

Footprints

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Broadwas School News



Everyone at Broadwas Primary School thoroughly enjoyed taking part in our special Easter celebration, which was held at St Mary Magdalene Church in Broadwas on Wednesday 10th April. The whole school walked to church, led by 'Donk' the donkey, owned by our very own Parkes family. We were joined by many relatives and friends for the service and Donk was very pleased to be given carrots on her journey! Our pupils all worked hard together and everyone had a part to play in making the service such a great success. One grandparent commented that the celebration was *"as always very enjoyable and so impressive. The children are so lucky to be at Broadwas school"*.

Thanks to everyone who came along and big congratulations to the children who achieved special award certificates for their hard work and progress this term! We are now looking forward to our summer fete in July.

Church Words

by Rev Canon David Sherwin

As we see the world coming to life in May there have been many a tradition or custom that have arisen from this fact in wanting to thank a deity and ask for blessing upon future crops and fertility of both land and nature.

The Christian church has recognised these ceremonies which itself has had such ceremonies from ancient times asking for God's blessing upon the land and upon the people. In fact we are told in the New Testament that salvation is linked very clearly to the salvation story of Jesus that it grows for its own redemption.

The custom of Rogation-tide is one such ceremony that still lives on today. Starting 5 weeks after Easter, it is traditionally held outside of the church building on the land, near ponds and meadows or even by coastal waters, beseeching and asking for God's blessing on all growing things.

This also led to processions around parish boundaries called Beating the Bounds, which itself was something which was seen as driving out evil from the area.

It is no surprise then as we look through our customs that May has a number of holiday times for us to celebrate, considering our holiday was a Holy Day, when people were given time to worship and celebrate such events.

For us, as Christians today and within our own communities, we still find time to celebrate Rogation and continue to ask God's blessing upon the land and upon us, His creation. If you would like to join us for any of the rogation services across the team there are 3 such services, all on **Sunday 26th May**:

10.30am – Pewcroft Farm, Suckley – the home of Jill and John Hammond

11.00am – New House Farm, Clifton – the home of Mrs Ann Jones

11.00am – Church Farm, Cotheridge – the home of Andrew and Fay Leach and family

For us it is also a good time to say thank you to those who work on the land - our farmers and those who prepare our food, that we have the blessing of food on our tables every day. But ultimately to say thank you to God for the wonder of his creation and all that he does and gives us.

I realise that as I write this there are great concerns about the creation. Environmental issues are high on the agenda of most people. It is good to realise that the Bible tells us we are God's stewards of the earth and we are given the responsibility to care for it. Rogation-tide highlights this in a new way in our present climate. So we do pray, not only for our locality, but the world in which we live, that is being so harmed by our material needs and desires.

May God bless all those who work to encourage us to be more concerned for our world and everything in it.

God bless.

Tea Service - another Feast?

On Thursday **23rd May** at 3pm there will be a Tea Service hosted by the Pastoral Care Team at St. Mary Magdalene Church, Broadwas. Anyone who wishes to join us for a short, simple service with familiar hymns and, of course, a most delicious tea afterwards - also in the Church - is most welcome.

This will be the first time one of our Group of Churches will be hosting a Dementia Friendly event. Although the Churches always seek to welcome all who come, we aim to be more mindful of the problems faced by both those who are suffering from this disease and their carers. We do hope that as many of you as are able to will come and support us and help us to make the occasion as jolly and as enjoyable as usual.

If you wish to know more please contact Jennifer on 01886 833897

Lin C - May 2nd

Due to local elections being held in Broadwas Village Hall on this date, the May LinC Lunch is going to The Bell at Lower Broadheath. Please arrive between 12noon and 12.15 so that everyone can be seated and ready to be served at 12.30pm. If you wish to join us but have not been to LinC recently to sign up for 2nd May, please ring Jennifer on **01886 833897** and she will provide menu details so that you can order what you would like to eat. We look forward to seeing you there.

We shall be back at Broadwas Village Hall on **6th June**. Jennifer

MUSTARD SEED RETURNS

Mustard seeds first talk is on Wednesday, **May 15th** at 10.45am in Cotheridge Church

Coffee with “the Trees in our Lives” by Peter Walker

Peter brings his diverse knowledge of trees to life in this talk with (weather permitting) a look at the trees in the churchyard together with interesting facts and information on the history of our trees, the growth patterns and spotting problems that might arise. The other Mustard Seeds talks will be on:

Wednesday June 19th and July 17th

Broadwas & Cotheridge Parish Council

You are invited to the annual Parish Meeting

To be held on 13th May 2019

At Broadwas Village Hall

From 7:00 pm till 8:00 pm

Every year we ask people to come along to share what's been important for them about living in the parish and to listen to what's important for them in the coming year.

You will be able to learn about what the responsible organisations and bodies have achieved during the year, as well as local voluntary groups and interests.

