

Footprints

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Back by popular consent and the hard work of Pauline Key
and her band of helpers

Cotheridge Fete will be held on

Saturday 9th July 2022 2-4pm

at Dingle end, Court Lane Cotheridge

Remember CASH only, we have no facility for cards

CHEESE AND PUDDINGS PARTY

at

West Winds, Little Green, Broadwas

Saturday **July 23rd** 6.00pm

Tickets £12.50 (on the gate)

- Food and a glass of drink

Contact - 01886 821959

Church Words **by Rev Anne Potter**

Fifty-five years ago a young German girl came to England as an au pair to our family, like so many, to primarily improve her English. She was not the best au pair but she became a great family friend with whom I have kept in touch over the years. Marlis was musical and artistic yet chose to have a career in physics, becoming a Doctor in Physics and travelling the world giving lectures. On her retirement she turned to her creative gifts and went on various art seminars gradually building up a portfolio of paintings – of which we have quite a few. Not necessarily ones I would have chosen!

For Marlis art is a form of expressing her life and she is interested in picking themes which create a challenge. The expression of her chosen topic defines the material and technique of realisation through a statement in form and colours. Her latest theme was the ‘Blue Planet’ focussing on the effects of climate change on the world expressed in ten large paintings.

For her 70th Birthday, in January 2021, she planned a ‘cross-over performance’ in which she brought together three different artistic disciplines and forms of expression - her portfolio of images, specially composed singing and expressive dance. Within her theme she had four episodes, each having two perspectives. “ZOOM out” the view from space showing the beauty of our planet. “ZOOM in” the view in detail down to the micro level, where the processes of change due to global warming become directly visible. As Marlis says, ‘it concerns all of us, grabs us making us reflect and drives us into action to preserve our planet as a habitat’.

Episode 1 expresses the conflict between the existence of our planet “I AM” and the needs of humans, animals and plants as the living guests on the blue planet. This theme starts and ends the performance. Episode 2 shows the lively and colourful life in the coral reefs then to the struggle for survival of both the reef and its inhabitants due to rising water temperatures. Episode 3 illustrates how even from outer space the many rape fields are visible as yellow areas. In detail, that the harvest of rape oil and rape honey depends on the work of millions of bees, which cannot be taken for granted. We are all of us beekeepers. Episode 4 turns to the Antarctic where gigantic icebergs are melting colouring the water; the first swarms of birds are returning to the uncovered land; the last ice shelf is populated by first grasses and moulds; and the earth’s

water level is rising.

Unable to go ahead with her performance last year Marlis invited family and friends to a wonderful old salt mine in Bad Reichenhall, Bavaria, part of which has been converted into an art centre, in June this year. It was an incredibly moving experience with the interweaving of Marlis' paintings, the musical sounds created by the voice of her singing teacher Sylvia with her loop station and the dancing of Marlis' long-standing friend Raphael

Marlis is not a practising Christian, yet her creativity echoed a great spiritual depth revealing the amazing creation of the God of love in whom I believe. I was particularly struck by her conclusion:

"I AM" 7.7 billion people, 380 thousand plant species, 1 trillion animals all need the earth to live

"I AM" - straight from the Bible. Jesus has seven 'I am' sayings (if interested in all seven do look them up on the internet). The two that resonated with me as I experienced and reflected on Marlis' performance are 'I am the bread of life, whoever comes to me will never go hungry and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty' and "I am the light of the world, whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." Words of hope and encouragement as we think and pray about the ways in which we can act and do our small part in saving our 'Blue Planet'.

The final painting in the series with 'Ich Bin' under the planet - note, if you can see it, the father and child in the bottom right-hand corner. Obviously, this 'photo' does not do justice to the original but gives a 'flavour'.

Joy, inspiration and blessings

Knightwick Almshouses

A vacancy will soon arise at the Knightwick Almshouses. Any person interested, either for themselves, or for an elderly relative they wish to have living nearer, should apply to :

Mrs C.B.Leach, Hon Clerk to the Trustees. Tel: (01886) 821331.

Events Diary - July

3 rd Sun	10.30am	Morning Worship - Broadwas Church
	6.30pm	Evensong - Cotheridge Church
7 th Thurs	12 - 2.00pm	Lunch in Company at Broadwas Village Hall
9 th Sat	2 - 4pm	Cotheridge Fete - Court Lane, Cotheridge
10 th Sun	3.00pm	Evening Worship - Knightwick Chapel
11 th Mon	7.30pm	Broadwas & Cotheridge Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall, Broadwas
13 th Wed	10.15am	Holy Communion at Heaton House, Martley
17 th Sun	10.30am	Holy Communion - Broadwas Church
20 th Wed	2.00pm	W.I. - Village Hall, Broadwas
21 st Thurs	2.00-4.00pm	“Cuppa and Chat” - Cotheridge Church
23 rd Sat	6.00pm	Cheese & Puddings - West Winds, Little Green
24 th Sun	10.30am	Morning Worship - Broadwas Church
27 th Wed	10.15am	Holy Communion at Heaton House, Martley
31 st Sun	10.30am	Team Communion Service - Cotheridge Church

Jubilee Week-end

A big thank you to the Village Hall Management for the Jubilee event put on for the village and also all who participated in making the event a success, especially those who brought the veteran and not so veteran vehicles to display. Pity the weather wasn't a bit brighter, but at least we didn't get washed out!

