

Broadway Newsletter

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Shaping our future - meeting our needs A Neighbourhood Plan for Broadway

This is the village's opportunity to influence land use and development in our village. Over the next 20 years growth and change may be imposed upon us – having a Neighbourhood Plan puts control in our hands.

What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

A Neighbourhood Plan (NP) is a vision for the future and will have aims and planning policies which will guide future development, regeneration and conservation of Broadway.

It may deal with a wide range of social, economic and environmental issues such as housing, employment, heritage, conservation, transport and infrastructure.

Why does it matter?

In theory, planning was always supposed to give local communities a say in decisions that affect them, but, **in practice**, communities have often found it hard to have a meaningful say. An **NP** puts power back into the hands of local residents, employees and businesses – those who know the best needs of their local areas.

The Plan can only be approved by a referendum of the village in order to become part of the Statutory Development Plan for the area. **Without a vote in favour of the Plan there will be no Plan. Your participation in the referendum is essential.**

Creating an **NP** will take time and can only be achieved with the support of the whole village.

The Parish Council has started the process by setting up a core steering group of interested people from across the village to develop the Plan. **BUT – THIS HAS TO BE LED BY YOU**, the residents of Broadway.

'A robust programme of community engagement and a proportionate evidence base is vital to ensure that the Neighbourhood Plan is founded on a proper understanding of Broadway, and the views, aspiration, wants and needs of local people.' (locality.org.uk)

A series of public meetings is being planned for the New Year to give everyone the opportunity to get to know more about a Broadway **NP** – what it can and cannot do and to begin the process of listening to your ideas, concerns and the things you value living in this beautiful village. I urge you to attend one of these meetings.

I hope that, when you are ready, you may be motivated to participate in the steering group or a working party, or even just to make your individual views known. **HAVE YOUR SAY!** Please contact the Parish Clerk, Kevin Beasley on 854813.

Barrie Parmenter
Chairman, Broadway Parish Council

More detailed information about Neighbourhood Plans can be obtained at www.locality.org.uk – click on Neighbourhood Planning Roadmap Guide.

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Museum reopening with new name and exciting Gertrude Hermes exhibition

The Ashmolean Museum, Broadway, will be reopening as the Broadway Museum and Art Gallery on 10th February 2017. It will continue to work in partnership with the Ashmolean in Oxford and the special exhibitions will feature works from their extensive collections.

From 10th February our exhibition will be 'In the Groove: Gertrude Hermes and the Natural World', featuring the work of one of the most innovative wood engravers of the twentieth century. Gertrude Hermes OBE (1901–1983) developed a highly distinctive style that combined technical virtuosity with bold imagination.

The exhibition has been curated by Dr. Caroline Palmer, Print Room Supervisor. She said: "Before coming to work at the Ashmolean, I had not come across Gertrude Hermes, but when I discovered her prints and sketchbooks, I was bowled over by the bold, distinctive style of her images. Although she trained alongside Henry Moore, Hermes has never become a household name, so it is wonderful to have this opportunity to share her work with a wider audience."

Hermes was the first woman engraver to be elected an Associate of the Royal Academy, becoming a full Royal Academician in 1971, in recognition of her inspirational work as a printmaker, sculptor and

teacher. This exhibition demonstrates Hermes's fascination with the natural world – from her Jazz Age bird, fish and flower prints to her monumental coloured linocuts of the 1950s.

Hermes's love of nature is evident in all of the prints displayed, including her illustrations for Gilbert White's *Natural History of Selborne* (1932) and Izaak Walton's *The Compleat Angler* (1939). Her creatures – bat, spider, starfish and toad – have a strange 'otherness', hinting at Nature's more sinister undertones. Even her flower studies, for Irene Gosse's *A Florilege* (1930), reveal a darker side; each species has a distinct character, seeming to move on the page with its jagged prickles or sinuous tendrils.

The initial inspiration for these works was rooted in the study of living, moving creatures, as we can see from Hermes's sketchbooks, which teem with fish, mammals and birds. Among the many sketchbooks on display are school botany books which demonstrate her earliest attempts at drawing flora and fungi; they indicate how quickly she was drawn to the imagery she would later develop into her striking prints.

