

Footprints

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Neighbourhood Development Plan Referendum : 1st August

Broadwas & Cotheridge Neighbourhood Development Plan 2018 - 2030

[Proposed plan - May 2019]

PLEASE VOTE !

Broadwas Village Hall : 7.00am - 10.00pm

Ride + Stride for Churches

- ◆ Would you like the chance to enjoy fantastic Worcestershire scenery
- ◆ Visit some of our most beautiful historic buildings
- ◆ And at the same time raise money to support your local church

14th Sept 2019

Anyone can take part!

Details : www.rideandstrideuk.org
Or ask me Peter Walker tel.: 01886 822137

If you have a hedge overhanging a footway, please keep it trimmed especially alongside the main road. Everything has grown wildly in this past month or so!

Church Words

by Rev Canon David Sherwin

Are you ready for your 'Holiday' as Madonna would sing, or maybe you would rather sing 'We are all Going on a Summer Holiday' as Cliff Richard. Or maybe you remember a little further back with Bing Crosby singing 'Happy Holiday'. There have been many songs written to celebrate holidays of various types and times of year.

For me holiday songs tend to be associated with the hit of the time but probably for most of us my era any Beach Boys song gets you in the mood for being on holiday – especially a beach holiday.

Holidays are so important for us - rest days where we can recharge our batteries. Originally, as I have said before, Holy Days would be to remember Saints or occasions that celebrate particular Christian stories.

We all have our own ideas of what a good holiday is. For some it will be sitting on a beach soaking up the sun splashing in the sea, enjoying a G & T or something similar. For others it may be walking a pilgrim way or up a mountain or along a valley. It might be climbing, canoeing or surfing. What are you doing? Holidays are a time to get away and think and let go and find new strength for the times ahead.

Holidays tend to involve a change of environment, going to a beautiful place with beautiful scenery and people we love around us. As we do this perhaps we have those moments when we stand back and are faced with thoughts and questions that we don't have time to think about back in the busyness of daily life. We might look at the mountain, the sea, the valley, the joy on a child's face in the sea and think 'wow, what a wonderful creation', but I wonder if we think who lies behind that creation, the one who gave us all of this to enjoy. For God lies at the heart of our desires for fulfilment and those moments when we stand back in awe and wonder - they are spiritual moments and awakenings to our core deep within us to find the Creator behind the creation. When we do we may find ourselves renewed in strength, re-invigorated for our lives ahead and find a new fullness of life that our Creator offers us.

Whatever our faith each of us can have those moments. As a Christian I would of course say those moments leave me to encounter the God whom I know through Jesus who has made everything and is my Creator too. Knowing this gives me joy, gives me hope and restores my strength, especially when I am low.

Whatever your holiday this year, and I do hope you are able to have one, may it create a song in your heart that you can celebrate that time of rest, relaxation and enjoyment and as you do so may you bump into the Creator God on your travels.

God bless.

Cotheridge Fete

We were lucky, Saturday 13th July dawned and it was dry and warm. The fete was set up ready for the opening. All the main stalls did tremendously well and I would like to thank everyone for all the effort that they put in. Peter Walker and his gang of helpers did tremendously well setting up the tents, collecting tables and chairs from around the countryside – which takes all of the Friday. Thank you. To all the stall holders – thank you for organising everything so well on the day and the preparation behind the scenes.

What a lovely way to spend an afternoon - the fete gives the opportunity to all the locals (and others) to come together, chat and relax. Meet old friends, make new ones, watch the mad antics of some and laugh and enjoy oneself.

Well done everyone. Thank you to all the locals for supporting the Fete and for bringing all your friends and family. I will let you know how much we have raised when I receive the final figures but to date it is around £2623 (we usually get a bit more in after the event to add to it).

Next year's Fete will be on Saturday July 11th, the second Saturday in July as usual. Please put it in your diary. We can only do the fete if you have this booked in now!

Thanks again to everyone

Pauline

Many thanks to 'Team Teas' for all their hard work on what proved to be a busy afternoon! Thanks to all the kind people who donated delicious cakes and of course thanks to Mike and Pauline for allowing us to use their facilities.

Liz

Important Dates for Your Diary!

A weekend of music both light and serious with a background of art in various forms starts on **Friday evening 4th October** at St Leonard's Church, Cotheridge, and lasts until Sunday evening **6th October**. At the musical events there will be food and a drink.

The weekend will draw to a close with the **Harvest service and supper**. Watch this space - more information nearer the time.

W.I.

