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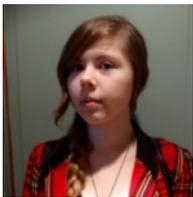
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## BROADWAY ARTS FESTIVAL Grants Awards - WINNERS ANNOUNCED

The Broadway Arts Festival Trust has awarded six educational grants of £500 to local full-time art students. This is made possible through the profits of the biennial Festival.

This year's Award winners are:



Annie Atkins-  
Film Studies  
Gloucester



Jennifer Phillips-  
Musical Theatre  
Wolverhampton



Chloe Williams-  
Textile Design &  
Manufacture  
Loughborough



Rhys Milbury-  
Performing Arts  
Winchester



Eleanor Broomfield-  
Masters in Music  
(Opera), Royal  
Academy of Music



Harriet Doyle-  
Musical Theatre  
Guildford

The Grants will help with course fees, books, equipment and travel. We wish them luck and look forward to welcoming them as visitors and, perhaps, performers in future Festival events.

Founded in 2008 the biennial Broadway Arts Festival has enjoyed four successful summers featuring world-class speakers, artists, musicians, exhibitions, workshops and children's activities. These have been made possible through the hard work, vision and enthusiasm of successive Management Committees, dedicated Trustees, the huge support of volunteers and the generosity of Sponsors, Benefactors and Friends.

Plans are underway for 2018, 8<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> June, with an exciting and ambitious programme of events for all ages. A new website will be live from the beginning of March with the latest updates and information on how to become a volunteer, Sponsor, Benefactor or Friend. Also, how to apply for an educational grant.

If you would like to support us or would like to contribute in any way, we would love to hear from you at [info@broadwayartsfestival.com](mailto:info@broadwayartsfestival.com).

*Karen Bloch, Chair of Management Committee*

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## Broadway Station Update

Work has been continuing on the station building, where the brickwork is close to completion. A team from Broadway has been visiting Toddington to paint the steel roof trusses which are manufactured there. The roofing panels have been delivered and these are being primed and painted ready for fitting. In January preparations were made to construct the concrete bases for the footbridge staircases. Commencing in March, ballast will be delivered to the area between the platforms and the northern boundary at Springfield Lane. We still require vehicle access to the trackbed, so it is not yet possible to close the gap in the wall of platform 1. We plan to do this in the late spring, after which we will lay ballast and track through the station. In April, work will commence to trim and stabilise the embankment between the Evesham and Childswickham Roads. We are planning, to hold our Open Evening on Friday 26 May, when it will be possible to see the progress made and talk to some of our volunteer workers.

**Share Offer Still Open:** 'Broadway – the Last Mile' share offer, launched by Pete Waterman last April with a target of raising £1.25m, had raised just over £1m by early February. This offer remains open until the end of April, so there is still time if anyone feels they would like to help us on the final push to Broadway. Details can be found at [www.gwsr.com](http://www.gwsr.com) 'Supporting the Railway'.

**Recruitment Fair 1&2 April:** The railway had a successful year in 2016. Passenger numbers exceeded 100,000 for the first time, a 13% increase on the previous year. This success has been built on the hard work and dedication of the 800 volunteers who operate the railway. The GWR is unique among the larger heritage lines in having very few paid employees. To build on this success we need more volunteers. Anyone who may have some spare time to help run our railway can find details of volunteer roles at [www.gwsr.com](http://www.gwsr.com), 'Supporting the Railway'. The railway will be holding a Recruitment Fair at Toddington on Saturday and Sunday 1 and 2 April, when prospective volunteers can see what is on offer and talk to volunteers from all departments of the railway.

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

John Blofield



## Needs your help

Chris and Ann Walters, our current organisers, have been co-ordinating Christian Aid collections in Broadway for several years. They now need someone to take over from them. About £2,500 is raised during Christian Aid Week each year and it would be a terrible shame to lose this income. The role of organiser is quite straight forward and there is plenty of support available. If you feel you could take this on, or would like to know more, please contact Chris or Ann on [cdwalters1945@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:cdwalters1945@yahoo.co.uk) or call 01386 700455.

## Preventing Sewer Blockages - how you can help



I have been working with Severn Trent over the last few years to unpick the many sewage problems in Broadway. We are getting closer to understanding the problems. There seem to be three avenues to our investigations.

