

Footprints

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Grand opening of the Village Hall

Broadwas village hall has been closed for building works during much of the lockdown. We have enlarged it, adding a Committee Room and a Storeroom and lengthening the Hall. For this we had to raise funds. Now it is finished, and we want to show the hall to all those in the parishes of Knightwick and Doddenham, Broadwas and Cotheridge; also we want to show it to our donors so they can see what they have contributed to.

So we are inviting all who are interested to the

**Opening Afternoon Tea Party
on Saturday 14th May from 3 pm to 5 pm.**

If you would like to find out what we have done, and perhaps suggest new uses for the hall, or just want a cup of tea please come. You will be very welcome.

Church Words by Rev Anne Potter

‘The greatest gift of Easter is hope’. *Cardinal Basil Hume*

Hope in a light at the end of the dark tunnel. Hope in a life where there is no suffering and no pain. Hope in God beside those walking through the valley of darkness leading them to pastures new. The hope so many in our world are hanging on to – those in places of devastation such as Ukraine, Syria, Yemen, Sudan; refugees displaced and a long way from home because of war and oppression; others living in fear of political tyranny; young soldiers fighting battles they don’t understand; prisoners of poverty. The hope the terminally sick, the mentally ill, the anxious, the bereaved are holding onto.



Hope for a future where we are no longer abusing our climate; hope for a future where swords will be beaten into ploughshares and spears into pruning hooks; hope for a future where our children can grow up in a world where people love and care for each other and war is no more.

On that first Easter morning the discovery of the risen Christ gave his followers hope and a new purpose. In celebrating the resurrection of Jesus this Easter we too can be filled with joyous hope for a life beyond our imaginations. A life we can build together in harmony rooted in the three distinctive Christian values St Paul talks about in his letter to the Corinthians – faith, hope and love.

And so ‘May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit’. *Romans 15:13*

Wishing you a ‘peaceful, joyful, hope-filled, blessed Easter’

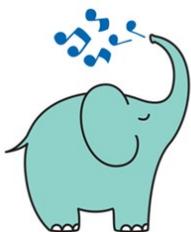
Living in Faith – WWRT 2022 Lent Talks

March 30th – Life as a Franciscan Monk.

Christopher Boden will talk about his time being a brother in SSF and what it meant to him and his faith.

April 6th – A life story.....circular or linear?

Claire Maxim will share her story from a rural upbringing to engineering to ordination to becoming CEO of the Arthur Rank Centre, an ecumenical national charity, which resources, trains, and advocates for rural Christians, rural churches and the communities they serve.



Mainly Music - Alfrick Village Hall every Thursday morning from 9.30am to 11.00 am (school terms only).

Open to carers and pre-school children (0-5 years old)

Structured half-hour of interactive songs followed by a time of chat, eats and play. £3.00 per session.

No need to sign up for a term, drop in when you can.

EASTER FAIR NORA PARSONS CENTRE

The Team at the Nora Parsons Centre
are pleased to confirm an Easter Fair
on **9th April** 11am till 2pm.

There will be many stalls and a raffle celebrating Easter

Nora Parsons Centre, Venn Lane, Wichenford.

Events Diary - April

3 rd Sun	10.30am	Morning Worship - Broadwas Church
	3.00pm	- Songs for a Royal Celebration - Conquest Theatre
	6.30pm	Evensong - Cotheridge Church
6 th Wed	7.30pm	Lent Talk 5 - Zoom
7 th Thurs	12-2.00pm	Lunch in Company - Village Hall, Broadwas
9 th Sat	11am-2pm	Easter Fayre - Nora Parsons Day Centre
10 th Sun	11.00am	Palm Sunday Service at Laylocks, Cotheridge
	6.00pm	Holy Communion - Martley Church
11 th Mon	9.00pm	Compline - Martley Church
12 th Tues	9.00pm	Compline - Wichenford Church
13 th Wed	9.00pm	Compline - Broadwas Church
	10.15am	Holy Communion at Heaton House
14 th Thurs	7.00pm	Passover Meal - Wichenford Village Hall
15 th Fri	10am-12noon	Children's Workshop at Suckley Church
	12 - 3pm	Good Friday Devotions - Martley Church
	4.00pm	'Olivet' Choral Devotional at Leigh Church
16 th Sat	9.00pm	Service of Tenebrae - Knightwick Chapel
17 th Sun	10.30am	Easter Holy Communion - Broadwas Church
20 th Wed	9.00am	Morning Prayer at Cotheridge Church
	7.30pm	W.I. - Village Hall, Broadwas
24 th Sun	10.30am	Morning Worship - Broadwas Church
	3.30pm	Forest Church, Almshouse Wood, Pewcroft Farm Suckley
25 th Mon	9.00am	Morning Prayer - Broadwas Church
27 th Wed	10.15am	Holy Communion at Heaton House
30 th Sat	10.30am-12noon	Charity Coffee Morning at Martley Village Hall for Nora Parsons Day Centre

May

8 th Sun	BLUEBELL CROSS COUNTRY FUN RIDE - Wichenford	
	Contact : gbl@wichenford.net for details and bookings	
14th Sat	3.00-5.00pm	- Broadwas Village Hall - Grand Opening

and Tea Party

This month the theme was Folklore. Adrian James shared some beautiful photographs to illustrate his informative talk where we learned that snowdrops were a sign of hope and new birth, but interestingly the Victorians had a contrasting idea that snowdrops represented death. Hellebores are commonly called the Christmas rose, although not related to the rose family. I liked the story that the flowers sprouted in the snow from the tears of a young girl who had no gift to give to the Christ child in Bethlehem. We heard about the Hawthorne and its lovely May blossoms and about Blackthorn and Mistletoe. It is difficult to imagine how old some of the Yew trees are and that it could have been possible that Pontius Pilate played in the boughs of a Scottish Yew tree. As the child of a Roman soldier he may well have spent time in Britain. We are so fortunate to have such a beautiful country and a rich store of tales and stories. We all enjoyed the afternoon session.