For more information telephone 01386 859047 or email: housemanager@ashmoleanbroadway.org

Micaela Schmitz

Micaela is leaving the Newsletter team after 10 years as a Trustee and Treasurer; she has also organised the ads for each issue. As one of the Founder Members of the Newsletter, Micaela has worked tirelessly on administration and production for which we owe her a huge debt of gratitude.



Terry and Jane Brown

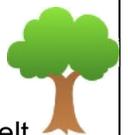
An enormous thank you to Tez and Jane who have been responsible for the layout and design of the Newsletter. Their patience, ingenuity and computer skills have produced splendid Newsletters for 10 years and their work has been very much appreciated.

Welcome

This month we welcome Vernon Smith and Sally O'Connell to the Newsletter team. Vernon brings his banking experience to the post of Treasurer and he will also be in charge of advertisements. Additionally he will help Sally who, with her computer expertise, has taken over the design and layout of each issue in preparation for printing.

Broadway Garden Club

As the Garden Club has now been closed for more than a year, the committee has decided to donate the remaining funds to the Broadway Community Library. It was felt that this way of using the money would benefit a large number of people in the village.



Graham Morris

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Shelley Spencer-The Barbara Baker Interview



Walking into The Broadway Florist on a winter evening, scent, colour and chaos pervade. The shop is crammed with buckets, vases and stands of flowers in hues of burgundy, ready for a wedding. Behind the counter Shelley, owner and creative director, smiles. There is no back room so we chat standing either side of the counter.

"I have had the shop 12 years. When I left school, I trained as a florist from 1995-97, but then worked with wedding dresses, an insurance company and a bank – to gain financial knowledge. Then I worked for a florist in Chipping Sodbury; I managed a flower shop next, and after a couple of years, I thought that I should be doing this for myself. We had friends in Broadway so I would visit here and realised there wasn't a florist so I opened one. I was 23 years old and very scared. I remember standing here at the counter on the morning of 4th October 2004, as my first flowers were delivered, thinking 'What have I done?' But I haven't looked back since and I love every minute of it.

My mum was an enormous help, particularly to start with, and Frankie has worked here for the last 7 years and she is like my left arm. I had worked for a big Interflora shop before and didn't want to be churning out 25 similar bouquets a day, I wanted to be creative, and so I targeted a different market. We do about 40 weddings a year; we have contracts with a number of hotels to supply their weekly arrangements; we provide flowers for some private houses weekly or fortnightly; and we have our day-to-day bouquets and bunches of flowers. I love having unusual flowers in stock – my own favourites are parrot tulips and amaryllis.

Actually, perhaps strangely, I enjoy doing funerals, because sometimes it is the last thing people can do for their loved ones, and you can really personalise a funeral. If the person was into gardening, you can add vegetables; if farming, you could include corn or

wheat; for country pursuits you might add pheasant feathers – it can be very rewarding. You have to know your customers well. For example, there are some people in the village who don't like a particular colour or a particular flower. I expect there is some database that could store that information, but we just know, and if someone comes in and says they are buying flowers for a certain person, we can often advise what that person would like.

My interest in flowers came from going out into my Nan's garden, picking flowers and arranging them when I came back in. At school I was interested in hair and beauty too, but a lot of my friends were doing that and I wanted to do something different.

My other passion is shooting. I am a country girl; my husband is a gamekeeper and my father was too. I used to clay pigeon shoot competitively and was awarded a grant from the National Lottery to train for the Olympics. The lady who helps me with marketing for the shop came up with the idea of The Guns and Roses Experience. Both men and women have a day split between learning flower arranging and shooting. We have done some fantastic days: CNN came over from America and did a day with us; Leisure and Tourism from Japan; and some Stag do's – men tend to have less expectations of the flower arranging but really get involved and produce very interesting pieces. Unfortunately, at the moment the shop is so busy I don't have time to do enough of it.

