

# Broadway Newsletter

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## GWSR PROGRESS TO BROADWAY

The Gloucestershire Warwickshire Railway's progress on its extension from Toddington to Broadway has reached the halfway point at Laver-ton. The 'missing' bridge there has now been rebuilt and track will soon be extended across it. There are three more road bridges that require refurbishment. Repairs, currently being assessed, will need to be completed before the line can reach Broadway and, inevitably, these will be costly projects.

Preliminary work at Broadway has progressed on two fronts. Physical work at the old station has seen the site cleared and the foundations of the old platforms and buildings exposed. In tandem with the physical work, the requirements for a rebuilt station have been debated and the design objectives identified. We aim to restore the station as closely to its original appearance as possible, consistent with material availability and current requirements.

In the meantime we need your help. You can help to the greatest extent by purchasing shares in the railway - our shareholders are entitled to various benefits dependant on the contribution. In addition you can support us specifically at Broadway by joining



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the 'Friends of Broadway Station'. You can also become a member of the railway and enjoy annual free rides, as well as our quarterly magazine 'The Cornishman'.

For further information on the railway and ways to support us, please see our official website [www.gwsr.com](http://www.gwsr.com). If you have any questions or would like further information you can email enquiries to [enquiries@gwsr.com](mailto:enquiries@gwsr.com) or write to me at The Railway Station, Toddington, Gloucestershire, GL54 5DT.

Alan Bielby, Chairman, Broadway Area Group



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As an important way of supporting the local community and making use of locally sourced fresh ingredients, Russells' Restaurant will be happy to take your surplus produce. Just ring them in advance to let them know what you have and they will exchange it for either cash, a dining voucher or a donation to a charity of your choice.

So, this Spring when you start planting, why not put in an extra couple of rows? Result – benefit all round!

## **BROADWAY FIRST SCHOOL**

This term started with a heavy snowfall which provided a white wonderland of undisturbed snow which the children enjoyed at playtime, making snowmen or just running through the soft deep snow. This was especially magical for a boy who originates from Sri Lanka who had never seen snow before. The children produced some lovely poetry and artwork based on their experiences.

Charitable activities this half term have included a talk by Sue McClelland from Acorns Hospice about the work of the Hospice in Worcester. Later on, the children came to school dressed red and blue and raised £300 for the Haiti Earthquake Appeal. In February we held a 'Sockathon' on Sports Relief Day, February 19<sup>th</sup>.

The children have been out of school to visit the Olympic Museum Bus, St.Michael's Church and the Broadway Library. Classes 3 and 4 have been very busy creating biscuits and making moving models using cams. Years 4 and 5 took part in Cycle Proficiency lessons with the road safety trainer. They learned how to ride their cycles correctly and to make sure their cycle was safe to ride on.

Our after school clubs have provided the children with different opportunities to develop their skills and to keep fit. The clubs have been dance; school newspaper; art; science; cooking and crafts and quilling. Not wanting to leave the parents out, we have had Parent Information evenings about 'Internet Safety', and 'Helping Your Child to Read'. The half term ended with a school disco organised by the Friends Association, where the children (and some of the parents) showed us some amazing dance moves!

## **HOW TO SUBMIT:**

**Issues:** May/June 2010, July/August 2010, September/October 2010, November/December 2010  
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## **MOON CRATERS ON BACK LANE**

After the recent bad weather has drawn attention to the numerous craters which afflict the county's roads and we are being asked to ring the hot line with nominations for treatment is it not time we looked at our own back yard - Back lane in fact?

For a long time now residents have been negotiating these hazards which have become really dangerous especially to the blind and partially sighted not to mention the buggies and pushchairs etc. Parked cars mean you can't even walk on the verge of the road to try to avoid them. The authorities will say they do not know who owns this piece of road but surely some one can be persuaded to dump a load of chippings to fill in these deep craters before someone has a really nasty accident. *John Hincks*

*It's good to be able to give a prompt reply to this letter. Wychavon has issued details of their plans for dealing with the damage our roads have recently suffered.*

The county council's road crews had more than 100 potholes reported to them within 5 days of the main cold snap ceasing. Since then the calls have poured in daily to the Worcestershire Hub. Nearly 1,500 potholes have been repaired since the bad weather struck in January, significantly more than the number of potholes reported to them by the public (1267).

Dealing with the pothole problem will prove costly this year for the County Council but drivers should be reassured that work gangs will be out repairing roads in the coming weeks with priority roads such as A-roads and school routes first in line for repairs.

Cash for the backlog of repairs will have to come out of the remaining road maintenance budget.

To report a pothole use

[www.worcestershire.gov.uk/transport](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/transport), or call the Hub 0845 6072005.