Imagine, if you can, just imagine that you wake up in the morning as usual, you shower, dress then look into the mirror to brush your hair, then, at that very moment, everything goes dark and you cannot see. You are blind. This is exactly what had happened to

Shirley, who came to our meeting along with her faithful guide dog, Taylor, and her volunteer driver/helper. Shirley had type 1 Diabetes since childhood and had now been robbed of her sight. She was no longer the hard working, driven, independent woman she had been and, in an instant became dependent on her husband for absolutely everything from making a drink to reading her correspondence. Shirley realized that her world had shrunk to such an extent she only felt safe in her own home.

“Sight Concern” became her life-line. This is a charity local to Worcester, offering help to those needing it most.

Shirley now has a talking alarm-clock. she has a devise to fit on the edge of a cup which bleeps when the level is reached, and due to new technology, she can scan letters into her computer to be read back, and of course, there’s always “Alexa”

I could go on, but, should anyone reading this know of someone who may benefit, or if you wish to enquire about volunteering – please contact “Sight Concern”, the Bradbury Centre, 2 Sansome Walk, Worcester tel.: 01905 723245.

Next month, August is our annual outing, this year to Eastnor Castle. The next meeting, on September 18th at 2.00pm – Jacqui Worrall is talking to us about Alternative Medicine – All welcome.

Barbara Lloyd

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The Poppy Appeal is the Royal British Legion biggest fundraising campaign to support our brave armed forces and make a difference to the lives of the armed forces community.. To date nationally £50million has been raised and in Worcestershire the total stands at £789,000.

Our recent table-top table raised £196.50 for the Poppy Appeal. Thanks to John Turley for arranging this event and to all the helpers on the day. A special thank you to our supporters but we would have liked to see more of you for this very worthy cause. Maybe next time.

The raffle was won by Arthur, Frank and Derek.

Next meeting on the **5th August 11am** at The Talbot Hotel Knightwick

Sue

OPEN DOOR TO OPEN STUDIOS

Local artist, Jacqui Worrall, will be throwing open the doors of her studio this August bank holiday weekend as part of Worcestershire Open Studios.

From Saturday 24th August to Monday 26th August you'll be able to pop in and talk to Jacqui about her creative process and take a look at her work and where it is created.

Jacqui said "I've been working hard to prepare for Worcestershire Open Studios and I'm really looking forward to sharing my art with local residents. I am a batik artist and painter, and will be showing the tools and process of making a batik.

Worcestershire Open Studios is a free, artist led initiative and there are over 180 artists taking part at 83 locations across the county, including photographers, painters, textile artists, printmakers, jewellers and ceramicists. You can pick up a full guide to all the artists and their locations at Laylocks Garden Centre from 14th July. More information is also available at :

Worcestershireopenstudios.org.uk

Jacqui's studio is at Alune, Cotheridge, on the main road with the Union Jack flag. Tea coffee and cake

Marie Curie House to House Collection

Many thanks to Butts Bank & Little Green for the donations you gave. A total of £101.52 was raised.

Thanks for your support.

Chris & Caroline Fennell

Just had a letter from Tricia Cavell, Fund Raising director, St Richard's Hospice to say that we raised £107.22 at Mustard Seed in June. A BIG thank you to all those who attended the very informative talk

Diary ~ August 2019

- Thurs 1st 7.00am - 10.00pm Broadwas & Cotheridge
Neighbourhood Development Plan Referendum - Polling Day**
at Broadwas Village Hall
12 for 12.30pm Lunch in Company - **the Bell, L. Broadheath**
- Sun 4th 6.30pm Evensong - Cotheridge Church
- Mon 5th 11.00am Royal British Legion - at the Talbot Hotel
- Wed 7th 10.00am Morning Prayers - Broadwas Church
- Sun 11th 10.30am Morning Worship - Broadwas Church
11 - 1.30pm Farmers Market at Talbot
- Wed 14th W.I. - Outing to Eastnor Castle
2.00pm Discussion and Demo of Flower Arranging without
Floral Foam - Martley Church
- Sun 16th 3.00pm Afternoon Worship - Knightwick Chapel
- Sat 24th - Mon 26th Worcestershire Open Studios - see advert p.
- Sun 26th 10.30am Holy Communion - Broadwas Church
- Wed 28th 9.00am Morning Prayer - Cotheridge Church
- Thurs 29th 3.00pm - 4.30pm Pastoral Tea Service - Martley Church



Yoga combines physical movement and breath in a unique way that can help to reduce stress and increase well-being, while enhancing physical flexibility.

Classes for adults of all ages:

Clifton : Monday evening

Broadwas : Tuesday morning

Hallow : Wednesday morning

For more information or to book, please contact Zoe Herington:

email: zedyoga.booking@gmail.com

tel: 07962 981456



ASSOCIATION FOR YOGA STUDIES

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

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

- 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

PLEASE HELP!

I know you humans have 'Childline' but please would someone set up 'Chickline?'