April 20th we meet in the evening at 7.30pm for a craft session - bring art aprons!.

Susan Reeve

**JENNY
DAVIS
FITNESS**

FITNESS CLASSES to Music

Contact: Jenny on 07886 726102

jennydavisfitness@gmail.com

£8 per session. Pay as you go or monthly options to save money

Monday	11am - 12pm	Broadwas Village Hall
	7.15 - 8.15pm	Shrawley Village Hall
Wed	7 - 8pm	Great Witley Village Hall

HAPPY AND GLORIOUS

Songs for a Royal Celebration

Sunday 3rd April, 3.00pm
The Conquest Theatre, Bromyard

Tickets : £10 available from the Conquest Theatre Box Office.

www.conquest-theatre.co.uk or 01885 488575

in conjunction with the Bromyard Choral Society

“Come along and join in with all your old favourites”

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Some more local history - taken from the Worcester Herald Newspaper late 1920's and early 1930's and signed by “A Stroller” – This was a long running series of Worcestershire parish descriptions and histories written by Frederick Corbett, a local county solicitor.

CHARLES PIDCOCK

When Mr Noake visited Broadwas, in the early “sixties” of last Century, he found Broadwas Court in the occupation of Charles Pidcock, a Worcester solicitor, who lived to become the local doyen of his profession. Mr Pidcock was the younger brother of Henry Pidcock, a retired member of the Indian Civil Service of the days of “John Company”; who settled at Oakfield near Worcester, dying in 1862, and whom I mentioned in my Claines “Stroll,”

Charles Pidcock was a leading citizen of Worcester, and notable in his day, both, professionally and as a recognized leader of the local Conservative party. He was a man of considerable ability, and fine presence. By birth he was a Pidcock of “The Platts, Stourbridge,” a family of whom four generations are recorded in Grazebrook’s “Heraldry of Worcestershire,” and who were prominent in the public and business life of North East Worcestershire; though Charles, as the sixth son, probably owed little to birth, beyond name and education, and some help in the purchase of a share in a Worcester practice.

WORCESTER SOLICITORS OF A 100 YEARS AGO.

The practice was one to confer prestige; for it was probably the oldest in

Worcester, and in the palmy days of his immediate predecessors, Messrs. Wells and Dickens, had certainly been the most important.

I have a very vivid recollection of their offices in Sansome Street, surely one of the curiosities of the Worcester of that day. They must at some earlier time have formed part of an old-fashioned Inn, probably a coaching house; and every room was on the ground floor, and opened on to a stone-paved Court yard.

There and in a few first-floor rooms over, Mr Wells had lived a long life, throughout which he combined law with a hospitality which fed the business, and consumed its profits. This was dispensed daily, from 3p.m. to 3a.m., the fumes being dispersed by an early ride in the country, before sitting down to morning studies of the strange "black-lettered" parchments, the "Fines" "Recoveries," and "Indentures," which in those days recorded the title to real estate, in letters as indecipherable by the laity, as the phraseology was unintelligible.

IN VICTORIAN TIMES.

Wells and Dickens were succeeded by their head clerk, Charles Bedford, a singularly handsome athlete, and like his predecessors of social inclinations; and he, on taking over the practice, was joined by Charles Pidcock, who survived his partner by many years, and was followed some half-century ago by sons; one of whom was named Foley, after his mother, one of the Stourbridge branch of the family who so long ruled at Witley Court.

The practice had by this time been removed to Foregate Street, and to more modern offices, and later passed into the hands of Messrs. Hughes and Brown. Charles Pidcock and his sons were connected with it for nearly the whole reign of the long reign of Queen Victoria.

"THE HENZELS OF LORRAINE"

Through the wife of the first of the Stourbridge Pidcocks, the family trace an exceedingly interesting descent, as co-heirs of the notable Huguenot stock, the Henzels of Lorraine, who in Elizabethan times, in exile for conscience sake, took refuge in England; and settling in Amblecote, near Stourbridge, introduced into this country the manufacture of "plate glass," which at a still earlier period they had brought to Lorraine from Bohemia.

Their establishment at Amblecote was contemporary with the rise of the Foley family; and they did for the Stourbridge glass industry what the Foleys did for its twin staple of iron.

In Lorraine the Henzels ranked as nobles; glass manufacture, regarded as an art, not derogatory from their rank; and they figure in Mr Grazebrook's book among the "armorial families" of Worcestershire.

When in more modern times, the Pidcocks obtained from the Heralds' College a coat of arms, it was based on that of the Henzels; which included the figure of a "pied-cook"; a coincidence which gave rise to a theory that the Pidcocks' name was derived from their arms, or alternatively that the arms were a pun on their name.

Village Information

Church Officials:

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Clerk – Carole Hirst tel: 07496 252637 (Mon - Fri 9am - 5pm)

Email : parishclerk@broadwas-cotheridge.com

Knightwick & Doddenham

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