## **ACTIVITY PARK**

Have you ventured into the Activity Park lately and noticed the Commemorative plaque in place? Planting of the new trees is now also under way, which will be a welcome addition to the landscaping as they mature.

## THE ARTS FESTIVAL

Of course we are still looking for donations toward the cause, but if you are thinking of giving your time as well, then you are spoilt for choice. Firstly, we are starting casting for our community play, written by Hugh Brewster. You can see dates of the auditions below, and Hugh will be in town for part of April to help rehearse, with the final play performances on 11, 12 and 19 June.

**Wed 17-Thurs 18 Mar 6:30-8pm Casting auditions** for the Broadway Festival Play '*Carnation Lily, Lily, Rose*'. There are parts for four male and four female adults and four main parts for children aged 6,7,8, and 11; and six other children aged 6-10 as supporting cast. For information on auditions or to volunteer to help with costumes, sound and lights, props contact Mike Appleby at Broadway First School on 01386 852485.

Secondly, we are holding a **Volunteer Fair on Saturday 20 March** from 10 am to 1pm in the Lifford Hall Parlour. We'll have members of our various sub-committees there to explain what we've got in mind and you can shop around. There will be all sorts of opportunities, from stewarding at a concert or exhibit to hospitality, public relations and helping the Box Office. If you have special skills or qualifications such as a CRB check or first aid training, please let us know. Any queries on the Fair please ring Micaela on 01386 898162.

Our **Education Programme** is gearing up for a great run; we have an artist coming to do a residency at both primary schools, and an art competition for young people with an exhibition of their very own (cash prizes!). From Monday to Thursday there is something on offer each day from 4-6pm, including an interactive workshop showing of Victorian keyboard instruments with a chance to have a go, storytelling and a chance for families to create their own artwork, a songwriting/singing workshop, and an informal piano class for Grade 2+.

We also will have performances of the community play '*Carnation Lily, Lily, Rose*' (see above) and a procession of children with their own artworks...and a community celebration.

*What were those dates again? **Friday 11 June to Sunday 20 June.** Don't book that holiday - there's too much on offer right here in Broadway!*

## FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

A number of Broadway residents have enquired about the possibility of renting an allotment. The Parish Council has asked Wychavon if any land is available, but meanwhile, are there any private landowners would consider making some land available for use as allotments?

If you can help, please contact the Parish Clerk, Kevin Beasley, on 854813.

## DOG FOULING

You can report anyone you find not clearing up after dog-fouling, you can report them to the Wychavon Dog Warden on 01386 565000.

Don't forget – dog foul bags are always available from the Parish Council office.

## SHEAR HOUSE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

In response to the article in the January Newsletter, Keith Chamberlain has sent us a copy of the letter he wrote to the Parish Council making a number of additional points about the proposed development. He points out that the loss of 72 parking places will be a severe blow to the parents collecting children from St Mary's School, as well as putting undue pressure on the village when events such as the Christmas Late Night Opening evenings or Giffords Circus are held. Already there are signs that the Sands residential area is being used by visitors when the Leamington Road car park is full; this will become even more common with the ensuing loss. Mr Chamberlain also points out the pressure on the infrastructure of Broadway. The sewerage system in the Leamington Road area has proved inadequate; extra housing will only serve to make matters worse.

Nevertheless, a start on the building is due get under way at the beginning of March when Rooftops Housing Group will erect a hoarding around the site. Once the hoarding is up parking in that section, and also the toilet facilities, will no longer be available. Additional signage will be put in place to indicate alternative parking and toilets. The number of parking spaces open to the general public at Shear House will then be reduced to 63.

