Sun 22nd Nov, 10.30am-3.30pm	Free Christmas Art & Crafts Fair; Farncombe; 01386 854100

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## BROADWAY MUSIC MAKERS - A TRIBUTE TO FRIEDA

Those who attended the Broadway Music Makers performances of 'Frieda's Favourite Songs' on May 5th and 6th, will be aware that the two concerts marked the end of Frieda Jelfs' leadership of the choir, a post she held for almost ten years. The time had arrived for Frieda finally to hand over the baton to a new leader. At the concerts, tributes of the highest praise were made; also gifts of a Hollywood-type Oscar and a large portrait photograph of her choir as a record of the occasion.

Broadway Music Makers have been blessed with Frieda's many talents, but the most important ones were her patience and tolerance with a relatively unskilled choir; this was reflected in the steady improvement of their performances and also the bringing together of a very happy group.

She has also been instrumental in raising donations for local charities, amounting to almost £5000 during her tenure.

During the last thirty years, many other village organisations have benefited from Frieda's talents the annual pantomime, the Meon Choir, the Broadway Players and local schools - just to mention a few. Her support and dedication will be hard to match.

We all wish Frieda a very happy and healthy retirement.  
Bill Watson

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