We all desperately want to leave our paddock. The rabbits keep looking in and laughing at us because we can't get out. The fox comes at night and looks into our shed licking his lips. The children have a zip wire in our paddock, and it is sometimes a real pain, as their big feet get in our way. The main thing is the noise from 4 -7 in the evening, those four children just can't play quietly! Then the grumpy man comes round at 9.00pm telling us to hurry up and get to bed. Then he comes again at 10.00 and closes our door, looking in to see we are all 'beaks under wings' on the perches. Well, there is no privacy these days, even when in our own 'bedroom.' (At least he gives us plenty of food and water.)

It's no wonder we are asking for help to leave, but we can't operate a phone to confide in a councillor!

We were hatched on March 18th so will be starting to lay in the next few days, and would love new homes. If you feel you can help us, phone the human helpline, 01886 884221 and pledge just £11 to make a pullet happy.
JH

BROADWAS SCHOOL SUMMER FETE 2019

We are delighted to share with you the total amount raised and donated to the school was **£1,820**.

We would like to thank everyone who very kindly (and generously) donated items and prizes for the many stalls we had on offer. Thank you also to those who volunteered their time to help set up and clear away - we could not have done the mammoth task without you!

With plenty to see and do, we hope those who did manage to come along enjoyed the atmosphere we aimed to achieve by giving the 'school fete' a friendly, village feel and with plenty of room by utilising Berryfields. We had lots of fun with the Stocks and some very brave volunteers being given a soaking! Tug of War was a great success and all the children who took part should be very proud of themselves - especially when they won against Mr Leather and Mr Parkes! Finally The Great Broadwas Bake Off 2019 was won by our headteacher, with his fantastic cottage loaf getting the most votes, well done Mr Smith we hope you wear your Star Baker apron with pride!

Thank you all very much, once again, for supporting our fundraising efforts. Next on the fundraising agenda is the **Broadwas Village Bonfire Party - Saturday 9th November 2019**.