One of the key problems is fat mixing with items that should not be in the sewers. Baby wipes, nappies and sanitary products should not be flushed down the toilet. Fat, oil and grease may not appear to be a problem when poured down the sink but it can harden like concrete when it hits the cold wall of the sewer. Over time this builds up causing blockages potentially leading to overflows rising out of drains and sewers and into homes. I am sure you would agree that preventing these problems is preferable to trying to rectify a blockage and the mess it causes. The way to prevent this happening is to use the sewers only for normal waste.

Please collect and dispose of fats, oils and greases responsibly. Wait for fat to cool, pour it into an empty margarine tub, or other suitable container, and put it into the dustbin. Clearing sewer blockages is expensive, time consuming and can cause traffic disruption. Should an incident occur on your private drainage system, any expense becomes the responsibility of the householder. I and Severn Trent thank you in anticipation for your co-operation. Together we can help to protect ourselves and our environment.

County and District Cllr. Liz Eyre

### HOW TO SUBMIT:

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# Paul Cullinan-The Barbara Baker Interview



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FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

*Broadway Fire Station, built in 1964, is a retained station, staffed by on-call firefighters who provide cover for the village and surrounding areas. I spoke with Paul Cullinan, Crew Commander, to find out more.*

"I have been working here 15 years and passed various levels of training so that I can take the Scania fire engine out and be responsible for a crew. We have eleven firefighters, three Crew Commanders and a Watch Commander. A retained fire station is not permanently manned. It is operated mainly by people who have other jobs and are firefighters in their spare time. You get paid a retaining fee, depending on your contract, and an hourly rate for training and an hourly rate for going out on a job.

We fulfill the same functions as whole-time stations and have the same equipment, but we are called in by radio pagers. We have to live or work within five minutes of the station. Although I work for Cotswold Building Supplies, I am a driver, so I am often out of the village and am therefore not on call during the day. Some people have arrangements with their place of work so that they are able to leave if they are paged.

I have always had an interest in the fire brigade and when we first moved to Broadway I was working three days a week, so I had spare time and I thought, 'I can drive a truck, so I might be useful and I applied.' There are a lot of false alarms, but you cannot be complacent, as you have to be ready in case a fire does occur. There are very rewarding jobs, which can range from helping an elderly person who has fallen, to large-scale incidents requiring lots of fire appliances and specialist vehicles.



When there were the arson attacks on various doors in the village a couple of years ago, we had four trucks attend the village, and we didn't know what was going to happen next, and we never found out who was responsible. Sometimes there are funny moments: once there was a tree fire and we had a very keen lad controlling the traffic. He asked how the fire started, and another firefighter joked that a magpie had taken a cigarette end to the tree, and this lad believed him and told everyone the story! One of the most common fires in winter are chimneys. People tend to worry about these as they think they will have to pay, or they believe they can deal with them without assistance.

However, chimney fires are non-chargeable and we prefer to go out to one rather than risk it spreading to the roof space or other parts of the house. If in doubt people should ring the fire service."

*At this point in the interview Luke Rose (a cabinet maker and firefighter) walked into the station and added:*

"Broadway Fire Station has gained many awards. Overall, we came second in the British National Breathing Apparatus Challenge, which had teams from whole-time stations throughout the country. We also won Best Officer in Charge and Best Fire Ground Operator – it is like our version of the World Cup so it is amazing! I have worked here just over two years, and in training you are always picking up something new, learning or progressing skills. Tonight, 12 of us are doing Road Traffic Collision Training and Paul will suggest something that you might be able to do a bit better. It keeps you on your toes.



Every time the pager goes off it is exciting. It is usually when you least expect it and it really gets your heart racing. Whether it is an automatic fire alarm gone off, a house fire, or a lorry turned over on Fish Hill – it is an adrenalin rush. We went to a fire in the village last year where a house was heavily engulfed, but we saved what we could and it is nice to talk to the people afterwards. You feel part of the community and are known. The late-night Christmas shopping events are enjoyable too and give us an opportunity to promote our role. Every day is different with a new challenge."