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Mon-Fri -term time 8:55-2:55pm Broadway & Towerview Playgroups, Jude 01386 853780  
 Mon-Fri -term time 8:45-3.00pm Little Friends of St. Mary's playgroup; Deb/Sam 07798 610667  
 Mon - term time 11.30-12.20pm Sing and Sign (baby signing for 5-20 months old); Wickhamford Village Hall; Sally 01789 721003  
 Mon 9:30-10:30am Cotswold Pilates; Methodist Hall 07734 934751  
 Mon 10am-3.00 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; from 7th Sept.  
 2nd Mon 2.30pm Broadway Library Readers' Group; 01386 858747  
 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 9.30-11.30am Peek-a-Boo Baby & Toddler Group; Lifford Hall; Hattie; 01386 852788  
 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 7.30pm 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  
 Tues 8-10:30pm 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 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 3.00-4.00pm Come And Meet Each Other - tea at St Michael's Church 01386 852352  
 3rd Tuesday 8:30am Book Club at Small Talk Café; Margaret 01386 852 120  
 Weds 9.30am-11.00am 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  
 Wed 10.30am Broadway Artists - a class with Doug Eyre; Lifford Parlour; 01386 854 807  
 Wed 11am-1pm Knitting Circle at Tisanes Tearooms; Ring Pat at the Wool Shop in Cotswold Court, 01386 853296  
 Weds term time Rhythm Time (Toddlers 1-1.30pm; Babies 1.40-2.20pm); Lifford Hall, Tracy 01527 401711  
 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 7:30-9.00pm Broadway Music Makers Rehearsal, URC Hall; Charlie; 01386 424235  
 1st Weds 7.00-9.00pm 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 01386 859661  
 3rd Weds 7:30pm Broadway Wine Society; Lifford Hall; Jim; 01386 898162  
 Last Wed.7:30pm Broadway Natural History Society; Methodist Hall 01386 852747  
 Thurs 10.00am Broadway Probus Club; Willersey Village Hall 01386 584331  
 Thurs 10.00am-3.00 pm Signpost open (5A Russell Square) 01386 859029  
 Thurs 7.00-8:30pm Yoga (Hatha) with Sue Nash; St Mary's Catholic Primary; 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 Sq. 859029 / Pat 41055  
 1st Thurs 8.00pm Royal British Legion; Bowling Green Clubhouse  
 2nd Thurs 2.00pm North Cotswold U3A Open Meeting; Willersey Village Hall; Phyllis; 01386 584100.  
 3rd Thurs time tbc Memory Cafe for people with Dementia & families; Methodist Church Hall; Signpost 01386 85902  
 3rd Thurs 8.00pm Campden & District Historical & Archaeological Soc; Campden Town Hall; 01386 848840  
 Alt Fri 6:30-8.00pm Pilots (ages 5-18) at URC Hall Mark; 07850 856764  
 Fri 6.30pm-8.00pm Broadway Cub Scouts (ages 8-10); Anne; 01386 858056  
 2nd Sat 10am-12noon Jigsaw puzzle swap; Broadway Library; Ring Broadway Library; 01386 858747  
 Regular meetings Parents with new babies (0-12 months); Dawn 01386 858056

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Weds 7.30pm  
Lent Study Group; The Vicarage, Church Street, from 24 Feb, CTIB; [dom577@aol.com](mailto:dom577@aol.com)  
Thurs 2:30pm  
Lent Study Group; Methodist Church Hall, from 25 Feb, CTIB [dom577@aol.com](mailto:dom577@aol.com)  
Fri. During Lent 12:30  
Stations of the Cross; St Saviour's Church from 19 Feb, 01386 442468  
Sat. 8am  
Lent Study Group; Tisanes Tea Rooms, from 27 Feb, CTIB, [dom577@aol.com](mailto:dom577@aol.com)

**Palm Sunday 28 Mar service times as usual:**

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  
St Saviour's Catholic: Sat 6pm Vigil Mass, Sun 10am (Mass and Children's Liturgy). Tues/ Thurs 8am, Wed/Fri 9.15am Mass  
Methodist: Sun 10:30  
United Reformed Church (URC): Sun 10:30am, 2nd Wed 12 noon Healing  
Baptist Church: Chipping Campden: Sun 10:30 at Chipping Campden School (crèche and Junior Church 4-16 years), 6:30pm at the church

**Easter Weekend**

Maundy Thursday 1 Apr: 7pm St Saviours; 7:30pm St Michael's; 7.30pm URC (Joint service with Methodist Church)  
Good Friday 2 Apr: 9:30-12:30pm Children's Activities (age 5+) at URC; 11:15 Walk of Witness from St Saviour's to Village Green with service at 12:00 (CTIB); 2pm at St Michael's; 3pm St Saviours  
Easter Vigil Service 3 Apr: 8pm St Saviours  
Easter Sunday 4 Apr: 7am Sunrise Service, Broadway Tower & breakfast at St Michael's; 10:30am service, St Michaels; 9am breakfast and service 10:30 URC; 10am St Saviours; 10:30 Methodist Church

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For the last 11 years I have chaired Signpost. It has been a very exciting, daunting and rewarding experience. Signpost is now established in its own office on Russell Square – where could be better for visibility and familiarity? The financial situation is very sound and the team is strong and dedicated.

I believe that now is the right time for me to retire as Chair. Signpost needs new enthusiasm, new ideas and new strengths. It is strong enough to stand alone but needs a leader to co-ordinate the team and to liaise with the surrounding communities. Signpost needs someone who will get to know the area facilities which might be available and appropriate to our community in the North Cotswolds and to harness these facilities.

As you know we have expanded a lot from our early days; regular users of the office are: Age Concern, DIAL, CAB, Cancer Support, Relate Counselling and we have just opened a Memory Café which is beginning to take off. The Café has its own team of regular members who are all joining in the decision making necessary at this new beginning.