I live in Batsford but I love Broadway. I love the community and the fact that you walk up the High Street and chat to every other person you see, and that after 5.00pm everyone has gone home and it is all empty with no cars. It feels like home. It is always slightly chaotic in the shop so in some ways it is nice that we are not on the High Street. People are very understanding, especially when we are really busy with weddings, Christmas, Valentine's, Mothers' Day and Easter. I don't have much spare time, but enjoy riding and used to do eventing. Now my shop takes up my world, but I wouldn't have it any other way."

Cinema returning to Broadway!



Not since the late 1940s and early 1950s has Broadway enjoyed a cinema. In those days there was not one – but two companies showing films for the villagers' enjoyment at the Lifford Hall.

The Trustees are delighted to announce that this year, 2017, the cinema is returning to the Hall. Of course, times have changed with the growth of television, CDs and the digital age BUT this does mean that we can provide high-tech sound and vision in a social atmosphere with drinks, nibbles and a comfortable environment.

We hope that not only will we be able to provide films that people want to see both old and new, but also to provide theme evenings that may introduce new experiences! Broadway's new cinema will be a real partnership with the village.

If you would like to help to run the cinema or would just like to be kept up-to-date with what's on, please let us have your contact details.

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What's On - Regular Events:

Mon-Fri term time 8am-5:30pm
 Mon-Fri term time 9am-3pm
 Mon/Tues/Wed t/time
 Mon-Sat 10am-4pm
 Mon 9:15 & 10:30am
 Mon 10am-1pm
 Mon 11-11:30am
 Mon 5:00pm AND 7:00pm
 Mon 7:00-8:30pm
 Mon 7:00-8:30pm
 3rd Mon 2.30pm
 Tues 9:15am
 Tues 9:30am **New**
 Tues 10am-1pm
 Tues 4-8pm
 Tues 6.30-8pm **New Term 13/1**
 Tues 6:45-9pm
 1st Tues of the month 2-4pm
 2nd Tues 8:30am
 2nd Tues 10:00-11:00am
 3rd Tues 8:45 am
 Last Tues 7:30pm
 Wed 10am-12 Noon
 Wed 10am-4pm
 Wed 6:00-7:15pm
 Wed 7-8:30pm
 Wed 7:30-9:00pm
 Alt Wed 2-4pm
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 1st Wed. 12-2 pm
 1st Wed 7:30pm
 2nd wed 7.30pm
 3rd Wed 2.30pm
 Thurs 10am-1pm
 Thurs 10:30am-12noon
 Thurs 1:30-3pm
 Thurs 2-4pm **New**
 Thurs 6.30-8pm
 Thurs 6-8pm
 Most Thurs 8:45pm
 1st Thurs 10:00am-1pm
 1st Thurs 3-4pm
 4th Thurs 10:30am-12noon
 Last Thurs 1-3pm
 Fri 6:30-7pm
 Fri 6:30-8:00pm term time
 2nd Fri 10am
 Sat 10am-4pm