Parish Councillors will also make themselves available for questions.

This year you will also be able to learn about our interest (and yours) in taking part in the Gigabyte Broadband Voucher Scheme, which would if it went ahead subsidise connection of properties and businesses in the parish to high-speed fibre broadband.

There will be refreshments and we have invited representatives from a wide range of organisations and bodies, so we hope you can spare an hour

For further information see

www.broadwas-cotheridge.com

W.I.

This month we enjoyed an informal talk by our speaker, Sarah Seacombe, who worked as a chaperone to children who were on stage in the productions at The Royal Shakespeare Company in Stratford. Sarah worked for many years in Stratford and she told us some interesting stories which entertained us as well as hearing a little about how the Casting Director looks out for talented children and we learned about the level of involvement for rehearsals. The RSC spend more time than many companies rehearsing. Sarah had travelled to some interesting places around the world and her trip to London involving safely getting 6 children on and off underground trains sounded stressful.

The Annual Meeting is May 15th at 7.30pm.

Our lunch meeting is May 22nd at 12.30pm at The Old Bush, Callow End.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

A good number attended the April Fools meeting on the 1st April but everybody was well behaved. Our very best wishes will be sent to Arthur Kings who is currently in Timberdine Rehab Centre. Final arrangements were made for the forthcoming events. There are still seats available for the R.A.F. Cosford trip. Worcestershire raised £735,093 for the Poppy Appeal last year an increase of £10k. The total for the country was 46 million. What a fantastic amount! The next meeting will be on TUESDAY 7th May [due to a bank holiday] 11am at The Talbot Hotel

Sue

Knightwick & Doddenham Parish Council

***The Annual Parish Meeting will be held at 7:00 pm
on Monday 20th May 2019 in the Talbot Hotel Knightwick.***

Agenda

1. Welcome by the Chairman of the Parish Council

2. Reports:

a) County and District Councillors

b) Chairman of the Parish Council

c) Annual Statement of Accounts of the Parish Council

d) Parish Charities

3. Any other business at the discretion of the Chairman

***All those on the Electoral Roll of this parish are entitled to
attend this meeting***

this will be followed immediately by:

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

Diary ~ May 2019

Thurs	2nd	7am - 10pm	Parish & District Council Elections
		12 for 12.30pm	Lunch in Company - The Bell, Lower B'neath
		7pm – 8.30pm	S.H.Y.P. Youth Group - Old School, Martley
Sat	4th	8.30am	Ladies Prayer Breakfast - Cob Hse - to book : 01886 888235
			Parish Bike Ride - details Rev. Becky Elliott tel.: 01886 812451
Sun	5th	10.30am	Contemplative Worship - Broadwas Church
		6.30pm	Evensong - Cotheridge Church
Mon	6th		May Bank Holiday
Tues	7th	11.00am	Royal British Legion - at the Talbot Hotel
Sat	11th	7.00pm	Quiz Night - Clifton Village Hall for Christian Aid
Sun	12th	9.00am	Holy Communion at Cotheridge Church
		10.30am	Morning Worship - Broadwas Church
		11 - 1.30pm	Farmers Market at Talbot
Mon	13th	7.00pm	Broadwas & Cotheridge Annual Parish Meeting
Wed	15th	9.30am	Little Cherubs - Martley Church
		10.45am	Mustard Seed - Cotheridge Church [details p.3]
		7.30pm	W.I. Broadwas Village Hall
Thurs	16th	3.30—5.30pm	Messy Church at the Old School Martley
		7pm – 8.30pm	S.H.Y.P. Youth Group - Old School, Martley
Sat	18th	8.30am	Mens Breakfast - Talbot Hotel, Knightwick
		7.00pm	“Men in Harmony” (GRVIII) at Broadwas Village Hall
Sun	19th	10.30am	Holy Communion at Broadwas Church
		3.00pm	Afternoon Worship - Knightwick Chapel
Mon	20th	7.00pm	Knightwick & Doddenham Annual Parish Meeting
Tues	21st		R.B.L. Coach trip to Cosford
Wed	22th	9.00am	Morning Prayers at Cotheridge Church
		12.30pm	W.I. Lunch at the Old Bush, Callow End
Thurs	23rd	3.00—4.30pm	Pastoral Group Tea Service at Broadwas Church
Sun	26th	11.00am	Team Rogation Service & Lunch at Church Farm, Cotheridge
Mon	27th		Bank Holiday
Thurs	30th	7.30pm	Team Ascension Day Service (H.C.) at Broadwas Church

Community Car Service

If you have transport problems getting to Medical Appointments etc. we will be happy to help if we can.