Cotheridge Fete

Saturday 9th July 2022 2pm- 4pm

at Dingle End, Court Lane, Cotheridge

We would love YOU to donate items to the Fete. ANYTHING (except clothing) that would help us to raise money.

Remember that the cake stall is now the *Home Cooked and Produce stall* (inc. preserves, fresh veg and cut flowers!) so will be taking any home cooked food – pies, bread, quiches etc

MAIN COLLECTION POINT for non perishable items

The collection point is at Eric and Heather Dale's, Woodlands, Court Lane, Cotheridge. FROM JULY 1ST - Please open the right hand garage door and put your items on to the CORRECT table (named Tombola, White Elephant, Books etc) .

DELIVERIES TAKEN FROM JULY 1st. Please take the time to sort your donations into the right area. It makes it much easier for the stall holders to sort. Thanks.

p.s. Bottles for the tombola stall would be appreciated!

Perishable items deliveries from 1st July as follows:

Plants to be delivered to Heather Dale at Woodlands, Court Lane as usual. Jams, chutneys etc to Pauline Key at Dingle End – outside the front door if out.

Perishable items on the day as follows:

Fresh vegetables and cut flowers to the stall in the morning on the day. Items for the home cooked Food stall to Helen Walker or on the day to the stall

Many, many thanks for your support

Pauline Key

In keeping with the recent wonderful festivities we decided to continue with the Platinum Jubilee theme and have a relaxed afternoon tea before a more energetic session outside, playing various games. We enjoyed the sunshine and had fun playing mini golf, croquet and tossing bean bags and hoops.

The July meeting is Wednesday 20th at **1pm.** for a buffet lunch followed by Ken Downes telling us about being a Silversmith.

Visitors most welcome.

Susan Reeve

Cuppa and Chat

Thursday 21st July 2-4pm

Please come and join us at St Leonard's, Cotheridge for our next '**Cuppa and Chat**' as we begin to develop the church as a regular community space. Enjoy our Thursday afternoon sessions when you are welcome to join some of us for a natter and catch up on what is going on locally.

Worcester Talking News in association with **Two's Company**
presents

LOVE LETTERS – a play by A R Gurney

7.00pm Saturday July 23rd.

at St Peters Village Hall, St Peters Drive Worcester WR5 3TA
£8.00 from the Tourist Information Centre, Guildhall, Worcester
01905 726311

Proceeds in aid of **Worcester News and Equipment Service for the Blind.**

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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.

THE HABINGTONS.

Thomas Habington, the County historian, who was a fore-runner of Nash, and wrote in the days of Charles I., mentions that in Tudor times his own family were amongst the Broadwas landowners; and that their property was subject to litigation in the Court of Chancery. This identifies it as part of the Hanley inheritance; in which the Habingtons by marriage acquired a reversionary interest, and on its falling in, found their title disputed. The complicated story, on the merits of which the historian declined to express an opinion, was related in my Hanley William "Stroll."

"THE CEDARS"

"The Cedars" was for several generations the residence of the Guests, a well-to-do yeoman family, who were mentioned by Mr Noake, some eighty years ago, as among the principle landowners in the parish. Soon after Mr Noake's visit, the house was rebuilt by Edward Bird Guest, a leading parishioner, who was very prominent in the public life of the Martley District. He will be remembered by a few of the oldest Worcestershire Naturalists, as a zealous colleague; and he and his wife, who was a Grosvenor of Kidderminster, entertained the Club on their visit to Broadwas in 1871; when, as recorded in its "Transactions," Mr Guest acted as conductor in the exploration of romantic glens and ravines traversed en route for Ankerdine, including "Devil's Leap"; and submitted a basalt "holed celt" found there, which he had secured. This the Victoria History includes in the traced evidences that, in the Neolithic Age, Worcestershire was inhabited by a race of men, who had their settlements on high grounds, like Ankerdine, adjacent to the fertile valley pastures, such as the Teme-side meadows.

Village Information

Church Officials:

Team Rector - vacant

Team Vicar - Rev Anne Potter 01886 832355

Assistant Priest - Rev Jennifer Whittaker 01886 833897

Churchwardens – Lower Teme Valley Parish

Rob Pearce 01886 821959

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Parish Councils

Broadwas & Cotheridge : **www.broadwas-cotheridge.com**

Chairman – Richard Burrows

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

Email : parishclerk@broadwas-cotheridge.com

Knightwick & Doddenham

Clerk – Geoffrey Brewin 01886 821386

Village Hall—Broadwas Geoff Winkworth, Chairman,
01886 822215

and for all Bookings - Timesavers - 01905 312456,

www.timesaversconciierge.co.uk

Clubs and Societies

Broadwas Sports Assoc. Sec. - David Creed-Newton - 01886 880534
davidcreednewton@btinternet.com

Croquet Club – John Guy 01905 748192

Royal British Legion – Sue Ganderton 01905 422711

W.I. – Barbara Lloyd 01905 333635

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