Peter & Mandy Parkes

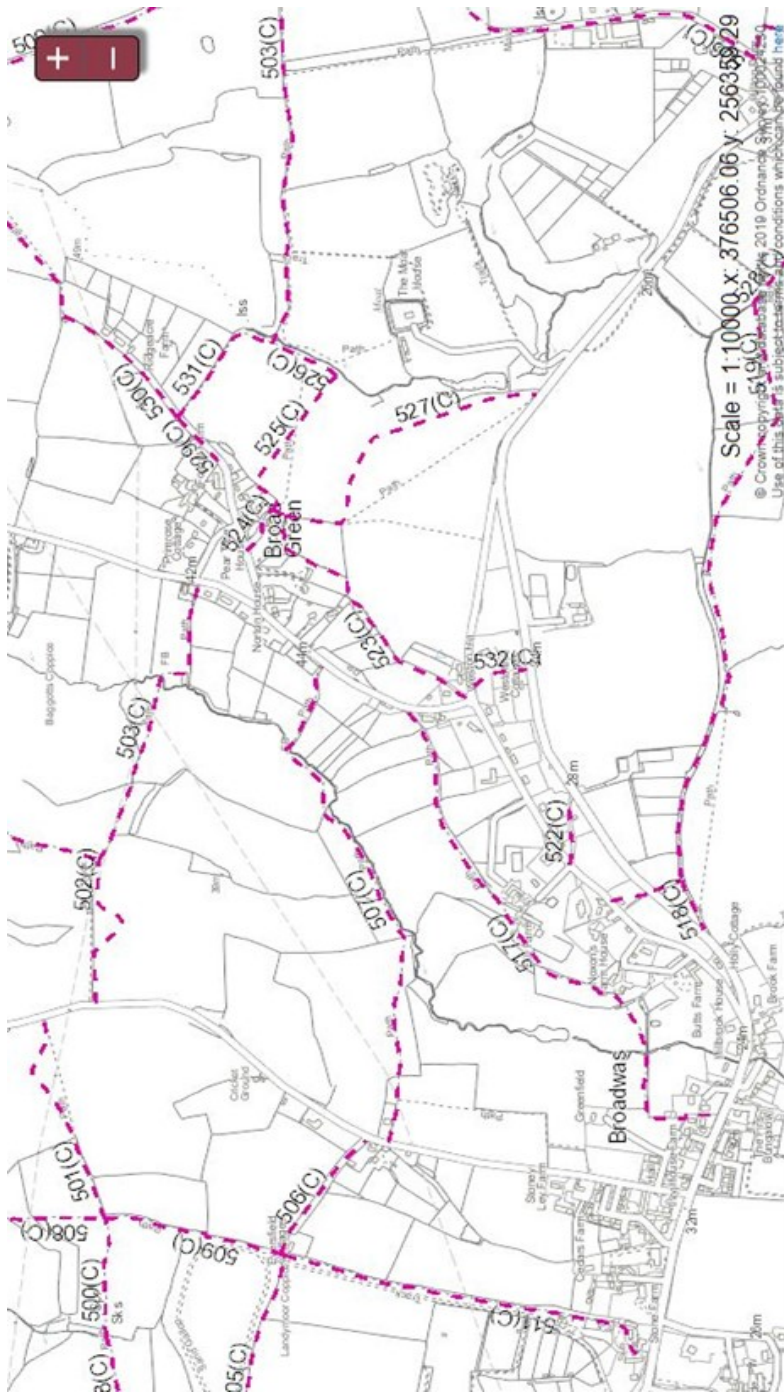
Footpaths in the Parishes

Worcestershire County Council provide a website that shows the various footpaths in the area.

The link is

<https://gis.worcestershire.gov.uk/website/Countryside/>

By using the zoom controls, it is possible to obtain a scale of 1:500. So you can explore more of the area and feel confident you know where you are.



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Jan Oliff is a founding member of the Bristol green capital, formed in 2007 to bring together organisations and individuals with the objective of achieving the status of Green capital of Europe.

She currently volunteers with the national scheme to mentor young women working in sustainability or planning a career in that sector

Jan says:

I was delighted to see an acknowledgement in last month's footprints that climate change is real and is everybody's business.

I give below, based on my experience, some of the initiatives the community and individuals may wish to consider:

1. Discuss the issues with those twenty somethings within your family and friends. You may be surprised to find out how they feel about climate change. My recent experience is that this age group are as concerned and depressed by it just as my generation was at the threat of a nuclear confrontation between America and Cuba.
2. Do you have trees in your garden, if so value them as one mature tree has the same cooling effects on our environment as 10 air conditioning units? It's not enough to plant trees, as it takes 18 to 20 years for them to become carbon neutral. Trees absorb carbon, reduce the risk of flooding and provide shelter on hot days. So, care for those you have. If you are not blessed by mature trees in your garden, then consider planting them now to benefit the next generation.
3. Clothes are one of the major differences we can all make. The recent trend to buying cheap and then replacing, rather than valuing and caring for them, is a major contributor to landfill and pollution. A group of you could come together to share ideas about mending restyling and swapping. If the issue is merely that they don't fit anymore, reducing your weight, it is not beyond achieving, particularly if it then allows you to reuse those previously loved items from your wardrobe.

4. Furniture and furnishings. Amongst you there must be individuals who have the skills to mend and up cycle, why not form a group to do just that. Consider searching the second-hand shops for quality, but fashionable items, that can be repurposed. As an example, there are some good quality teak items in the charity and second-hand shops that can be transformed by the use of Chalk Paint. I recently spotted an Ercol studio couch, now a much sought after classic. It needed some TLC but would have been a value addition to most homes. If you don't believe me check out Homes and Gardens magazine.
5. Soap and Laundry take up a substantial number of plastic containers, think of those hand wash dispensers and the plastic bottles for laundry liquid and fabric conditioner. There are alternatives, make a different choice.
6. We can't all change to electric cars immediately. We can, however, stop using our cars unnecessarily. Consider sharing journeys, yes it needs a bit of organising and thought but it will also save you money. Start walking more, it'll help with your health and your weight as well as helping to reduce your carbon footprint.
7. ... and last, but not least, have your house surveyed for leaks. There are charities who, for about £40, will do a full survey of your home to establish how much heat loss, therefore pollution, is escaping from your home. For those who cannot afford £40, it can be done for free. There will be a cost involved in doing the remedial work but, in many cases, it is surprisingly easy, costs very little, and requires minor do it yourself skills.

Perhaps a neighbour can help.

No doubt you have ideas of your own so be prepared to share and support others. It is rightly called a Climate EMERGENCY.

Village Information

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Peter Walker 01886 822137
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Cotheridge – Jay Popplewell 01905 359851
Knightwick – Geraldine Cooper 01905 427501

Parish Councils

Broadwas & Cotheridge : www.broadwas-cotheridge.com
Chairman – Eric Dale
Clerk – Carole Hirst tel: 07903 377066
Email : parishclerk@broadwas-cotheridge.com

Knightwick & Doddenham
Clerk – Geoffrey Brewin 01886 821386

Village Hall

Broadwas – Geoff Winkworth 01886 821470
Bookings only : 01905 312456 [new number]
www.timesaversconcierge.co.uk

Clubs and Societies

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Croquet Club – John Guy 01905 748192
Royal British Legion – Sue Ganderton 01905 422711
W.I. – Barbara Lloyd 01905 333635

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