Little Heroes Breakfast, Preschool and Afterschool club; Natalie 01386 853337
 Broadway & Towerview Playschool, Jude 01386 853780 / 07922025902
 Aria Dance Company, classes for ages 5-17; Broadway Youth Club, Arianna 07951277847
 Tourist Information Centre. Also open Sundays; Russell Square, 01386 852937
 Cotswold Pilates; Methodist Church Hall, Michele 07929 035262
 Signpost for help & information; 4 Russell Square, Broadway 01386 859029
 Bounce & Rhyme for babies; Broadway Library, 01905 822722
 Slimming World, Double Session; Lifford Hall, Emma 07762 740237
 Girl Guides (ages 10-14) term time only; Ruth Jones 01789 772328
 Yoga; Broadway 1st School, Marion Moore 01386 853715
 Broadway Library Readers group; Broadway Library, Leamington Road, 01905 822722
 Pilates @ Childswickham village hall, for info & other exercise classes Tess 07815 949970
 Cotswold Pilates; Methodist Church Hall, Michele 07929 035262
 Signpost for help & information; 4 Russell Square, 01386 859029
 Relate (by appointment); Signpost 4 Russell Square, 01386 859029
 T'ai Chi – Chen style, suitable for all; URC Hall Broadway, Val 07779 746346
 Broadway Whist Drive Club; The Court, Russell's Estate, Patricia 01386 853110
 Table Games Afternoon for all ages+Refreshments; URC Hall, tel Mark 07949 296738
 Breakfast Book Group; Russell's Restaurant, Elizabeth 01386 858588
 Short Walks; from The Court Back Lane, followed by coffee, Kim 07854717430
 Book Club; Margaret 01386 852120
 Broadway Natural History Society; Methodist Hall, 01386 852747
 Knitting Circle; Tisanes Tearooms High St Broadway, Pat 01386 852444
 Bric a Brac stall; Broadway (GWR) Station, John 01386 584366
 Broadway Beavers (ages 6-8); Anne 01386 830505
 Yoga to Relax & Revive; All welcome, Lifford Hall, Enqs Aston 01386 870893
 Broadway Music Makers Rehearsal; URC Hall, Martin 01242 603553
 Neighbours on Line, Computer and Internet classes; URC hall, Mark 07949 296738
 Family History Sessions; Broadway Library, 01905 822722
 Evesham Dementia Café; St Mary's Parish Hall, St Egwin's Rd, Evesham, Helen 01684 891455
 Childswickham Women's Institute; Childswickham Memorial Hall, Marilyn 01386 854661
 Savvy - social, informal networking for professionals; The Swan Broadway, 01386 853339
 Broadway Library Readers group; Broadway Library, Leamington Road, 01905 822722
 Signpost for help & information; 4 Russell Square, 01386 859029
 Looking After Yourself, Tai chi/musical exercise alt weeks; URC hall info Mark 07949 296738
 Babytime; Apple Vale Children's Centre, 01386 859039
 "Today's Our Day" activities & refreshments for those with dementia & helpers; URC, 07949 296738
 Broadway Cub Scouts (ages 8-10); Anne 01386 830505
 Broadway Youth Club (ages 5-19); at Broadway Youth Centre, 01386 853013
 Live Music (Jazz/Blues); The Crown & Trumpet, 01386 853202
 Broadway Embroidery Group; Methodist Hall, Gill 01386 830604
 Cancer Support Group; Signpost, 4 Russell Square, 01386 859029
 Rural Read Book Group; Stanton Guildhouse, For current book phone Susan 01386 584357
 Citizens Advice Bureau (appointment advised); Signpost, 4 Russell Square, 01386 859029
 Metafit & 7-7:30pm Piyo; both @ Childswickham village hall, For info Tess 07815 949970
 Pilots – fun & activities in a Christian environment ages 4-18, info tel Mark 07949 296738
 North Cotswold U3A Garden Group winter talks; Childswickham Village Hall, Pat 01386 852720
 Bric a Brac stall; Broadway (GWR) Station, John 01386 584366

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Would you like to make new friends? Need a fresh challenge in your life? Or want to develop your interests?

Drop in and meet the team at Snowhill Manor on Saturday 28th January 10.00-12.30pm and find out more about how you could be involved in volunteering.

Email snowhillmanor@nationaltrust.org.uk or call Sarah on 01386 842814 for more info.



RNLI ANNUAL LECTURE KIFTSGATE - THE MAKING OF A GARDEN

This year's talk in aid of the RNLI will be on Friday 24th February at 10.30am at The Lygon Arms. Our speaker is Anne Chambers whose garden, Kiftsgate, is well known and much loved by many of us. She will tell us something of the history of making the garden and how it is managed throughout the year.

Coffee and biscuits will be served beforehand and there will be the usual bucket raffle.

Tickets £10.00 on sale at Shopwright or by telephoning 01386 852240

THE TISANE KNITTERS



I would like to recognise the knitters of Tisanes Tearoom who raised £440.00 for the Royal British Legion. Their knitted poppies were sold in the tearoom during

October and November. Well done ladies!