*Paul continues,* "We are always looking to recruit more people, especially to cover the daytime. Training for a new recruit is three weeks initially and then there is modular training for about three years. You learn first aid; how to use the breathing apparatus; hydraulic rescue cutting gear for car accidents – it is quite a commitment, but often people do some in their holidays or at weekends. It is also rewarding and you make good friends. With a full-time job, the fire station, and kids, there is not a lot of extra time, but this is my hobby and I don't have to pay for it; my hobby pays me. My kids sometimes say, 'Dad are you ever going to grow up? You play with a lorry at work and you play with a fire engine in your spare time.' My answer is, 'What's the point of growing up then?'"

*If you are interested in joining Broadway Fire Station and live or work within 5 minutes travel of Keytes Lane, go to [hwfire.org.uk](http://hwfire.org.uk) or contact Watch Commander David Potter on 07966 815215.*

# What's On - Regular Events:

Mon-Fri term time 8am-5:30pm	Little Heroes Breakfast, Preschool and Afterschool club; Natalie 01386 853337
Mon-Fri term time 9am-3pm	Broadway & Towerview Playschool, Jude 01386 853780 / 07922025902
Mon/Tues/Wed t/time	Aria Dance Company, classes for ages 5-17; Broadway Youth Club, Arianna 07951277847
Mon-Sat 10am-4pm	Tourist Information Centre. Also open Sundays; Russell Square, 01386 852937
Mon 9:15 & 10:30am	Cotswold Pilates; Methodist Church Hall, Michele 07929 035262
Mon 10am-1pm	Signpost for help & information; 4 Russell Square, Broadway 01386 859029
Mon 11-11:30am	Bounce & Rhyme for babies; Broadway Library, 01905 822722
Mon 5:00pm AND 7:00pm	Slimming World, Double Session; Lifford Hall, Emma 07762 740237
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
3rd Mon 2.30pm	Broadway Library Readers Group; Broadway Library, Leamington Rd, 01905 822722
Tues 9:15am	Pilates @ Childswickham village hall, info & other classes, Tess 07815 949970
Tues 9:30am	Cotswold Pilates; Methodist Church Hall, Michele 07929 035262
Tues 10am-1pm	Signpost for help & information; 4 Russell Square, 01386 859029
Tues 10:15am-4:30pm <b>NEW</b>	Arts courses; Broadway Museum and Art Gallery, 65 High Street, Broadway 01386 859047
Tues 1-2.30pm <b>NEW</b>	Parent & Toddlers Group; Apple Vale Children's Centre, Jude 01386 853780
Tues 4-8pm	Relate (by appointment); Signpost 4 Russell Square, 01386 859029
Tues 6.30-8pm	T'ai Chi – Chen style, suitable for all; URC Hall Broadway, Val 07779 746346
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 all ages+ refreshments; URC Hall, Mark 07949 296738
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
3rd Tues 8:45 am	Book Club; Margaret 01386 852120
Last Tues 7:30pm	Broadway Natural History Society; Methodist Hall, 01386 852747
Wed 10am-12 Noon	Knitting Circle; Tisanes Tearooms High St Broadway, Pat 01386 852444
Wed 10am-4pm	Bric a Brac stall; Broadway (GWR) Station, John 01386 584366
Wed 6:00-7:15pm	Broadway Beavers (ages 6-8); Anne 01386 830505
Wed 7-8:30pm	Yoga to Relax & Revive; All welcome, Lifford Hall, Enqs Aston 01386 870893
Wed 7:30-9:00pm	Broadway Music Makers Rehearsal; URC Hall, Martin 01242 603553
Alt Wed 2-4pm	Neighbours online, Computer & Internet classes; URC hall, Mark 07949 296738
Alt Wed 2-4pm	Family History Sessions; Broadway Library, 01905 822722
1st Wed 11-1 pm <b>NEW</b>	Evesham Dementia Café; Hampton Guide & Scout Hall; Helen 01684 891455
1st Wed 7:30pm	Childswickham Women's Institute; Memorial Hall, Innes Cole 01386 852740
2nd Wed 7:30pm	Savvy - social, informal networking for professionals; The Swan Broadway 01386 853339
3rd Wed 2:30pm	Broadway Library Readers group; Broadway Library, Leamington Rd, 01905 822722
Thurs 10am-1pm	Signpost for help & information; 4 Russell Square, 01386 859029
Thurs 10:30am-12noon	Look After Yourself, Exercise to music & Tai Chi; URC hall Mark 07949 296738
Thurs 1:30-3pm	Babytime; Apple Vale Children's Centre, 01386 859039
Thurs 2-4pm	Today's Our Day, people with dementia & companions; URC hall Mark 07949 296738
Thurs 6:30-8pm	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-1pm	Broadway Embroidery Group; Methodist Hall, Gill 01386 830604
1st Thurs 3-4pm	Cancer Support Group; Signpost, 4 Russell Square, 01386 859029
4th Thurs 10:30am-12noon	Rural Read Book Group; Stanton Guildhouse, Susan 01386 584357
Last Thurs 1-3pm	Citizens Advice Bureau ((appt advised); Signpost, 4 Russell Sq, 01386 859029
Fri 6:30-8:00pm term time	Pilots – fun & activities in a Christian environment ages 4-18, Mark 07949 296738
2nd Fri 10am-12noon	NCots U3A Garden Grp; March Childswickham V.Hall, Pat Poulter 01386 852720
Fri 6:30-7pm	Metafit & 7-7:30pm Piyo; @ Childswickham village hall, Tess 07815 949970
Sat 10am-4pm	Bric a Brac stall; Broadway (GWR) Station, John 01386 584366