If you are interested in taking on a part-time, extremely rewarding position; if you have a love of people and are concerned about them; if you can take on the bureaucracy involved in working with Worcestershire and Gloucestershire services; if you have administrative and communication skills – then please call in to the office on a Thursday and introduce yourself to the team on duty.

The majority of the team are regular attenders at churches in the area and all care very much about their community and Signpost.

We would love to see you- Penny Ingles

**ST EADBURGHAS**

The long-awaited new pews are now in place at St Eadburgha's. They were made by local craftsman Chris Holmes from limed oak. Do go and have a look; their simple, elegant lines and light and airy appearance beautifully enhance the nave. While you're there, enjoy the snowdrops in the churchyard as well!



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## What's On, One-Off Events:

Fri 5 March 2pm	Women's World Day of Prayer; St Michael's Church; WWDP committee; <a href="mailto:dom577@aol.com">dom577@aol.com</a>
Fri 5 March 7:30pm	Quiz Night in Aid of Broadway Arts Festival; Lifford Hall; Jenny, <a href="mailto:Whiteacres@btinternet.com">Whiteacres@btinternet.com</a>
Fri 12 March 7pm	Gardeners' Question Time including supper; Toddington Village Hall; Peter 01242 620902
Fri 12 March 7pm	Induction of Fr. Joe McLoughlin as Parish Priest at St Saviour's; 01386 442468
Sat 13 March 10:30am	Coffee morning; Childswickham Memorial Hall, in aid of Help The Heroes; Mary; 01386 85966
Mon 15 March 10:30am	New beginners Pilates Course; Methodist Hall; Rebecca; 01608 652045
Wed/Thurs 17-18 March 6:30-8pm	Casting auditions for the Broadway Festival Play 'Carnation Lily, Lily, Rose'; Broadway First School, 01386 852485
Thurs 18 March	Thai Cookery with tutors from Eckington Manor Cookery School; Farncombe, 01386 854100
Sat 20 March 10am -1pm	Volunteer Fair for Broadway Arts Festival; Lifford Hall, Micaela 01386 898162
Thurs 25 - Sat 27 March 7.30pm	Southern Nights; Lifford Hall; Linda Witts; 01386 858654 or Shopwright
Fri 26 March, 7:30pm	Channelling Evening in Broadway; Denny Dakin; 01386 853043 or Gill Wilkinson 01386 853704
Fri-Sun 2 -4 April	Sudoku Squared: Unique Fabric Designs with Jennie Rayment; Farncombe, 01386 854100
Sat 10 April 8:00pm	Free Evening Piano Recital with Mark Bebbington; Farncombe 01386 854100
Sun 11 April 2:30-4pm	Jazz in the Afternoon: Hoagie Carmichael - Lazy songs from the Southern American Dream with Nick Gill; Farncombe, 01386 854100
30 April	Arts Competition Registration Deadline for Broadway Arts Festival <a href="http://www.broadwayartsfestival.com">www.broadwayartsfestival.com</a>
Tues/Wed 25-26 May, 7 for 7:30pm	Broadway Music Makers Concert; Lifford Hall, Charlie 01386 424235

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### E F BENSON'S LUCIA NOVELS

Does anyone in Broadway still read the 'Lucia' novels by E F Benson?

The Newsletter has been contacted by a family who will be visiting Broadway briefly in May and in addition to enjoying the charming village will be interested to see how it compares with Riseholme, the village apparently based on Broadway which features in 'Lucia' novels. They wonder if anyone in the village shares this interest and would like to get in touch to exchange ideas. If so, the Newsletter can put you in touch.

### RECITAL BY THE BACH DUO AT STANTON GUILDHOUSE

On Tues February 9<sup>th</sup> there was a charming recital of music for harpsichord and cello by Bach and Vivaldi by the Newsletter's many-talented ads manager, Micaela Schmitz, and Nella Hunkins. The evening was well attended and everyone there enjoyed it immensely. Encore!

### BROADWAY HORTICULTURAL AND CRAFT SHOW

The Committee organising the annual Broadway Show needs bringing back up to strength as one member has retired and another has left the area

Involvement is not particularly demanding. The committee meets about six times a year and members collect advertisements for the Show Schedule and then distribute copies. The Friday evening before the Show and the day itself are inevitably the busiest times.

In recent years the Show has gone from strength to strength, resulting in immeasurable satisfaction from being involved. So if, having read this plea for help, you feel you would like to be part of the Show's ongoing success please telephone either Roger Bailey on 852872 or John Keylock on 852428.

**This year's the Show is on:**

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September.**

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