Rachel Stone



Broadway Football Club

We caught up with Adam Rich, Chairman of Broadway United Football Club, at the Clubhouse on Childswickham Road on a very wet Sunday. "The season has got off to a great start, both the first and reserve teams are top of their respective leagues and today both played fantastically, beating Shipston 4-0 and 6-0 respectively. The adult teams play in the Sunday Birdseye Evesham League, one team playing at home and one away each week. We welcome new players and you don't have to live in Broadway to join. Come along to the Wednesday training nights and have a go."

The Football Club also run a number of junior teams; boys and girls, age from 7 to 14, which play on Saturday mornings. In addition to exercise, playing in a team allows kids to learn the importance of team work and, since their team will not win every match, to lose with grace but turn out with the right spirit the following week. "A useful lesson," says Adam.

This particular Sunday the surprisingly spacious, family-friendly clubhouse was open to visitors ranging from a babe in arms to a very grey Saluki and was hosting runners competing in the Broadway Marathon. Mud-spattered Neville from Badsey had just completed the half marathon. "The run starts in Lower High Street and then heads up to Broadway Tower. At 57, this is an arduous start to a long run and yet we do it for fun...in the rain!" he mused, clutching his post run soup and cake.

The clubhouse, with its bar, is open to supporters following matches on a Sunday and is available for events and private parties. "All we ask is a donation towards the club", says Adam.

How can you get involved? Come along and have a go at playing. Drop in on Saturday or Sunday or contact us via Facebook. The more leisurely minded could come to support the teams. It is a great opportunity to get the kids, grandkids and the dog out of the house and into the fresh air.

Budding runners can contact either Evesham Vale Running Club or Cotswoldsrunning via their websites/Facebook page.

Vernon Smith

'The Way'@ Broadway Methodist Church

Every month we appear in 'Church Services' under The Methodist Church, as open for refreshments every Friday and Saturday 10am to 4pm. We are, but I would like to tell you more about who we are and why we came to be here.

Two years ago Broadway MC was struggling with elderly membership and worrying lack of funds. It was suggested that we open a cafe as part of our outreach to the community and to provide a safe space for refreshment and conversation. We have a beautiful building, sadly only used on a Sunday morning, so we wanted it to be a better resource both for the village and for visitors.

Two years on, after a massive learning curve, we feel we have become established within the community and we meet hundreds of visitors who come to this beautiful village from all over the globe.

November 5th saw the launch of Cafe Church themed around Remembrance. This event will take place on the first Saturday of the month at 10.30am. January's theme will be 'We Three Kings'. We also have a Craft Fair on the second Saturday of each month.

Please come and join us. We would love to have more volunteers if you have some time to spare and enjoy meeting new friends, or simply come and join us for a meal or a 'cuppa' and a chat. We guarantee that on a bleak January day our welcome, as well as our food, will truly warm the cockles of your heart.



Sheila Brown

STOP PRESS: Warner's Budgens is getting a fresh look and will be closed from Monday 9th January - Sunday 22nd January.



Late Night Shopping Evenings

I would like to thank my excellent team of car park stewards, pedestrian stewards, and litter-pickers for all their splendid efforts over both nights. Without you, these evenings would never have gone so smoothly. As not enough people from Broadway, particularly Broadway Traders, were willing to volunteer, I had to look further afield. So, my extra-special thanks go to the Evesham Round Table lads, who managed the Hunt parking for us so well, and to Chris Brooks of Wychavon D.C., who, despite living in Sedgeberrow, came over and did an incredible amount of work for us. I hope you all had a relaxing Christmas and New Year – you deserved it. Thanks again.

Neil Hilton

✠ CHURCH SERVICES

St Michael's C of E: 1st, 3rd, 5th Sun 10.30am; 2nd & 4th Sundays 8am and 10.30am; Wed 11am.

St Saviour's Catholic: Vigil Mass Sat 5pm only. Daily Mass Tues 10am, Fri 11am.

Methodist: Sun Service 10.30am; open Fri & Sat 10am to 4pm for refreshments.

United Reformed Church (URC): Sun 10.30am.