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## Not Forgotten - Broadway appears on ITV

Many people in Broadway will have been gripped by the ITV series "Unforgotten" and may have thought some scenes looked familiar. The filming took place in the Upper High Street, using Pond Close Farm as the home of one of the main characters. Setting up the location involved producing a wooden, fake Cotswold stone wall outside the front door, and then clothing this with creepers and other plants from, believe it or not, a specialist tree and plant props agency. Night-time scenes were illuminated by arc lights on huge gantries set further up the High Street. Those who have seen the series will have been amused by the actors leaving the house, jumping into their cars and driving off in the wrong direction towards the turning circle rather than down into the village.



Broadway has not only been entertained by the programme, it has benefited financially. The company gave £600 to compensate for any inconvenience. The Parish Council divided this sum between the Activity Park and the Youth Club.

Philippa Wakelin

## A Mysterious Tombstone

I was walking the dog in St Eadburgha's old cemetery when I noticed a curious gravestone. Whereas others are of local stone and rustic carving this one is different. It is of fine Portland stone, delicately carved by a skilled hand and obviously erected at considerable expense.



At the top of the stone is an elegantly executed noble crest and Latin motto which translates as 'For the King, the Law and the People'. Of more interest however is that the memorial is a solitary companion gravestone.

In the days when mortality rates were high companion stones were a practical way for loved ones to be remembered together for eternity. Below the engraved crest the stone is carved into two separate panels. If one partner tragically died at an early age their passing would be recorded on one panel. When their faithful spouse succumbed at some later date their demise would then be recorded in the other panel.

The left hand panel records the life and death of William Ponsonby who served as an officer in the First World War. A captain serving in the Dragoons, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Order medal. His death in 1919 suggests that he may have died of wounds sustained in battle. The right hand panel is blank. The lady it was reserved for mysteriously absent. Can anyone shed light on this mystery?

Vernon Smith



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**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. *13th April Maundy Thursday Service 7:30pm at Methodist Church. 16 April Easter Sunday Service 10:30am at URC with Methodists.*

**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.




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# What's On, March - May 2017 Events:

Running until 30 Apr 10am-5pm 'In the Groove' Exhibition; (closed Mondays), Broadway Museum & Art Gallery 01386 859047

## March

Tues 21<sup>st</sup> 7pm 'William Morris in the Cotswolds' Lecture BAF/BHS; Lifford Hall, Tickets tel. 01386 898387/852913  
 Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> 6pm Talk on Gertrude Hermes & the Natural World, Broadway Museum, Tickets 01386 859047  
 Sat 25<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm Fish & chip quiz; United Reformed Church, Info and tickets tel. 01386 881769  
 Fri 31<sup>st</sup> 7.00pm Quiz Night including fish & chips; Lifford Hall, contact friends.broadwayfirstschool@gmail.com