Try from the top of the list downwards

Jill Blakeley	01886 821102
Jim Norris	01886 821246
Helen Walker	01886 822137
Ruth Bourne	01905 339198
Sue Ganderton	01905 422711

- Current Charge: 40p per mile (from Driver's door to driver's door)
- Area covered – Lower Teme parishes (there are schemes in some of the surrounding parishes)
- Please give as much notice as possible when you need transport, to increase your chance of finding a driver available.
- Drivers reserve the right to refuse a request if they feel it inappropriate in any way
- **New Volunteers** are always Welcome; please ring

Helen Walker - 01886 82213 for details

An evening with

Men in Harmony : GR-VIII

**at Broadwas Village Hall
on Saturday, 18th May at 7pm**

No doubt, some of you will have already heard this fantastic local group of men sing. If you haven't, then you're in for a treat. They cover a variety of songs a Capello, to raise money for their chosen charity Air Ambulance, for which there will be a collection at the end of the evening.

Tickets cost **£7.00** and this includes a delicious Ploughmans and a chance to win a good bottle of bubbly. Bring your own drinks and glasses. Soft drinks will be supplied.

Proceeds from food and raffle will go towards the village hall.

**Please contact Yvonne on 01886 822023
or Sharon on 01886 821415**



POPPY APPEAL

TABLE SALE

Saturday 15th June 2019

to be held at

The Village Hall, Stoney Ley,
Broadwas.

10am – 1p.m.

Tables £5. Entry Free.

Come and sell your unwanted gifts or just stuff you want to get rid of. Make some money on your kids old unwanted toys, and Bric a Brac you don't want anymore. Not selling, how about buying?

Teas, coffee, popcorn and cakes on sale.

Contact John 01886 821077

Broadwas Croquet Club

Broadwas Croquet Club, situated just 6 miles out of Worcester just off the A44 (Bromyard Road) is hoping to attract some new recruits in 2019. Particularly suitable for early retirees and fit and active men and women who want to try something new.



Last year we celebrated our 20th anniversary season. With nearly 60 members, four full size lawns and one half lawn we are a vibrant and friendly club with a thriving social and competitive calendar.

For those of you familiar with the terms we play both golf and association croquet, at all levels. Some members are happy to just play in the afternoon roll-ups (informal social play) held on Tuesdays and Fridays – the Friday session includes the opportunity to play bowls. For the more ambitious there are a series of internal competitions throughout the season and we are enrolled in five leagues, which involves matches against other clubs in the area.

Gentle exercise but strong on skill and strategy croquet is a game for all. There is always a warm welcome – tea, coffee, biscuits and, on a good day, cake. So why not give it a try just turn up on a Tuesday or Friday from about 1.30pm (flat soled shoes essential). We have all the equipment to get started or ring Stuart Smith, 01886 853311 (for Tuesdays) or Chris Croft, 01886 821664 (for Fridays) for more information. First session is FREE so come and have a go. Our address is:-

**BROADWAS SPORTS ASSOCIATION CROQUET LAWNS
STONELEY LEY
BROADWAS ON TEME
WORCS
WR6 5NG**

Broadwas & Cotheridge Parish Council

Faster Broadband Initiative

The Parish Council is interested in forming a Community Fibre Partnership with BT Open Reach

<https://communityfibre.openreach.co.uk> in order to take advantage of a funding scheme Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme

<https://gigabitvoucher.culture.gov.uk/>

As we currently understand it, if local businesses and homes are interested then BT Open Reach would provide an estimate of the cost of provision for the parish, which entails replacing the copper wire connections with fibre ones from the cabinets to the premises. This would mean access to higher speeds and capacity of broadband, particularly important in these days of increased use of the internet.

The government funding scheme means, in theory, that if enough people are interested then the vouchers will cover the cost of installing the necessary connections, but at this stage because there are other factors such as locations of premises, we do not know the overall cost. Once this is known we can then consider how best to proceed with the help of the Worcestershire County Council team who are able to support the project.

Before asking BT Open Reach we want to find out whether people are likely to be interested, so, at the coming B & C Annual Parish Meeting on the **13th May at 7 pm**, we will have more information available.

BLUEBELL CROSS-COUNTRY **FUN RIDE**

WICHENFORD, WR6 6XY (NEAR MARTLEY)
(NEXT TO WICHENFORD CHURCH)

**FOR MIDLANDS AIR AMBULANCE, ST RICHARDS HOSPICE,
AND LOCAL CHARITIES**

SUNDAY 5TH MAY 2019

ALSO 27/28th April; 4th and 6th May,
& the following weekend 11/12 May;
these dates are **Strictly** by appointment only
please ring or email for a day and time

FIRST ENTRIES AT 10.00AM
(LAST ENTRIES 1PM)

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ROSETTES FOR THE BLUEBELL RIDE @ £1 EACH

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Parish Councils

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Clerk – Carole Hirst tel: 07903 377066
Email : parishclerk@broadwas-cotheridge.com

Knightwick & Doddenham
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Village Hall

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Bookings only : 01905 312456 [new number]
www.timesaversconcierge.co.uk

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