St Eadburgha's: Services are held at 6:00pm on Sundays from Easter Day until Harvest Festival. Church open daily 10am to 4pm in winter, later in summer.

What's On, January -March 2017 Events:

Mon 16 Jan 7pm
From 10 Feb 10am-5pm
Mon 20 Feb 7pm
Tues 21 Mar 7pm
Thurs 23 Mar 6pm

'The Battle of Evesham' talk Broadway History Society (BHS); Methodist Church Hall, 01386 852913
'In the Groove' Exhibition; (closed Mondays) Broadway Museum & Art Gallery, 01386 859047
Henry Sandon MBE on 'Worcester China'; Torrington Room, Lygon Arms, BHS tel. 01386 858841
'William Morris in the Cotswolds' lecture; Lifford Hall. BAF/BHS Tickets tel. 01386 898387/852913
Talk on Gertrude Hermes & the Natural World, Broadway Museum, Tickets 01386 859047

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BROADWAY STATION UPDATE DECEMBER 2016

Construction of the station building continues, and the first ceiling joists have been installed at the northern end. The southern end is not far behind, and we are hoping that the weather will be kind to us so we can keep up the momentum. Preparations are in hand to construct the concrete bases for the footbridge staircases, although procurement of the staircases themselves is currently awaiting funding.

A great deal of work has been done in the driveway. Following the installation of service ducts, lamp posts have been installed and a new wooden fence is being constructed at the base of the embankment on the left side of the driveway. Lamp posts have been installed at the edge of the station forecourt opposite the building. Elsewhere on site the palisade fence along the Broadway side of the cutting to the north of the station has now been completed. This was a big task,



Winter Motoring



Well here we are again, winter is upon us and we must make sure that we are prepared for it in our homes and our motor vehicles.

Many vehicles will be parked outside and susceptible to the ravages of winter. Frost. Snow. Ice. We must make sure our vehicles are ready for the change in driving conditions. Most garages will carry out checks, at a reasonable price, for antifreeze, screen wash, windscreen wiper blades, battery and tyres, both tread and pressures. This is so important any time of year. When did you last check your tyre pressures??.



One of the most important things to do on a winter's morning, with cars left outside, is to ensure you can see clearly through windscreen, side and rear glass. Any frost or snow should be cleared before driving off, allow yourself time to do this, it may save your life or that of other road users or pedestrians. The low morning sun is dazzling and does cause vision problems even more so if your windscreen isn't clear of frost or road grime.

Check your lights and switch them on. On foggy mornings this is of special importance. See and be seen. Daytime running lights are excellent with

and kept a team of our volunteers busy for several months. Attention is now turning to removing spare building materials from the trackbed to allow space for ballast to be delivered during the coming months.

Looking further afield, rails have been laid as far as Peasebrook Farm, and the trackbed from there to the bridge over Childswickham Road has been cleared in preparation for ballasting.

The railway had a successful year in 2016, and it is likely that the number of visitors will be another record. The 2017 season will start on Saturday 5 March, and will offer the usual variety of special events.

For those who wish to follow our activities and have internet access details of our work at Broadway Station can be found at

<http://broadwaystationgroup.blogspot.co.uk/>

John Blofield

different coloured cars travelling along roads shrouded by trees.

Now let's check our driving. Good eyesight is so important. Have you had your eyes checked lately? Can you read a number plate from 20.5 metres?

If you are involved in a road traffic accident it is the norm to be tested for alcohol and drugs. Make sure you speak to your Doctor or Pharmacist to see if your medication could impair your driving. NEVER use a mobile phone while driving.



These are just a few of the tips to make you a safer and better driver. There are far too many people still being killed every day on the roads of this country. In fact five people each day. I think it is up to us as individuals to maintain and perfect our driving skills. Never be too proud to take advice from experienced drivers.

I wish you all safe driving and look after yourselves this winter and thereon after.

John Hackett

John is a retired Police Advanced Driving Instructor and retired Driving Examiner with the then Driving Standards Agency in all classes of vehicles. Cars. Motorcycles. PCV and LGV.



A very Happy New Year to all our readers