## April

Sat 1<sup>st</sup> & Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> GWR Volunteer Recruitment Fair Toddington Station 01242 621405  
 Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm Haydn 'Gypsy Trio' & Schubert 'Piano Trio # 1' Mila Piano Trio; Stanton Guildhouse 01386 584357  
 Fri 14<sup>th</sup> 9:30am-12:30pm Youth Activities morning; United Reformed Church, Info Mark 07949 296738  
 Fri/Sat/Sun 14/15/16 10-5 Vale of Evesham Art Society Exhibition; Lifford Hall Broadway, Paulette 01386 833277  
 Mon 17<sup>th</sup> 10am-2:30pm Vale of Evesham Art Society Exhibition; Lifford Hall Broadway, Paulette 01386 833277  
 Mon 17<sup>th</sup> GWR 'Easter Eggspress' Easter fun at Winchcombe stn, no need to book, 01242 621405  
 Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> 7pm Talk: Wood Engraving Technique from Pete Lawrence; Broadway Museum Tickets 01386 859047  
 Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> 10:30am Talk by Evesham Street Pastors, 'Fascinating Insights'; URC Hall Broadway  
 Sat/Sun 22/23 GWR 'Wartime in the Cotswolds' (all stations) 01242 621405  
 Mon 24<sup>th</sup> 7pm Talk 'Railway Past, Present and Future', Broadway History Soc; Methodist Ch/Hall, 01386 852913  
 Fri 28<sup>th</sup> 7pm Bingo Night; Youth Club contact friends.broadwayfirstschool@gmail.com

## May

5<sup>th</sup> May 10am-5pm Embroidered Bodies Exhibition; (closed Mondays), Broadway Museum & Art Gallery 01386 859047  
 Fri 26<sup>th</sup> 6.30-8.30pm Broadway Station Open Evening; John 01386 584366

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### From our Correspondent

My husband and I were lucky enough to visit Nice over Christmas. In this incredible city, you really do have to watch where you put your feet..the horrible substance is everywhere..amazing really because the dogs are mainly lap dogs, tiny little dogs held by their owners or carried about in handbags like Bruiser in 'Legally Blond'. Enough of this! Returning from London last week on a Chiltern Railways train, the comedic guard suggested the passengers make a hard 'tredit' when they alight from the train. Speed was essential. He wanted no soft 'tredit'. He then said that Bicester Village Station can always guarantee a soft tredit. I would imagine this is because people with mountains of shopping take an age to get on the train.

I'm just off to have a slice of toast, that staple of most homes..not too brown of course. No-one mentioned BBQ's in the recent warning given by the food police; I understand they can be more dangerous than toast if the BBQ is not cleaned properly but there won't be too many in this weather. That's all for now, I must get back to worrying about what Donald J Trump is going to say next.

Joan Clinch

### Tourist Information Centre Volunteers needed



*Winners of the Broadway Community Award.*

Congratulations to the whole team of gallant volunteers lead by Dotti Friedli on winning this prestigious award. Now that we are open after our winter break, we are looking to welcome two or three new volunteers. Working at the Tourist Centre is interesting and fun with friendly and supportive colleagues. You will need a lively personality and a real interest in Broadway and the surrounding area to help the many nice visitors who come through the door.

Training is provided prior to being let loose on the public. If you think you might be interested, phone Dotti Friedli on 01386 853247.

### New Parent & Toddlers Group



Come along and meet other parents and children in a warm, cosy and safe place.

Starting 14<sup>th</sup> March Tuesday afternoons 1.00-2.30pm at Apple Vale Children's Centre – next to Broadway First School. Share ideas for play and activities and get to know other families in our village. There will be a small weekly charge with refreshments available. Call Jude on -01386 853780 if you would like to book your place, or turn up on the day!

### Coronation Disabled Club (Badsey) formerly ex-Servicemen's Club

We are now open to anyone feeling lonely or unable to get out. We meet at The Club in a Pub in Badsey; High Street on Fridays from 10.30am till 3pm. Coffee is served in the morning and there is plenty of time to chat, play card games, dominoes etc. before a delicious lunch from Cobwebs. There is entertainment in the afternoon followed by a cup of tea. We arrange Summer outings too.

Are we the club for you? For more information please phone Jean Dyke 01386 830714.

### Winchcombe Bridge Club

We are moving to Toddington Village Hall. We have members from Broadway and Chipping Campden and there may be other people who would like to join us. Sessions every Friday afternoon from 2pm.-5.15pm. Please arrive by 1.45pm. New members and guests welcome and partners can usually be arranged. The Club is affiliated to the English Bridge Union. For more information please contact Ted Phillips (chairman) 01242 620451 or Michael Cornelius (Secretary) 01242 603894.